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Taking shape

The footprint of the new Washington School is starting to take shape as this drone photo shows the outline. Crews from Gilbane Construction began putting down the footings for the \$41,745,000 project, which is set to open in May 2025. The two-story building will house 426 students K-4 and include a courtyard/playing field as well as gymnasium with a glass wall. Work included the trimming of dozens of telephone poles used as pilings to stabilize the former building. More than 25 individual contractors are involved in the project, which has already comprised 9280 manhours.

Students learn in aftermath of April 15 events

By Michael O'Brien

Special to the Voice

Ed. Note: Some contextual material was added to this story by Voice staff.

The West Haven Public School district is turning the unfortunate events from last week's beach incident, into a teachable moment for our students. Throughout the week, Bailey Middle School and West Haven High School, with the collaboration of Superintendent Neil C. Cavallaro and the West Haven Police Department, have stressed the importance of good decision-making.

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April 15 saw an influx of young people to city beaches. With the help of social media, hundreds of students from surrounding cities and towns came to the beach. Eventually, city police were called to maintain order, but some scuffling ensued, resulting in officers getting injured while trying to shut down the event.

In the aftermath, a shooting attempt occurred near Campbell Avenue at Noble Street. State police and several departments in surrounding towns came into the city to aid the WHPD in the investigation.

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Stacy Sutton, Assistant Principal at Bailey, created a handout for students at both schools that included strategies and tips to stay safe during the spring and summer months. The document focused on choosing your friends wisely, walking away from conflict, practicing respectful communication, seeking support from trusted adults, standing strong against peer pressure, staying away from unsafe locations, and getting involved in positive activities.

Bailey administrators, outreach workers, and school resource offers visited each social studies classroom to speak to the students and distribute the handout.

"We decided it was really important to look at that incident from last week and talk about it with our kids in small groups," said Principal Rob Bohan. These small groups had great conversations in the classrooms about the dangers that are out there, while also stressing the positives of the West Haven community.

"We talked about our students being clear on who their friends are and keeping the lines of communication open with their parents/guardians, and getting themselves out of situations that they feel are starting to go downward," he added.

Students, teachers, and administrators felt it was a very positive experience that received great feedback.

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Alessandra Moore, age 4, student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., is predicting a mix of sun, clouds and stormy weather.

On this Date

2011 -- Osama bin Laden is killed by a U.S. commando. Bin Laden was the founder of al-Qaeda, a militant group that claimed responsibility for a series of terrorist attacks on U.S. targets on September 11, 2001.

1997 -- Tony Blair becomes British Prime Minister, ending 18 years of Conservative Party reign. Blair's Labor Party achieved a landslide victory in the general elections. Many of his early fans were bitterly disappointed when he supported the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003.

1989 -- The Iron Curtain begins to crumble as Hungary dismantles its border fence. By gradually opening its border to Austria, Hungary facilitated the escape of hundreds of East Germans in the months before the Berlin Wall fell.

1982 -- The British Royal Navy sinks the Argentinian cruiser General Belgrano. Three hundred twenty-three lives were lost in the attack, more than half of the total number of Argentinian casualties during the Falklands War. The British Sun tabloid newspaper commented the controversial attack with one of its most notorious headlines: "Gotcha".



Photo by Derrick Midy

106 and counting

Mayor Dorinda Borer presents a citation to resident Jennie Pyszkowski in honor of her 106th birthday during a celebration at her family's Third Avenue home April 16.

The event was attended by Pyszkowski's daughter and son-in-law, Adele and Bruce Bumps, her granddaughter, Tammy Bumps, and her granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Cindy and Ricky Santiago.

Borer recognized the centenarian for "your many decades as the pioneering owner of Connie's Liquor Store on Campbell Avenue."

Reading the citation, Borer said: "Please know that you are fondly remembered for serving customers with your signature smile and vigor and for your display of vintage ceramic wine bottles. Your legacy as a lifelong Westie and a successful female entrepreneur is a source of inspiration for all residents and demonstrates the best of the American spirit."

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Scout project upgrades Sandy Point park

Saturday, April 20 was a remarkable day for a young man, the Sandy Point neighborhood, and the city.

With support from over 30 volunteers, Nico Antonucci rebuilt a landmark City garden as his noteworthy Eagle Scout Project. The effort was recognized by Mayor Dorinda Borer and many community leaders and residents.

The original planting area that adorned the Park, flanked

by Second Avenue and Beach Street, was completed in 2010 by then-Eagle Scout Candidate John Voss. Passersby have enjoyed the well-manicured gardens and "the bird" for almost 15 years. Due to grading related to the City's Beach Street Road Raise Project, the garden had to be dismantled. Neighbors were afraid the park would remain barren after the road project, but Nico Antonucci came along in late 2023

to take the restoration project on as his Eagle Scout project.

Antonucci spent the early part of 2024 planning the garden project, measuring the area of the garden to be paved and calculating the necessary quantities of bricks, gravel and sand that would be needed. He then secured material donations from Tractor Supply of Orange (posts for center of garden); Grillo Services of Milford (gravel and sand);

and Home Depot of Orange (loaned power tamper). The bricks, originally contributed by the City, were salvaged from the last garden and were recycled for use in this garden. Finally, Nico organized a large group of volunteers from his own Scout Troop

(899) and neighboring Scout Troops (1633 and 633) to help build the garden on the 20th and worked with residents of the area to identify additional volunteers from the neighborhood who showed up to help with the project.

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At left, the planted garden as it appeared on Sandy Point Overlook Park in West Haven prior to it having to be removed as part of the Beach Street Road Elevation Project

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

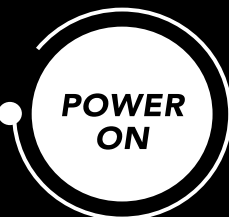
The University of New Haven announced that Jens Frederiksen, Ph.D., an innovative higher education leader with extensive experience in many facets of higher education administration, including enrollment management, fundraising, and academic/corporate pathways, has been elected to serve as the seventh president of the University of New Haven.

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Dear Felicia

We have lots to talk about, honey bunch, but ain't it something! We're already in the month of May, and as I tell yew often, Granny used to say once we git past Memorial Day (she called it Decoration Day), the rest of the year just flies. Well, it's been flying right along, so the run from Memorial Day to the end of the year will be on an SST, I guess.

The big news in these parts was that April 15 was more than Tax Day. The day was bright and sunny, the temperatures were in the 70s, and the breezes were warm. Not a bad day to go to the beach! Well, that's what a lotta young people thought, and the social media notices started goin' up. Soooo, thousands of young people hit the beach from all over the area. Some estimates put it at 2,000 or more.

Tennyrate, the group for the most part was havin' fun, but then the high jinx turned sour. Some fights broke out, problems arose, and things spilled over into the streets. Eventually, part of Campbell Avenue was turned into a crime scene as the aftermath of the beach party got dangerous. An attempted shooting took place on Campbell Avenue, and then all Hades broke loose.

That's Cobina's neighborhood and she was in her gassamobuggy trying to git

home. That took quite a while with streets blocked off, traffic backed up and a phalanx of police vehicles from various towns and the State Police blaring their sirens and investigating the scene.

Whotta mess. Of course, Cobina was clueless (don't say it!) about what had transpired as Iyam sure most people were. 'Twasn't until the next day that the whole episode came into view via the fluttering of our birdie friends wanting to know effen the ole gal was okay.

Now we are dealing with the aftermath of "the incident" as it is being called in some circles, and city officials are going to make plans to make sure something like this is scotched before it happens. We shall see what happens in the next lit'le while. We have what some laws call an "attractive nuisance" in the beach, and when we have events, this is always a thought in the back of people's minds. Think July 3 fireworks, for example.

That is covered by a police presence all over. This recent happening was something that happened outta the blue. How you prevent happenstance I dunno. Better minds than Cobina's will be on it, Iyam sure.

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Here we are about three months

after the last properties were demolished in the area once called "The Haven Project," and we still don't know what is happening. Madame Olga has been staring into her crystal trying to glean what the "Haven Group" is planning for the large expanse. Ironically, the cleared space offers some rawther interesting views of New Haven Harbor.

The buzz about the berg is that the property, once thought to be sold in one piece, might hafta be parceled out and sold piecemeal. That could mean almost anything, and probably means that - at least in some regard - the possibility of high-end condominiums going along that area are a good bet.

Remember, that was the issue that nixed the project about 17 years ago. The idea was for \$1 million-plus condos, but the Picard administration wanted something that would generate kopecks in tax dollars that won't tax services. Well, that didn't work, and some people have said all along it was gonna be a waiting game to see when condos would actually be put down there...a type of War of Attrition.

