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Panel gives study its OK

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The state Community Investment Fund 2030 Board on Sept. 22 approved the city's \$2.5 million grant request for downtown public infrastructure upgrades, Mayor Dorinda Borer announced.

The board's vote clears the way for the state Bond Commission to consider the next step of final approval for the funding.

Borer, who initiated the grant application, said the city will use the funding for comprehensive streetscape improvements. The project is designed to increase foot traffic, enhance pedestrian accessibility and attract new commercial businesses to the center of West Haven, she said.

"This funding is a monumental step forward for our downtown business district," Borer said. "By investing in our public spaces and supporting our merchants, we are building a vibrant, walkable center that will attract new visitors, residents and private investment.

"I want to thank the hardworking members of our state delegation for their continued support of our business community."

To apply for the state funding, the city was required to hire a professional consultant to gather public input and perform a market study. After a year of study and strategy, a Municipal Development Plan was created that Borer submitted as the application.

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Bocce Tournament returns

A Special Olympics Connecticut athlete throws a bocce ball during the bocce competition at the Old Grove Park courts. The tournament returned to the city on Sept. 19, a favorite venue for the organization. Hundreds of competitors, their families and officials from Special Olympics and the city took part in opening ceremonies as well as the day's competition. See page 9 for more.

Noise monitors added to ordinance

By Dominic Konareski
Voice Writer

Early last month, West Haven City Council officials approved an amendment to the city's noise ordinance allowing the use of automated noise-monitoring devices. These devices are commonly referred to as "noise cameras," as the city continues to look for additional ways to enforce already existing noise regulations.

This new ordinance is in response to persistent complaints from residents mainly along the shoreline. Shoreline residents have long complained about excessive vehicle noise of cars that travel through the residential neighborhoods along the beach fronts.

According to Mayor Dorinda Borer, residents have raised concerns with one resident even stating how the noise from passing cars has made their house vibrate. Many of the residents' complaints come during the night hours, which has affected sleep for some.

With that, the city plans to install four noise-detection cameras along the shoreline roads in locations that already have cameras actively present. It is important to note that these noise cameras are far different from red light cameras, but they do still alert West Haven Police when a vehicle over the noise threshold is recorded.

City officials plan that the installation could occur as soon as the end of October.

This ordinance also falls under Connecticut law, which allows municipalities to use photo noise violation monitoring devices to identify excessive noise vehicles. Connecticut State law has no max decibel limit and instead has a widely regarded 80-decibel threshold for a vehicle on both residential roads and highways, except for legal-use horns – although that is mainly up to a police officer's discretion. The fine for a first offense runs \$100 and can rise to a \$250 tag for repeat violations with municipalities having the opportunity to elect an added processing fee up to \$15.

The newly amended act by West Haven does not showcase every detail that is contained in the state statute, nor does it have a specific decibel level or a ticketing procedure. It is unclear if one will be formally announced.

The average decibel noise of a car can range from 45-to-70-decibels, depending on the speed of the car. Meanwhile, a car with a modified or aftermarket exhaust could produce between 95-to-105 DBs, with acceleration and higher RPM input as main contributing factors.

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Liliana Rivera, age 1, is a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. Liliana is hoping for some sunny weather to view the colorful trees.

On this date

1991 – The Siege of Dubrovnik began during the Croatian War of Independence. On this day, the Yugoslav People’s Army started its offensive on Dubrovnik.

1961 – Formation of Federal Republic of Cameroon. British Cameroon or Southern Cameroon joined the Republic of Cameroon to form the Federal Republic of Cameroon.

1957 – Thalidomide launched. Thalidomide, an anti-nausea drug and sleep-aid, was launched. For about five years it was commonly prescribed to pregnant women as a drug to deal with morning sickness. It was finally withdrawn from the market after it was determined to cause birth defects.

1949 – People’s Republic of China is established. Mao Zedong declared the establishment of the People’s Republic of China.

1946 – Trial of the Major War Criminals end. The Trial of the Major War Criminals part of the Nuremberg trials ended with sentences being passed against several key members of the Nazi party. The trials charged the defendants with Crimes Against Humanity.



File photo courtesy of Sisters With A New Attitude

Fall Festival Saturday

Sisters with A New Attitude (SWANA) will be hosting its third annual Community Fall Festival for children and families to enjoy. At the field in back of the playground at Glade Street Park, children will enjoy picking out their own pumpkins and taking them to the painting station to decorate. Games, relay races, sack racing, corn hog and other fun activities are scheduled. Items we can still use are donated pumpkins, individual waters, juices and chips. Raffle prizes and gift cards are still needed for game winners.

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Sandy Point Association hosts fall cleanup



Photos courtesy of Davin Killeen

The Sandy Point Neighborhood Association conducted its fall cleanup of the Sandy Point Park, parking lot and shore as part of its commitment to upgrading area. The efforts have been successful, as trash and debris were more manageable, with bulk items like tires and cushions less frequently carted off. Still, 40 bags of trash that had been scattered along the beach. Meanwhile, the Audubon Society of Connecticut reports that the bird nesting areas are thriving. This year, there were 10 American Oystercatcher chicks at Sandy Point alone -- in past years, they had seen no more than nine total for the entire state.