Olga is still staring into the glass and hoping to hear something. Let's hope the word comes down from on high soon - "on high" being the developers.

Goodness knows they have kept things perty close to the vest when it comes to whot's happen-

ing. Heck, they ain't even telling City Hall, or doling it out in dribs and drabs. I guess we hafta sit and wait.

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The big news outta the Actors Colony is Herroner has made more hires. In fact, a slew of hires were announced this week. When she came into office in December more than 20 staff positions - mostly of the upper echelon type - were unfilled. That was a way to keep the budget down, I guess.

Tennyrate, it was announced that a new Personnel Director, or whatever they call those people nowadays, has been put on board along with a payroll person and a bunch of other offices. The MARB has been harping 'bout these positions, and getting them filled, and it seems we are almost there.

I know a couple of elected officials are very happy about this turn of events, 'cuz things were being handled by others by shifting the burdens to the left. Well, you can only go so far to the left before there is no one left to handle the shift.

Yew can read about the individuals elsewhere. Let's jest say some people's jobs in City Hall got a little easier and a little more on point.

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Meanwhile, Sammy Bluejay is saying the long-awaited re-opening of Beach Street is jest days away. Paving is supposed to happen and may be in process or completed by the time yew git this missive. Natchurly, once it's paved and lined and lookin' perty, the politicos and their entourage will need the necessary ribbon-cutting or other ceremony to git their mugs on camera.

That means a big "event" has to be planned and all the dignitaries invited that has a scintilla of credit in making this thing happen. Soooo, we are hearing that something might be done next week with all the smiling faces in the frame.

Whilst all that is happening, the developers over at Beach Street and Morse Avenue are looking to start the second phase of the development - the restaurant. A bistro of some type has been planned all along, but nothing could happen until the roadway was elevated to prevent the floods that became so common over there, particularly after the beach gits eaten away.

Sooo, now that things are on track to open, the developer can git on track to build his new eatery and make some of his kopecks back. We shall see what happens, but one would expeck things will be completed by Memorial Day weekend the latest...traffic really starts to increase that weekend.

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Lost in all the other commotion is the fack that by the time yew git this note, the City

Council will have completed its review of Herroner's first budget and made whatever changes it might have deemed necessary. By the charter, the meeting to approve a budget ordinance is the foist Thursday in May, which is today.

So, a special session is gonna be held and the spending package will be passed or not; but, one way or another, there will be a budget ordinance in place before the clock strikes 12. As the Wag is always more than happy to point out, this is the deadline come Hades or high water.

Effen the council passes the ordinance all is right with the world. Effen it does not - as has happened more than once - the mayor's budget defaults into passage. Any alterations are voided, and it goes in as is.

That usually happened when the council wasn't happy with the plan. Given the fack the mayor's people control the council, Cobina would be very surprised effen there is a revolt...especially on the first budget.

Still to be considered, however, is the MARB, that panel of dour faces that have the final word on what happens to our money. Remember, the mayor looked to lower the mill increase that was planned and only went to a bit more than a mill-and-a-half. That might not fly with the suits that control the MARB.

In the past they have been very strick when it comes to making sure mill increases go as planned. There ain't no indication what will happen, but the MARB doesn't tackle that question until the council does its part tonight.

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Speaking again of paved roads, Cobina would be remiss effen she didn't mention that the spate of heavy rain we've had in the past month or so has really beaten up our roads.

Heck, Cobina was driving up Campbell Avenue and the stress marks betwixt the lines of pavement are beginning to gape. Whilst I looked at these things I thought I'd hate to be a marcher in the Memorial Day parade and step in one o' those crevices, it could be the beginning of a big fall.

And the main drag ain't the only place the weather has done a number on the pavement. It's on the side streets and some other main arteries as well. I dunno how the Department of Public Works is gonna keep up with the potholes that have happened 'cuz of the weather Effen it were a cash crop West Haven would have a new industry.

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

*Cobina*

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Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Recently I spotted a huge billboard in our state that displayed a warning to motorists that there was a law in Connecticut that showed a penalty to drivers concerning driving and texting.

I wasn't aware that we couldn't use a cell phone to communicate to business or to my family and friends. Just how many personal privileges can be taken away these days. Just what is the story on this convenient practice?



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

Dear Fed Up:

Here is what I was able to find on driving and texting in the state of Connecticut:

In Connecticut texting while driving is considered a primary offense, which means you can be pulled over and issued a citation for texting and operating a vehicle. The state takes distracting while driving seriously to ensure road safety.

Here are the key points regarding Connecticut's driving and texting laws:

Prohibition: Connecticut law prohibits the use of any hand-held mobile electronic device while operating a motor vehicle. This includes texting, checking e-mail, browsing social media or any other activity that diverts your attention from driving.

Fines and demerit points:

First offense: If you're caught texting while driving

for the first time, you'll face a \$200 fine.

Subsequent offenses: For third, fourth and subsequent texting violations, the fine increases to \$500

The law reminds you to turn off electronic devices and keep them out of reach before starting to drive. Be a role model for young drivers by setting a positive example.

Speak up if you see someone using an electronic device while driving.

Always wear your seat belts; it's your best defense against unsafe drivers.

Be alert for others on the road and cyclists and pedestrians. We might remember, no text is worth a life. You can pull off the road to a safe place.

Readers, according to a recent gripe concerning the manhole and covers on Campbell Avenue, this gripe has been signaled to the

### Johnstone back from medical leave

After a two-month medical leave of absence, Republican Councilman Steven J. Johnstone, who represents West Shore's 10th District, has resumed his City Council duties.

Johnstone, the council's minority leader, expressed his "sincere gratitude" to Mayor Dorinda Borer and to council members Meli Garthwait, R-at large, and Brian Laucks, D-at large, who handled Johnstone's 10th District matters during his medical leave.

"I want to personally thank fellow council members Meli Garthwait and Brian Laucks for stepping in during my absence," he said.

Johnstone, who has been medically cleared, officially returned to the City Council on April 22. Residents of the 10th District can contact Johnstone at [sjohnstone@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:sjohnstone@westhaven-ct.gov).

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council person in that area. Please let me know if the situation has been corrected.

Also, a question has arisen referring to United Illuminating bills sent to UI

users questioning exactly where those extra fees are going and how they are being used. I am in touch with authorities at UI and will publish their responses in a

future column.

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## Blight: another problem

In our last issue, these columns discussed the new initiative of Mayor Dorinda Borer in establishing a Blight Taskforce. The new initiative, including several city departments and personnel, is tasked with enforcing the city's blight ordinances, and making property owners responsible for ensuring compliance. This includes a major component of registering absentee landlords, giving the city a person with whom direct communication of issues may be addressed.

One of the second parts of the new initiative is a look at the types of businesses that come into the city, and the hours around which they do business. Smoke shops have proliferated in West Haven for a few years, and, like some other, businesses, like it or not, they do not add to the quality of life.

Like it or not, they are seen as places where less desirable individuals congregate. These are facts, not matters of hate or bigotry. It has nothing to do with race, religion, ethnicity, or culture. Certain types of businesses hurt neighborhoods. It is simple economics.

A moratorium on new businesses of this type has been put into force with city officials looking to encourage other types of businesses, more suited to boosting neighborhoods. Dovetailed to that effort is a look at 24-hour businesses, and attempting to curtail the number and types of businesses that have such hours.

It is no secret that West Haven attracts a subculture of individuals at night, particularly in the summer months, but during most of the year. Drugs, indigency, and homelessness is part of that subculture. Over the past few years, police and other agencies have dealt with the issues.

It is a reality we are seeing in stark relief throughout the country that individuals suffering in the three above-mentioned categories – in sum or part – create problems that lead to blight. While something must be done to alleviate their problems, a city has a right to make sure its citizens are safe. Especially in the matter of drugs, crime rates go up where these problems are left to fester.

Again, this is not an Ebenezer Scrooge mentality of "are there no prisons, are there no workhouses." Agencies and programs exist that can help those suffering, and every effort should be made to help those who would benefit from them. That said, the city – any city – has a right to protect its citizens from the ill effects of the subculture, and it is folly to think otherwise.

For West Haven to rise out the ashes of its current fiscal problems, and to create neighborhoods in which people want to raise their families, the effort to encourage certain types of businesses over others seems an easy decision. It is a reality that must be faced.

We commend the Borer administration for taking small steps toward improving the city by means of monitoring those businesses looking to settle here. Dare we say a "gentrification" of business types into the city would be a welcome movement toward a better West Haven.

We look forward to hearing more about Mayor Borer's plan in the future.



## The center of radical universe

By Rich Lowry  
*Syndicated Columnist*

Columbia University is once again the center of the radical universe.

More than 50 years after anti-Vietnam War demonstrators roiled the Columbia campus in 1968, anti-Israel agitators are disrupting the school's operations, and inspiring similar actions at other universities around the country.

In their open support for a terror group, today's demonstrators are more virulent than their 1960s forebears, but they are still the ideological heirs of the New Left -- grandchildren in the spirit of the first Morningside Heights revolutionaries.

It's Columbia 1968 -- the antisemitic version.

The protests back then were, to be sure, a larger and more violent event. Demonstrators seized buildings and briefly took a dean hostage. The campus shut down. When the police came to re-take the occupied buildings in the early-morning hours of April 30, 1968, they arrested more than 700 people and roughed some of them up.

The situation at Columbia today, noxious though it is, would have to get much worse to match 1968's mayhem. The protestors have set up an encampment rather than seizing buildings. When police moved in last week to briefly break up the illegal gathering, they

arrested about a hundred people. Although the protest has generated national attention (and a well-deserved condemnation from the White House), it's not the cause celebre of 1968, when famous journalists and poets joined the demonstrators in their barricaded buildings.

Yet, the director of the college's Jewish Learning Initiative has urged Jewish students to stay home for fear for their safety, and classes have gone remote.

The argot of both sets of demonstrators is largely the same. In 1968, the protestors inveighed against the "complicity" of the University in the Vietnam War and its "institutional racism" for wanting to expand a gym in the neighborhood. Decades later, those are still the popular catchphrases.

Israel is to today's radicals what the Pentagon was to 1968's. Just as the protestors back then demanded that the university cut ties with a Department of Defense outfit doing research for the Vietnam War, today's radicals want the university to divest from Israel. The essential argument is the same -- that Columbia bears moral responsibility for crimes against humanity committed in an imperialist war.

Yesteryear's agitators might have been surprised to learn that student demonstrators acting in the tradition of 1968 have been discomfiting

and harassing Jews and expressing support for a horrific terrorist assault. Here too, though, there are connections to 1968, at least its more extreme elements.

The famed Columbia protest leader Mark Rudd went on to become part of the violent Weather Underground. The group's manifesto is a bilious attack on America's influence in the world.

It contends that "the main struggle going on in the world today is between U.S. imperialism and the national liberation struggles against it." The fact is, according to the manifesto, that "every other empire and petty dictator is in the long run dependent on U.S. imperialism, which has unified, allied with, and defended all of the reactionary forces of the whole world." That's why "we determine who are our friends and who are our enemies according to whether they help U.S. imperialism or fight to defeat it."

The same logic animates today's radicals. Hamas is their equivalent of Che Guevara or the Viet Cong, and Israel an expression of Western imperialism that must be opposed at all costs. (The Weather Underground statement does briefly mention "Israeli imperialism.")

A key difference between 1968 and today is that protestors then were revolting

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Photo by Derrick Midy

## Borer leads Earth Day discussion

Mayor Dorinda Borer, right, with Haley Elementary School Principal AmyJo Palermo, visits with students April 22 to discuss the importance of Earth Day. Borer invited Dr. Kelsey E. Fisher of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, not pictured, to talk about the role bees play on Earth. The mayor provided flower seeds to all students in attendance.



# Letters, we get letters!

### Protect the public, enforce the law

Enough is Enough! I never thought I would have to start a letter with those words, however these words are on a large number of Americans minds and on the tips of their tongues due to the sorry state of our communities today!

I have to ask our politicians an age-old question that was highlighted in the early to middle 1980's, "When did it become permissible for citizens to pick and choose what laws and rules they want to follow and ignore?"

That is not the way our legal system is supposed to work nor is it the American Way! The perception amongst a large number of Americans is that crime is out of control! Crime

does pay, and the system will not do anything to rectify this! We see day after day stories of police officers being shot and killed by a suspect that has had numerous, prior and violent arrests, who were simply afforded bail or pre-trial releases with no supervision at all! THIS NEEDS TO END!

Our criminal justice system, similar to many facets of life, goes through certain cycles as time goes by and society changes. Over the course of the last several years our duly elected politicians, whether elected members of state and federal legislative bodies or elected district or state prosecuting attorneys, the pervasive perception is that many jurisdictions and facets of our government are weak on crime! Laws are laws!

A large number of our current politicians and their perceptions of crime and due process presents itself like a ship without a rudder in a strong wind destined for disaster! We need to stay

the course and to follow the Rule of Law and to enforce the various statutes that are codified in our written section of laws more commonly known as Statutory Law! Politics and getting re-elected

by constituents should not be a factor in how, why and when to enforce the law! The protection and overall safety of our communities should be the priority!

*John Joseph Albinger*

## Lowry: *Radical campus*

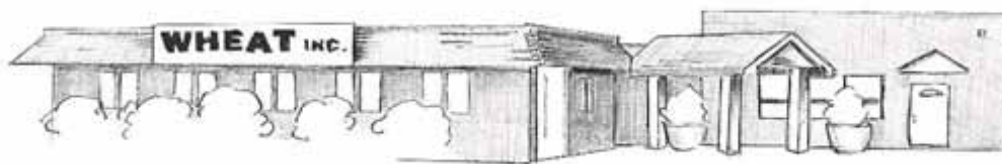
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against an institution dominated by traditional liberals, whereas the radicals have steadily taken over the universities since. Today's protestors are only crudely expressing the attitudes and tropes that they hear in many of their classrooms. A large contingent of Columbia faculty walked out to protest the arrests of the agitators. Columbia 1968 is widely seen as a hugely influential event in the direction of academia. It will be a calamity if Columbia 2024 is eventually viewed the same way.

## WHHS '64 plans reunion

The West Haven High Class of 1964 is planning its 60th reunion for Sept. 7, noon to 4 p.m. at Biagetti's Restaurant, 77 Campbell Ave., on the patio. It will include a buffet dinner with music and dancing. A formal invitation will be sent to all classmates via email, and will be posted on Facebook and other social media sites.

The reunion committee wishes to encourage all graduates to attend and help make this event a success. Please RSVP by June 3 to Judy Oberempt at nana2446@aol.com or (203) 934-9504.



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### Students of the Month

St. Lawrence School recently celebrated its Students of the Month for April in a ceremony held at the school. The students were honored for their academics and achievements in the classroom. Students were awarded a pin and certificate during breakfast along with their families. Pictured with Principal Frank Arnone, left to right: First row -- Gr.2- Hayden Reid, Gr.2-Emrie Lorusso, Gr.2-Jordan Vilsaint, Gr.3-Sophia Santillan-Briceno, Gr.1-Christian Ackbarali, Gr.1-Julio Flores, Gr.1-Blake Vitelli. Second Row -- Gr.6- James Clark III, Gr.5-Jeremiah Koram, Gr.3-Juan Pablo Perez-Sandoval, Gr.4-George Abraham, Gr.7- Nicholas Mantilia, Gr.4- Isabella King, Gr.5- Selma Correia-Freire, Gr.8- Aaron Cabacungan.

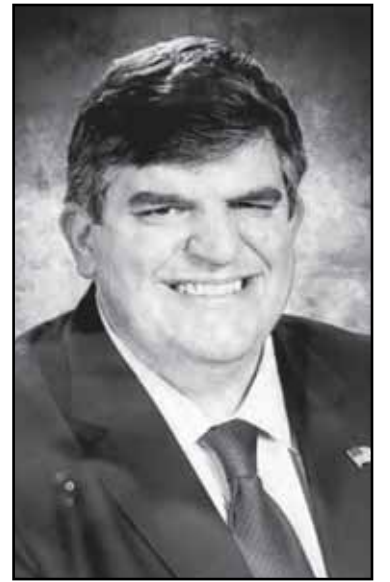
## Messina new principal at St. Lawrence

The principal of a Southington-based Catholic school has been tapped to become the new principal of St. Lawrence School. James Messina will assume his new duties at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year in July. The announcement was made via letter to parents and parishioners by the Rev. Jose Mercado, pastor of the St. John XXIII parish. Messina takes over follow-

ing the announced retirement of Frank Arnone, who has been at the helm for the last two years. The search committee was formed following the announcement and comprised of: Dr. Joan Venditto, School Council Chairman, Parishioner of St. John XXIII Parish, retired Education Professor, and Director of Education Programs at Albertus Magnus

College; Suzanne Patry, School Council Secretary, Parishioner of St. John XXIII Parish, retired Catholic School teacher; Frank Paolino, School Council Member, Parishioner of St. John XXIII Parish, retired Public School Principal; Tom Lague, Parishioner of St. John XXIII Parish, retired long-time public-school educator. "I am deeply grateful to

each of them for their collaborative work in assisting me during the search process and providing their consultation in ensuring a highly qualified and effective leader for St. Lawrence School. It was unanimous that one candidate rose to the top," Mercado wrote to the parents. Messina earned his Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, CT and a master's degree in Reading from Southern Connecticut State University, and a 6th Year Certificate in Educational Administration from the University of Connecticut in Storrs.