UNH breaks ground for business school

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice
With ceremonial gold-plated shovels in tow, Mayor Dorinda Borer joined University of New Haven President Jens Frederiksen and other university leaders to break ground on the new on-campus home of the Pompea College of Business at Martin Family Hall on Sept. 18.

Borer touted the four-story, 50,000-square-foot business school, to be built on the hill at

the university's southeast entrance off Campbell Avenue, as a "true game changer" for West Haven and a "bold step forward" for the university.

More than 300 alums, benefactors, board members, students, faculty and staff attended the ceremony.

"This is a historic day: The University of New Haven is on the move," Frederiksen told the audience.

"This world-class space will be a powerhouse for learning,

artificial intelligence technology and economic growth," said Borer, a UNH graduate and former adjunct professor.

The mayor applauded Frederiksen for bringing the business school back to the university's main campus on West Haven's thriving Campbell Avenue corridor.

She also praised him for shaping the next generation of global business leaders and strengthening the growing partnership between town

and gown.

Officials said the Pompea College of Business at Martin Family Hall is expected to open in July 2028.

The \$45 million, state-of-the-art building will feature an advanced financial trading room, an AI analytics lab and

space for local business collaborations to bridge the gap between classroom study and corporate practice.

Borer said the city building permit fees alone for the project are estimated at \$600,000, a significant investment for the property.



Photo by Lindsay Katz
From left, University of New Haven alumnus and benefactor Charles E. Pompea '71, UNH President Jens Frederiksen, West Haven Mayor Dorinda Borer, UNH alumnus and benefactor Dennis Martin '81, with wife Barbara Martin, son Kyle Martin and daughter Jill Aoki, and UNH College of Business Dean Brian Kench hold gold-plated shovels at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new on-campus home of the Pompea College of Business at Martin Family Hall on Sept. 18.

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



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Dear Felicia

“The leaves of brown came tumbling down, remember – in September – in the rain!”

That old song came to mind since our last missive cuz of the monster Nor’easter we got last week. September went out with a bang and drenching. The storm was called a “blizzard without the snow,” by one forecaster to let people know jest how massive and damaging it could be. The leaves were not so brown but they did come tumblin’ down, boy did we have some rain, Felicia!

All week people were put on the alert, and even Long Island Sound has some waves generated by the storm that we don’t see in these parts very often. And, all that great beach sand that was recently placed along the coast found its way in the drink due to those waves, the wind, and the fury that Momma Nature can produce at times.

One thing was ironic. So far, the forecasters have marveled at the fack that for the foist time in several decades there haven’t been any hurricanes percolating out in the Atlantic so far, and we’re reaching a record date on that fack. Meanwhile, we git a Nor’easter like we ain’t seen in these parts for the same number of decades. No, it ain’t got nuthin’ to do with “global warming,”

but everything to do with the ebb and flow of the aforementioned Momma Nature.

And, speaking of leaves, the trees in some parts of town are giving up the annual ghost already. Cobina was traversing the main drag, and all those trees that were put in about a decade ago seem to be the last to bloom and the foist to turn yellow and lose their leaves. Meanwhile, all around town trees are browning, redding or yellowing with leaves fluttering to the ground.

Hate to say it, sweets, but the heating season is looking to be not only jest around the corner, but darkening the door. Temps were in the 40s last week, and will continue to drop. And, effen you ain’t seen them, the Internet is full of forecasters who are crowing about El Nino this and Super El Nino that, with headlines about massive storms, only to have the hedging during their presentations. Click-bait I think they call it.

Effen it ain’t bad enuff that things are turning chilly, there are yokels about the berg who are ready for Halloween some six weeks before it happens. Skeletons and witches and all kinds o’ scary stuff are appearing already. Is it me, dearie, or are things not as much fun anymore and gettin’ jest a bit darker. Spookiness is one

thing, but some people take it a bit too far, methinks.

Here in the Asylum by the Sea meanwhile, paving has been a big part of the late summer and early fall. The main drag was, in fact, dragged a couple weeks ago of its pavement, and brought down almost to the bare ground. Well, here we are jest a couple o’ weeks later, and the pavement is finished – jest last week, in fact.

The Wag was in t’other day and noted that paving this year seems to be a bit quicker on the turnaround from milling to paving not only on the main arteries but all over town. It was a three- to four-week lag betwixt the milling portion and the paving, but his year neighborhoods are getting the foist coat about a week later, and a second coat within 10 days after that.

Don’t know effen it’s the company that’s doing the work or a mandate from the powers that be, but I hafta say it’s nice to have things done in a timely manner. And we know we only have a few more weeks to go before paving the streets will be a bit more difficult with the change of climate.

Now, yew know that Cobina has never had a warm spot in her ticker for Rosa DeLauro Green-

berg (as I have said, I do this jest to tick off herself and the feminist sojourners). Tennyrate, Rosa has been making a name for herself in the last lit’le while being a bit of a harpy on Capitol Hill (no surprise there), embarrassing herself and her colleagues with some of her antics. Think AOC but without the fashion sense. In the last few weeks she’s had two hissy fits during oversight committee meetings, where that purple pate of hers is in full display.