JAMES MESSINA

John XXIII Parish, where he received all his sacraments," Mercado wrote.

He is currently the principal of St. Luke Catholic School (PreK 3 to 8th Grade) in Southington and Adjunct Professor of Special Education & Reading (undergraduate and graduate levels) at Southern Connecticut State University.

He has experience as a classroom teacher, literacy coach, middle and high school instructional supervisor, graduate school professor, and administrator.

"He is also a lifelong resident of the City of West Haven and parishioner of St. Lawrence School in West Haven," Mercado wrote.

Mercado said meetings with students and their families, as well as parishioners are planned to discuss the transition.

"I once again, thank the Principal Search Committee for their vital participation in this very important process. With their help, we have selected an excellent leader to continue the 107-year legacy of "Shaping the Leaders of Tomorrow" in St. Lawrence School in West Haven," Mercado wrote.

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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>.

~ Mike Walsh

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The Connecticut Building Congress recognizes outstanding building projects that exemplify project team excellence and represent the best practices in teamwork by project owners, architects, engineers, constructors and trades. Each year, CBC recognizes projects whose team members have met or surpassed goals and achieved higher project quality through this close collaboration.

The West Haven High School renovation, a \$130 million transformative endeavor, was the largest school project of its time as it revolutionized the City's only public high school. Collaboratively executed by Gilbane Building Company, Antinozzi Associates, the City of West Haven, and the School District, the project was completed on time and within budget. The 270,000 SF "renovate as-new" initiative modernized the 1963 facility into a state-of-the-art educational space with advanced STEM classrooms, a media center, and community spaces. Managed in four phases, it allowed continuous operation for over 1500 students, integrating new science and athletic facilities.

## Westies Care seeks names for '24 awards

Westies Care is seeking qualified applicants for its 2024 Westies Care Awards. All high school seniors who are West Haven residents who meet these criteria are invited to apply: Planning to attend a College/University; Planning to enlist; Earned a minimum of 100 Community Service Hours; Completion of application with essay.

Selected honorees will receive a monetary award along with proclamations from state and local officials. Please contact Phil at [Phil.liscio@westies-care.org](mailto:Phil.liscio@westies-care.org) for further information and an application.

## Wilkerson fete set for tonight

Lorenzo's and Westies Care come together to host a benefit to support Kori Wilkerson. Tonight from 4-9 p., Lorenzo's restaurant will host a fundraiser to aid Kori in her time of need. Enjoy food, a raffle, and contribute to a worthy cause. For more information: Email Pete Rivera: [pete@westiescare.org](mailto:pete@westiescare.org). Donations can be made by Venmo to @westiescare.

The design emphasizes security, community engagement, and offers after-hours public access, positioning the school as a vital community hub.

The project was cited for being \$2 million under budget when completed, despite the fact eight classrooms and other upgrades were made that were not in the original plan.

"The project faced many challenges," said Building Committee Chairman Ken Carney, "but we were able to bring in a state-of-the-art project with several additions that were not in the plans."



The two-year-old West Haven High School was awarded by the Connecticut Building Congress for its "team effort" in rebuilding the 1963 structure. The \$130 million project came \$2 million under budget, with several unplanned additions during construction.

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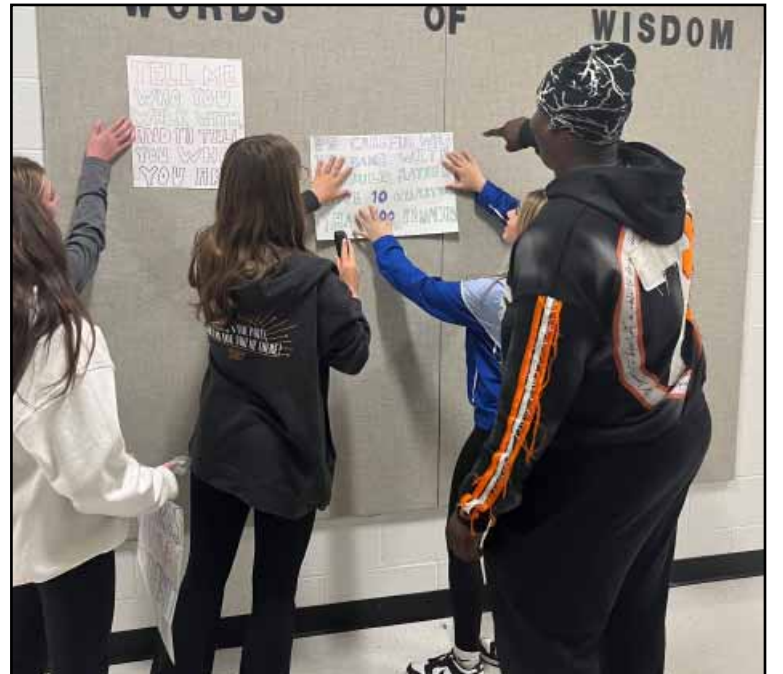


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Students at West Haven High School post quotations from class presentations.

## Students: *A life lesson*

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"When Mr. Bohan visited our classroom, I learned that I should watch my surroundings more and watch who I hang around with," said seventh-grader Jesus Roman. "I kind of have to trust certain people, but not give them all my trust because they may do something wrong or something that could get me in trouble too."

Added classmate Margarita Buren, "What I learned is that I should make good choices because that will determine my future. I learned that I should make good friends and I should hang out with good people who make good choices. I should also tell my parents the truth and ask them if it's safe to go somewhere."

The key talking point of the classroom visits was to surround yourself with the right people and to reiterate the impact a bad decision now, can have on your future. "The kids took it very well, we even had some good conversations about it after Mr. Bohan left," said Nick Vitale, grade 7 social studies teacher.

"Some of the students were aware of the situation and some were not, but it was a great opportunity to shed some light on what happened and put a positive spin on it," said seventh-grade teacher Jessica Moore. "Mr. Bohan also reiterated how great it is that we live near the beach and can share this with our community, and not to ruin it for everyone else so that future generations of kids and families can still go to the beach and enjoy it as a community."

At the high school, outreach worker Richard "Monty" Reynolds played a pivotal role throughout the week, speaking in Whitney Shanley's social studies classes. Monty's motivational speeches delivered an endless number of quotes that stuck with our students, who then posted their favorite quotes on a bulletin board in one of the school's hallways.

"My favorite quote was, 'Those who live and walk away, live to fight another day,' because a lot of stuff goes on and you can either decide to drown in the drama or just walk away from it. A lot of bad things can happen, even by good people who have bad habits but good intentions," said sophomore Antoine Edmond.

"The quote we chose was, 'It is not what you're called, it's what you answer to' and we chose it because people may call you names and all the above, but that's not necessarily your character," exclaimed sophomore Nevaeh Stegall, while her classmate Ziyanna Lowery added, "It shouldn't matter because if you know who you truly are, then you shouldn't be listening to what other people may say about you."

The powerful quotes stuck with many students, as discussions continued after Monty left the rooms. One example, that stood out to Shanley, was the quote "He who turns and runs away, lives to fight another day."

After hearing this, students realized out loud that, yes, I could walk away even though I feel the buzz and excitement going with the crowd, but the smarter choice is to remove myself from the situation.

Added Principal Paredes, "I think this was a great opportunity for the kids to really understand that this is a time in your life when there are a lot of difficult decisions that are going to come your way, and how important it is to make a good one."

"My purpose is to encourage the students, to let them know that they do have a future and that what they are going through right now, is not what they are and where they have to stay," said Monty. "They have 'greater' inside of them and they are able to get to that, and I want to encourage them to do that."



# Project: *Scouts, helpers upgrade city landmark*

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A number of local organizations contributed to the project at Antonucci's request. The West Haven Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously approved the project in March and gave him permission to rebuild the garden at this location.

Members of the Sandy Point Neighborhood Association participated actively in the project the day of construction and contributed funds to help purchase perennial plants that will be added to the garden into mid-May.

Individual neighbors of the garden also made contributions to the plants and materials that will be installed over the next few weeks.

The West Haven Beautification Committee plans to also contribute a number of annual flowers that will give the garden color through the summer and into the fall. A dedication ceremony will be planned for June or July.



Mayor Dorinda Borer (Center) stops by to view progress and thank Nico Antonucci (2nd from right) and the other Scouts and volunteers who participated. John Voss (Far right) built the original garden as an Eagle Scout



Scouts and other volunteers lay the bricks that make up the outer ring of the garden.



Below, at the end of the day, the remaining Scouts and volunteers gather to celebrate their success – and all of it was built in one day!!

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Holding oversized scissors, Mayor Dorinda Borer cuts the ribbon with American Family Care franchise owner Muhammad Zaman, center left, and Medical Director Dr. Felix Pacheco, center right, to celebrate the grand opening of West Haven's new AFC Urgent Care center at 354 Sawmill Road on April 23. With them are, from left, Councilman Gary Donovan (D-4); Barbara Ronalter, the center's director of operations and business development; Zaman's son, Musa, 15, and wife, Anila; City Clerk John W. Lewis; and Simon McDonald, the director of mem-



# American Family Care opens in city

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

American Family Care, the city's newest urgent care center, marked its grand opening with the snip of a blue-ribbon April 23.

Using oversized scissors, Mayor Dorinda Borer helped American Family Care franchise owner Muhammad Zaman and Medical Director Dr. Felix Pacheco cut the ribbon to formally open the state-of-the-art AFC West Haven Urgent Care center at 354 Sawmill Road.

The late-afternoon cer-

emony was organized by the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce. It included welcoming remarks by Borer and Simon McDonald, the chamber's director of membership and marketing, as well as remarks by Zaman and Pacheco. "Access to quality, affordable health care is critical, and language can be a barrier," Borer said. "A facility like this will provide equitable access to quality, affordable care."

Also celebrating the event were City Clerk John W. Lewis and Councilman Gary Donovan, D-4, along with chamber

President and CEO Michael Moses and Barbara Ronalter, the center's director of operations and business development.

They were joined by members of the AFC medical team and a delegation of chamber board members, including West Shore Associates of West Haven owner Erin Eberhardt, New Haven Bank of West Haven branch manager Hala Urban and Edward Jones of Milford financial adviser Jay Borelli.

The center is open seven days a week and has walk-in options — urgent care, lab testing, vaccinations — to meet the immediate health care needs of patients of all ages. No appointment is needed.

"Our medical team is staffed with medical professionals who are dedicated to ensuring your health and overall well-being," said Zaman, who was accompanied by his wife, Anila, and son, Musa, 15.

The center is off Interstate 95's Exit 42 and has seven exam rooms, a manager's office, and X-ray and storage space.

It is located in a plaza with an Aspen Dental practice, a Chipotle Mexican Grill and a former Starbucks store.

Starbucks recently opened a new stand-alone store with drive-thru service next door at 340 Sawmill Road, the site of a former Stewart's All American Grill.

The AFC center space was formerly occupied by a T-Mo-

bile store.

Zaman said that although it just opened, the 2,670-square-foot center is already expanding into the vacant Starbucks space. The expansion is expected to take about two months to complete and will bring the center to 4,475 square feet, he said.

Zaman chose West Haven's bustling Sawmill Road retail corridor for his first AFC Urgent Care center because of the area's dense population and high visibility from I-95.

"We are very grateful Mr. Zaman chose his first location to be in West Haven," Borer said.

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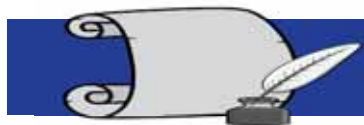
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## Goffi's Egg Farm

We would like to thank those whose assistance made this column possible: Polly Rockefeller, Dave Goffi, Katherine Held and Bob Newkirk.

### August 1958

It was one of those summer Saturday mornings when The Boy just wanted to play in his backyard, climbing in the apple trees, and pretending they were the masts of pirate ships. However, mother had devised an errand list that would get father and The Boy out from underfoot for the morning, so that she and sister could tidy up the house. So off went father and son in the family car.

"Where are we going, daddy?" The answer was a rather dreary litany of chores and stops, but when The Boy heard about the last stop, it aroused his interest: "...and then we're going to the farm, to pick up eggs."

Now, back in 1958, there was an egg farm on a dirt road known as Shingle Hill Road, near the corner of Morgan

Lane. Behind the farmhouse, there were two enormous hen houses, which were big enough to hold a total of 15,000 chickens. It was late morning when the old green Plymouth lumbered into the dooryard; father turned off the engine, set the car in gear, opened the car door, and began to get out.

"What does that sign say, daddy?" "It says that if you blow your horn, it will scare the chickens, so don't do it." And with that, father—trusting soul that he was—turned and walked into the farmhouse, leaving The Boy alone on Plymouth's front seat (You already know where this story is going, don't you?).

Now, to most six-year-olds, "don't" is a word that conjures up visions of stop signs and red flags waving; however, to The Boy it represented something more like a dare. It was only a moment after father disappeared into the farmhouse that The Boy's left hand seemed to take on a will of its own: slowly it rose and began to move stealthily toward

the chrome horn ring that was mounted within the Plymouth's big steering wheel.

It seemed like ages passed, but it was probably just a few seconds later that The Boy's fingers were wrapped firmly around the horn ring. Father was nowhere in sight—this was the moment—The Boy pushed on the horn ring with all his strength and held it down firmly.

And THAT is when The Boy discovered that the horn on a 1951 Plymouth was wired to the car's ignition switch: engine off=horn off. Thus, for that day, the chickens were spared.

As recently as 1950, the West Shore was largely farmland. Allspaugh's Dairy was located at the top of Benham Hill, and the cows grazed in the meadow where Bailey Middle School now stands. Morgan Lane had only four homes on it—Heeney the cabinetmaker lived next to Allspaugh's meadow, while Horace "Rock" Rockefeller and his sister Dutch owned most of

the south corner of Jones Hill Road and Morgan Lane. The land where Our Lady of Victory Church now stands was mostly wetland, feeding the Colonial Boulevard brook. At the top of Jones Hill was Hebbwood Farm, and across the street, Lou's Turkey Farm.

At the corner of Benham Hill Road was the home of Gordon Mills, in what was a retired schoolhouse.

Yes, everything then was still farms and fields, as it had been for generations. And the Goffi family, who owned the egg farm, at that time owned all of the land along the north side of Morgan Lane, extending from Jones Hill Road to Island Lane, and up the hill to Hebbwood Farm; in all they owned 55 acres.

Years passed; farmland made way for subdivisions, homes, a school and a church, as cows and chickens made way for families and children; and West Haven completed its transformation from agricultural community to bedroom community. Today, the Goffi



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egg farm, with its 180 year old farm house is just a memory. Just one of the fading memories of a young boy who one summer day so long ago, went there to pick up eggs with his father, in a 1951 Plymouth.



Left -- The Goffi Farmhouse as it stood on Shingle Hill Road, along with the coops. Above is the 1951 Plymouth.



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# Stark reminder at prom time!



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WHHS SADD Club under advisor Jim Lafo staged their bi-annual Mock Crash at West Haven High School. The West Haven Fire, Police, Emergency Reporting System, American Medical Response and West Haven Funeral Home demonstrated the importance of making good decisions during the upcoming Prom season.





# Three students take top prizes in '24 contest

Poems written by Gabriella Sapeinza, "Moon" (3rd grade, Pagels School), Sofie Burns, "Change of a Caterpillar" (4th grade, Pagels School), and Gianna Anibaldi, "The Pouring Rain" (8th grade, Bailey Middle School) were chosen from more than 400 entries for the top prize in the Land Trust of West Haven's and Board of Education's 2024 Poetry Contest.

The students read their poems at an award ceremony on Friday, April 26, at the Land Trust's Poetry Post on the Savin Rock Boardwalk.

April is National Poetry Month and Earth Day is on April 22. To celebrate both events, the Land Trust sponsored the nature-themed poetry contest in collaboration with the Board of Education.

According to Colette Bennett, the Board of Education's language arts coordinator and event co-coordinator, students have been learning about poetry in their classrooms for several weeks. In grades 3 and 4 in each elementary school, students studied the haiku and the tanka, both Japanese poetic forms.

In grade 8 at Bailey Middle School, students studied famous poems on nature. To appreciate how the theme of nature is developed, they identified patterns of language, structure, and punctuation.

A three-judge panel determined the winning poems: Tony Fusco, who was named Poet Laureate for the City of West Haven in April of 2019, Past President of the Connecticut Poetry Society, and co-chair of the Connecticut Poetry Society Haiku Chapter; Renny Loisel, President of the West Haven Land Trust; and Colette Bennett.

Each winner received a \$50 gift card; a native plant, courtesy of the Land Trust's Native Plant Initiative; and a packet of milkweed seeds.

The Land Trust of West Haven, Inc. is a non-profit organization formed to promote the protection and preservation of natural resources and open space properties of public significance in West Haven, CT, including coastal resources, with particular emphasis on the shoreline of the Long Island Sound in the general area of Savin Rock.

## Borer makes new hires in key city departments

By Michael P. Walsh

*Special to the Voice*

Mayor Dorinda Borer has expanded the city's workforce by making several key hires, including the appointment of Jennifer Daddio as the new personnel director.

Borer said Daddio brings 32 years of human resources experience to West Haven, including a vast knowledge of employee relations, labor relations, benefits and payroll.

Daddio, who will serve as a member of the mayor's Cabinet, previously worked for Barnes & Noble in New York City and several large pharmaceutical companies.

Also in the Personnel Department, Borer said Lisa Langella has been hired as Daddio's personnel generalist.

Receiving the most new hires is the Finance Department with five: Christopher Tiberio, director of risk management; Erin Sweeney, payroll manager; Kathy Chambers, senior buyer procurement analyst; Vanessa Hruszko, assistant grant writer; and Michele DePascale, senior accountant.

The Health Department has two new hires: sanitarian Gelacio Sanchez and social worker Alyssa Eckstein.

Borer said Nicholas DeJohn will serve as the new director of the city's Emergency Reporting System, also known as ERS.

DeJohn, whose first day on the job is May 6, will oversee the 911 Communications Center at police headquarters.

"All of these positions are vital to the day-to-day operations of the city," Borer said. "I look forward to working with this talented team of new employees, who each brings a high level of expertise in their respective field to West Haven."

"Blending our current experienced staff with new members to the team is a perfect mix to deliver services for the residents of West Haven. These hires not only provide vesting into the role but will cut down on overtime and high-priced consultants the city has engaged in recent years."

Borer said interviews continue and additional job offers have been made, which the city will announce soon.



Photo courtesy of WH Land Trust  
West Haven's Poet Laureate Tony Fusco with Sofie Burns (left) and Gabriella Sapeinza (right) at the Land Trust of West Haven's Poetry Post on the Savin Rock Boardwalk. Absent from the photo is Gianna Anibaldi.

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# Youth soccer opens spring season

The Spring 2024 season of the West Haven Youth Soccer League has kicked off, with games and action dominating our city's soccer fields. In travel team action, the Vio's Sports Plus U14 boys took on Cheshire Saturday afternoon and won, 6-3.

CaDian Jones Gaywood walked away with the hat trick. Jayden Abekah scored two and Jackson Schoeman clinched the win with a bomber to the top corner from the right wing. Mikey Vargo had two assists, and newcomers Aaron Azana, Muhamad Darwano and Gabriel Quezada integrated seamlessly into the team.

The Cappetta's Italian Imports U15 girls opened the season on the road versus Coginchaug with a 3-1 win. The Westies controlled the ball well up the field with excellent teamwork and passing skills, which led to goals by Naomi

Shubin and Alivia Reilly. Olivia Petrie and Lulu Sebas were solid in net. The team continued its solid form with an excellent game at home versus Shelton last Sunday with a 5-1 win. The Westies dominated the field with excellent footwork by Celeste DiNallo and Shubin. Kylie Gibbons scored a hat trick for West Haven while Kai Ruotolo and Luciana Cappetta also put one in the net.

The girls finished the beginning of their season with a nail-bitter of a game at home versus East Haven, ending in a 1-1 tie. Arianna Throm put West Haven on the board while Olivia Petrie defended the net. Allie Powers worked hard in defense to clear the ball for the Westies.

The Gunning Law Firm West Haven U12 girls g opened the season with a 2-1 victory over Hamden. For most of the first half, West Haven controlled the pace and tempo but could not

capitalize on their opportunities. The start of the second half brought a new sense of urgency, with Ariel Titus opening the scoring for West Haven. Titus scored the second goal to put West Haven up, 2-0. Kendall Gilchrist, Allyson Hernandez-Arce, and Phoebe DiNuzzo were spectacular on defense. Madison Marion played a great game, showcasing great ball skills and passing prowess.

The Elite Soccer Camps U11 boys opened their season in impressive fashion. The first game of the season saw them travel to Shelton and come home 5-0 winners. Roland Green was impressive on the ball and slammed it into the side netting for a goal. Ben Trenchard and Seth Empric were solid on defense. The Westies returned to action against Wallingford, winning 5-0. Ryan Abekah and Luca Decresenzo dominated in the attack and scored, and Ethan Fonseca added to the goal tally with one of his own. Jaxon Cruz kept the clean sheet in goal for West Haven. The boys then battled to a hard earned 3-3 draw against a tough Haddam-Killingworth team. Mason DaSilva sprayed passes across the field, and Jacob Rader was his usual calm and collected self at centerback. Collin Gibbons was strong on defense, and Jax Guarino contributed on both sides of the ball. This past weekend, the Westies had a key win against rivals Guilford, coming out 4-1 winners. Adam Lamkhanter picked up a couple of assists and Matteo D'Elia and Julian Castillo dominated the middle of the field. The final game of the opening stretch of the season saw the Westies travel to Naugatuck and pick up the 6-1 win. Joseph Ruiz played well defensively, and scored a goal off of a Green cross that

came from a smart Trenchard throw-in. Taha Ozhan played a great game on the wing for West Haven.

In the WHYSL action, the Seacrest Retirement Center Strikers kicked off their season with two exciting games. In their first game, the Strikers' Avery Smullen led the team in scoring. She was supported by Layla Steel, who had an incredible all-around game. In game two, Helena Talamelli and Charlotte Monks each scored in the win for the Strikers.

Other Saturday action saw Physicians Physical Therapy and Mad Mike's Cheesesteaks draw, 3-3, while the Law Office of Paul V. Carty battled Wizzard Painting, but came up short, losing 4-2.

The P & B Express Irish Green battle against the Thorough Restoration on Saturday. It was a slow start for the Irish Green, but they ended up winning the game. Shavier Medley had a break away, goal while Tyler Franklin and Daryl Lminggio both scored.

It was a great team effort with Joseph Guerra helping with a few assists and saving a couple of goals with strong defensive play. Frankie's of West Haven opened up the season strong, with a dominating 5-1 win over York Business Center.

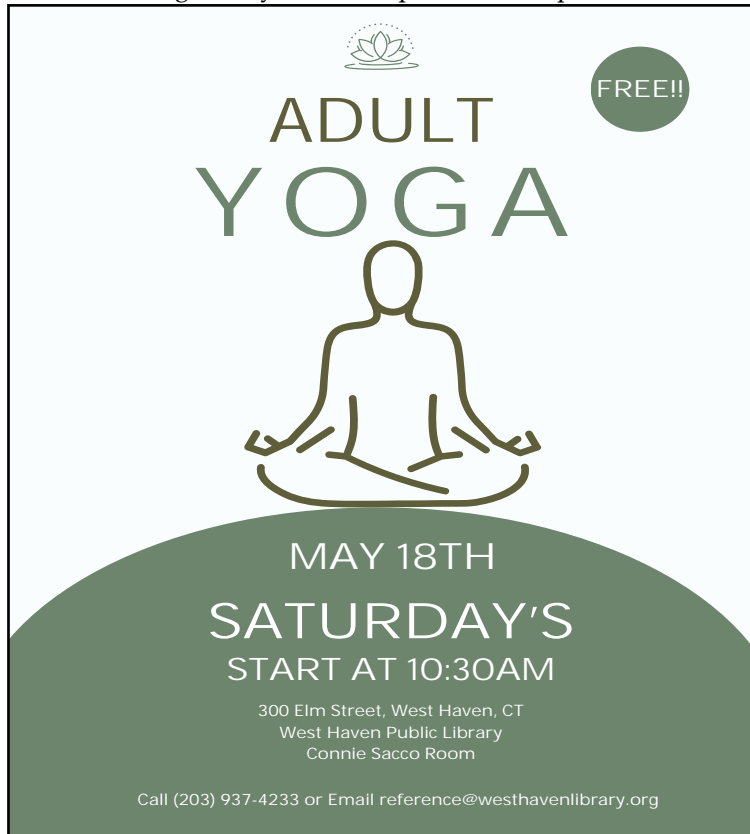
Taco Town team opened their season with two tough losses, the first to Eli's Orange. The team showed great effort, working together to come back in the second half and make it a close game. Christopher Romero, Adriel Maita, Daimeon Griffin, and Enes Sahin all scored for Taco Town. Game two saw Taco Town fall to the West Haven Federation of Teachers, 7-5. The West Haven Federation of Teachers played well and worked very well as a

team, seeing Sami Mohammadi score multiple times. Michael Okedina scored and made many great passes, while Kingston Ortiz showed great teamwork, assisted with blocking goals and passing. Stowe's Seafood beat the University of New Haven Blue Chargers, 5-2, and the West Haven Professional Fire Fighters drew the West Haven Police Local 895, 3-3.

Elsie Encarnacion State Farm Insurance took on Milano & Wanat in U10 boys action for the second game of the season. For Milano & Wanat, Lazareth Cortez and Jude Charles both scored two goals, and Dominic Durand, Ian Pereyra, Jacob Munoz-Montano, and Xander Chuquilla each had an assist. In the first game against Baybrook Remodelers, Curtis Diaz had an assist and Cyncere Harris picked up a goal. Porto Funeral Homes opened up the season with a pair of 3-2 wins, first defeating the George Ellis Company and the second against Keenan Funeral Home.

The RQ Accounting & Tax Services Cheetahs played with good spirits and enthusiasm as they took on AFC Urgent Care. Marwa El-filali and Lilithbelle Warholc played aggressive defense. Mariah Casteel took control of the ball. Vivian Andrade and Mila Liguori ran the ball down field and Katie Samaniego scored finished with five goals.

The RQ Accounting and tax Services Cheetahs also played an amazing game against Connex Credit Union. Avalyn Wilder, Ria Sharma, Stella Lombardi, Chloe Collins, Zoey Dasilva, and Myah Sanchez, and Jaelyn Aviles all scored. For Connex Credit Union, Alice Burns and Sophia Castillo hustled up and down the field, while Ariana Hunter played good defense.



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# Westies: *Tennis team hits bump, rebounds*

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top of the seventh, West Haven watched as Guilford scored in the bottom of the inning for a 7-6 victory at Guilford High School.

Trailing 6-3, the Westies (6-6) rallied for three runs in the seventh. Cruz, Padilla, and Supan started the rally with one-out singles, before Gilbert singled to left to score Cruz to get within 6-4.

Scanlon then grounded into a fielder's choice to score Padilla, before Madera reached on an error with two outs to score Supan with the tying run.

The Grizzlies wasted no time in the bottom of the inning as a West Haven error, a single and an intentional walk loaded the bases, before Guilford got the game-winning hit.

The rally came after West Haven trailed 5-0 after three innings and chipped away to get within striking distance.

The West Haven softball team lost its fourth straight contest with a 4-1 home defeat against Cheshire. With the loss, West Haven fell to 2-6 on the season.

Mia Rubirosa pitched a complete game, allowing three earned runs, while striking out five and walking four. The Westies had just one hit in the game off the bat of Holly Waibel.

West Haven suffered its fifth straight defeat and fell to 2-7 on the year with an 11-2 loss at Jonathan Law.

West Haven was held to just six hits in the game, with two coming off the bat of Rubirosa. Taylor Alfano, McDonnell, Gallo, and Wynus each had one hit in the contest.

West Haven snapped its five-game losing streak with a 12-7 victory over East Haven. The road victory allowed the Westies to improve to 3-7 on the year.

Alfano and Gallo led the West Haven offense with three hits apiece, Rubirosa, Waibel, and McDonnell each had two hits, while Waibel and Wynus each drove in three runs. Rubirosa, Alfano, McDonnell, and Aniah Glover each scored twice in the win.

West Haven fell to 3-8 with an 11-5 loss at North Haven. Despite four hits from Wynus and 14 total hits, the Westies could not match the offense of North Haven.

The Westies got back on the winning track with a 20-11 victory at Shelton. With the victory, West Haven moved to 4-8 on the year.

Alfano picked up the win in the pitching circle, and she was a force at the plate with four hits, four runs batted in, and four runs scored. Wynus had three hits, six runs batted

in, and two runs scored, while McDonnell had three hits and scored twice.

Waibel had two hits, drove in a pair, and scored three runs, while Rubirosa scored three runs, and Glover, Davey, and Hoey each scored twice.

West Haven improved to 5-8 with a 17-0 victory at Hillhouse. The Westies scored 10 runs in the first inning and never looked back in the victory.

Rubirosa led the offense with two hits, four runs batted in, and three runs scored. Glover had two hits, scored three times, and drove in a run, and Arianna Herazo drove in two runs and scored three times.

The West Haven boys lacrosse team fell to 1-4 with a 6-2 loss at Hamden. Marcus Burrows scored both West Haven goals and T.J. Levenduski made 17 saves in defeat.

With the game scoreless at the half, Burrows scored off an assist from Jason Alling with 5:31 remaining in the third quarter. Burrows scored the final West Haven goal with 3:33 left in the fourth quarter.

Hamden held a 31-18 shot advantage in the game.

They fell to 1-5 with an 18-4 loss at North Haven. Burrows and A.J. Iannotti each had a pair of goals in the loss for the Westies.

North Haven held a 48-10 shot advantage in the game with Ben Pizzano scoring eight goals and adding four assists.

West Haven improved to 2-5 with a 13-8 victory over Montville at Ken Strong Stadium.

Burrows led the way for the Westies with seven goals and one assist, Porto had two goals and one assist, Yousaf Ullah added a goal and two assists, while Brandon Doody, Jason Alling and Iannotti also scored. Levenduski made 19 saves in the win, while Cole Hill had eight faceoff wins.

West Haven fell to 2-6 with a tough 7-6 loss against Branford at home.

The Westies had a 32-30 shot advantage in the game, but Branford scored a late goal to take home the win.

The West Haven boys tennis team won its fifth match in a row with a 5-2 decision over Foran at West Haven High Monday afternoon. With the victory, West Haven improved to 5-1 on the year.

In singles action, top-seeded Miguel Torres defeated Ryan Purviance, 6-3, 6-0, second-seeded Brandon Sihaphong won over Arush Puri 6-0, 3-6, 6-1, while Foran won the final two singles spots. Third-seeded Tristan Adorno defeated West Haven's Eshwar Balakumar, 6-3, 2-6, 4-6, and fourth-seeded Oscar Lin topped West Haven's Johnny Chen, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2.

In doubles action, West Haven's top seed of Ali Hamza and David Guadarrama defeated Patrick Butler and Karthikeya Lakaji, 6-0, 6-3, second-seeded Woobin Kim and Caden Mateo defeated Liam Banick and Deven Dai, 6-1, 6-3, and third-seeded Daniel Davis and Jordan Smith topped Elijah Arinas and Billy Tumendemberel, 6-0, 6-2.

The winning streak has reached six matches for West Haven. The Westies extended the streak with 7-0 victory over Career in New Haven and improved to 6-1 on the year.

In singles play, top-seeded Torres posted a victory, while second-seeded Sihaphong also did the same. Third-seeded Balakumar defeated Christian Santiago, 6-0, 6-0 and fourth-seeded Chen topped Abraham Perez, 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles action, top-seeded Javon Huang and Caden Mateo, second-seeded Guadarrama and Hamza, and third-seeded Davis and Smith all posted victories.

West Haven saw its six-match winning streak come to an end with a 5-2 loss against cross-town rival Notre Dame at West Haven. With the loss, West Haven fell to 6-2 on the year.

In singles action, Notre Dame's top seed Mike Lora-zetti defeated Torre,s 6-0, 6-0, second-seeded Sihaphong of West Haven topped Reed Nanmonn, 6-2, 6-1, Notre Dame's third seed Reamon Cueis defeated Balakumar, 6-4, 2-6, 10-6, and West Haven's fourth seed Chen topped Stephen Torres ,6-0, 6-0.

The Green Knights won all doubles matches.

West Haven got back on the winning track with a 5-2 defeat of Wilbur Cross at home. With the victory, the Westies improved to 7-2 on the season.

In singles action, top-seeded Torres defeated JJ O'garro, 6-3, 6-1, Second-seeded Sihaphong topped Adam Sharqaw,r 6-0, 6-0, third-seeded Julian Theodore from Wilbur Cross topped West Haven's Balakumar, 6-3, 6-1, and West Haven's fourth seed Chen defeated Adrian Sampedro 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles play, top-seeded Alki Hussain and Kurt Boone of Cross topped West Haven's Huang and Mateo, 6-4, 6-2. Second-seeded Guadarrama and Hamza defeated Meet Patel and Vikrom Dalal, 6-3, 6-1, and third-seeded Davis and Smith topped Ahilya Singh and Jenna Singh, 6-2, 5-7, 12-10.

West Haven fell to 7-3 with a 7-0 loss at Xavier Wednesday afternoon.

West Haven got back on the winning side with a 4-3 victory over Shelton Thursday afternoon at West Haven High. With the victory, West Haven improved to 8-3 on the year.

In singles action, top-seeded Torres defeated Chase Graber, 6-3, 6-3, second-seeded Sihaphong topped Jack Parkes, 6-1, 7-6, and third-seeded Balakumar defeated Adam Klein, 6-3, 6-4. Shelton's fourth seed Nikil Dagar defeated West Haven's Chen, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6.

In doubles play, Shelton's top seed of J.P. Kocot and Soham Agrwal defeated West Haven's Huang and Mateo, 7-5, 6-4. West Haven won the second seed as Guadarrama and Hamza topped Kevin Foley and Krishiv Patel, 6-0, 6-1, while Shelton's third seed of Johnathan Ryder and Prime Minister Shah defeated Davis and Smith, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

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- 1 Scene stealer
- 4 Pilgrimage to Mecca
- 8 Auction
- 12 Carte lead-in
- 13 Pakistani language
- 14 Currier's partner
- 15 Florida city
- 17 Clothing store section
- 18 Intimidates, with "out"
- 19 Apprehend
- 21 Shade
- 22 Pictures
- 26 Throat affliction
- 29 Sault - Marie
- 30 Fib
- 31 Cobra feature
- 32 IRS employee
- 33 Exceptional
- 34 Mornings, briefly
- 35 "Oy -!"
- 36 Duck down
- 37 "Pop Goes the -"
- 39 Evening hrs.
- 40 Chopping tool
- 41 Portugal's place
- 45 Apple computers
- 48 Hit song by Shawn

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  - 3 Creche figure
  - 4 "Quiet!"
  - 5 Stood
  - 6 Banned pesticide
  - 7 "Walk on the Wild Side"
  - 8 "The Lion King" lion
  - 9 "Hail!"
  - 10 Actor Cariou
  - 11 Curved letter
  - 16 Yearned
  - 20 Soul, to Camus
  - 23 Pleased
  - 24 Green land
  - 25 Crystal gazer
  - 26 "Candida" playwright
  - 27 Hefty book
  - 28 Activist Parks
  - 29 Covert agent
  - 32 Piano's cousin
  - 33 Stair part
  - 35 Puzzle
  - 36 Represent
  - 38 Malia's sister
  - 39 Wine grape
  - 42 TV host Kelly
  - 43 Slanted type (Abbr.)
  - 44 Org. for seniors
  - 45 Coffee holder
  - 46 "Caught ya!"
  - 47 Gear tooth
  - 49 Goof up

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## Answers to this week's puzzles

**King Crossword**

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Answers

**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answers

1. Lake Ontario.  
2. "Cheers"  
3. The knee.  
4. Mr. Boddy.  
5. Goliath frog.  
6. Atmospheric pressure.  
7. Sancho Panza.  
8. "Groundhog Day".  
9. Theophrastus, 6th-century poet.  
10. "Cowboy Carter".

**SHORT**

Answers

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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

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### Doing the job!

Left -- Natalie Gallo deals from the circle in the Westies' win versus Hillhouse. Right -- Goaltender Amber Militrano looks to move the ball up the field against Sacred Heart Academy. See page 20 for more details.

## Shore Haven scholarships applications

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 each in honor of Dave Terese, Sr., Mario J. Argentino plus the Joseph Morrell Sr. scholarship. All applicants must have participated in the league for two years.

Applications must be returned by May 31, to Charles Gunning, 125 Central Avenue, West Haven, Ct 06516. More information can be obtained from area high school guidance offices or by calling (203) 934-9740.

## COG plan update available online

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 grant money may be used for projects that mitigate risk to vulnerable residents, build resilient infrastructure and transit systems, and protect the natural environment.

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The West Haven Rotary Club recently had its annual Scholar-Athlete awards presented at West Haven High School. The award winners posed for the "class

pictures. This is the 42nd year of the event, honoring those city athletes who have excelled on the field and in the classroom.

## Rotary honors city's scholar-athletes

The 42nd Annual Rotary Club of West Haven Scholar-Athlete Recognition Ceremony took place Wednesday, April 24, in the West Haven High School Auditorium.

In total, 70 students were recognized as scholar-athletes. To be selected for the award, a student must be a member of the junior class, maintain a 3.4 grade point average, and participate on a varsity team in one or more sports.

In addition to the scholar-athlete awards, Olivia McDonnell (softball) was honored with the Robert "Bob"

Greenwood "Service Above Self" Award and Jason Alling (boys lacrosse) received the Vincent "Vin" DiLauro "Passion" Award. Both awards are presented annually to a senior athlete at WHHS.

Recipients of the Robert "Bob" Greenwood "Service Above Self" Award emulate the best of Bob Greenwood, who had a lifelong love of sports, the West Haven community, and WHHS.

In addition to the student's athletic contributions, recipients are also dedi-

cated volunteers who are devoted to giving back to their schools and community. Above all, they are kind and compassionate individuals who always give their best to make the world a better place for others.

Recipients of the Vincent "Vin" DiLauro "Passion" Award emulate the spirit of Vin DiLauro, the eternal optimist who enjoyed and appreciated every moment of life.

While the passion of the student award-winner may be demonstrated in their athletic contributions, it must

also be found in their unwavering commitment to their school and the greater community.

Carrie Malangone, the President of the Rotary Club of West Haven, served as the Mistress of Ceremonies. Students Sarah Davey and Zoe Powell recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem, respectively, while Steven R. Mullins read the Invocation. Co-Athletic Director Mike Anquillare presented the awards, and Mark Consorte, a history teacher at WHHS, was selected as the guest speaker.



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Anthony Iannotti passes the ball in the Westies game vs Branford.

## Westie nine on a roll

Looking to get back on the winning track, the West Haven baseball team had the right recipe. The Westies had jumped out to an early lead with their ace on the mound.

Despite a solid pitching performance from Chase Supan, Law scored twice in each of the fifth and sixth innings to top West Haven, 5-2, at Jonathan Law.

The Westies tried to rally in the seventh, loading the bases with one out as Madera reached on an error to start the inning, Jones hit a one-out single, and Supan singled to load the bases. West Haven could not get the clutch hit as a fly out and a ground out ended the contest.

Jones and Supan led West Haven with two hits apiece in the loss.

West Haven got back on the winning track with a 10-2 victory over Hillhouse/Career Friday afternoon at Bowen Field in New Haven.

Hume picked up the victory, allowing four hits and two earned runs, while walk-

ing one and striking out eight in six innings of work.

Offensively, West Haven had 12 hits and took advantage of five Hillhouse errors. Jose Padilla led the way with three hits, two runs scored, and a run batted in, Jones and Hume each had a pair of hits, Price, Supan, Gilbert and Madera each added a hit and scored a run, with Price driving in a pair and Supan, Gilbert, and Madera knocking in one apiece.

West Haven won its second game in a row and improved to 4-5 with a 6-1 victory over Jonathan Law at Piurek Field.

Hudson Axelrod picked up the win for West Haven as he tossed a complete game, allowing three hits and one earned run, while walking three and striking out four. Axelrod also had a solid day at the plate with two hits and two runs batted in.

Cruz had one hit for the Westies and drove in a pair, while Madera had one hit, walked twice, and scored two runs.

The winning streak for West Haven reached three games. Behind solid pitching from Supan, and timely hitting, West Haven defeated Foran, 8-0, at Foran High.

Jones, Cruz, Padilla, and Gilbert each had two hits in the game. Cruz and Padilla each drove in a pair.

The winning streak reached four games. Behind two hits, two runs batted in, and three runs scored by Padilla, West Haven pounded 10 hits on its way to a 12-2 victory over Hamden in a game stopped after five innings due to the mercy rule at Piurek Field in West Haven Wednesday afternoon.

Jones and Supan also had a pair of hits, with Supan driving in four runs and Cruz scoring three times.

Hume picked up the save in relief for winning pitcher Haygen Axelrod. Hume allowed two hits and no runs in two innings of work.

The winning streak came to an end. After rallying to tie the game with three runs in the

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