Well, in the last week or so there has been a bit of a kerfuffle up in Greenfield, MA, where a drinking establishment that caters to “well-tailored gals” (that’s what we used to say in the 50s) made up the clientele. The story goes that since the Covid debacle of 2020, the watering hole has had a masking policy that patrons had to be covered from the nose down unless slurping or chewing. Now remember, this is six years since the bat flu.

The story goes that the establishment was having financial difficulties and wanted to up the numbers so the place could stay open. One night a week, Saturday, they were gonna relax the mask regulation, and allow patrons to go facially commando.

You’d have thought the proprietors were going hetero by the response. The social media gestapo got out and called it “ableist” and hurting people with autoimmune problems, fill in the blanks yew git the drift. The Society of the Eternally Offended lit up the ether.

Enter Rosa, who got on a social media site and wanted to get up a bus trip to Greenfield to protest the “weird lesbian bar.” Now, it ain’t clear from her post which way she was leaning on this issue until a day or so later, when herself canceled the bus trip. The reason: no one wanted to wear masks.

So, the Dem from the CT-3 district was gonna go up to Greenfield, jest a stone’s throw from the Vermont border and rally the brigade of harpies she could muster to make the owners of the bar pay a price, evidently. One problem though, masks were not optional.

Yew can’t make this stuff up. You also know that Rosa will probably be re-installed in Congress come November, and we’ll have to put up with her lunacy for two more years or until she enters the gates of greater life.

Work on the West Haven Community Center seems to be winding down somewhat, and some of the tenants are ensconced therein. Now will be the work to git the place operational in a tenant and date sense, with events scheduled and meetings planned, etc.

With such an undertaking, Nelly Nuthatch came by

and wondered who is going to the persona that will have his or her name emblazoned on the building? Good query. Around here, putting a name on a public building is a good way to immortalize people who have made big contributions to the city, and we do a lot of it.

Cobina has a few people in mind, but we ain’t heard who the power brokers in the Actors Colony might be thinking of. Might we offer a suggestion? The papyrus would like to git involved and will take suggestions for John and Jane Q. Public as to who or whom they would like to see honored, and a committee could make the final recommendation.

We did that a few decades ago on the street that runs along the high school, and it was a great participation event. We remember we got hundreds of names and suggestions. We offer it, and hope someone either on the Thoid Floor or elsewhere will take us up on it.

Mike Mercuriano did git back to us about the carousel, and sez that plans are being hashed out for a merry-go-round. Remember, I mentioned that a few weeks ago. In the process of him discussing things with him, he regaled us with videos and photos that are on YouTube concerning the old amusement park. People are showing old home movies as well as some professional stuff that was done in the 30s, 40s and 50s.

Cobina happened to catch a glimpse of one or two and our thoughts went back to those days. The scenes included the old Jimmies, Peter Franke’s Funhouse, the Virginia Reel, and an old favorite, the motorboats as well as the Skyblazer and Thunderbolt, the one that went out over the water.

We see we’re getting a bit closer to money coming into town to study (again) downtown. Whilst we can be critical and say, we know what’s wrong, the question is how do we fix it, we will keep an open mind. What Cobina wants to see is the plan that comes outta this study.

Plans have been proffered before and scuttled. It’s one thing to talk about a plan, and quite different to git one operational. That is something we know very well in our little corner of the universe. Plans concerning downtown could wallpaper City Hall. What is needed is one that could be put into use. We have a bit more to wait before that happens.

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Behind the stacks

Welcome back to Behind the Stacks. We'd like to start with an enthusiastic thank you to all the Westies who weathered the storm and stopped by our booth at the Apple Festival this weekend. Despite the rain, the First Congregational Church once again hosted a wonderful event for the community. It was great to see so many familiar faces as well as new ones. Shout out to all the volunteers who made it possible.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the local restaurants who were generous enough to donate gift cards to be our Summer Reading BINGO prizes: Nick's Luncheonette, 744 West, Stowe's Seafood, and Lorenzo's Ristorante showed their Westie pride and community-driven spirit with their very gracious donations, and we appreciate it greatly.

Fall has officially arrived, and as we enjoy what some affectionately refer to as the "brrrr" or "ber" months (September, October, November, December), the West Haven Library will be having plenty of seasonal events, crafts, and celebrations. Keep up with all the activity by going onto our website and westhavenlibrary.org and checking the "Events" tab. You can also stay informed by downloading the LION app. You can simply search in your phone's app store for "Libraries Online" and you will see our signature orange LION icon. In addition to keeping up with events, you can use this app to search for books, manage your holds, and receive notifications when items arrive at the library for you. For more information or for assistance, stop by or call the library at (203) 937-4233.

You know the drill: a new month means new Take & Make craft kits from Ora Ma-

son. This month's adult Take & Make features a DIY Raven Silhouette Trinket Dish. Your kit includes everything you need to create a gothic-inspired décor piece, including an irregularly shaped clay dish, decorative materials, paints, and a brush to personalize your design. Kids can take home supplies to create a Fall Flower Bouquet. All materials are provided to create a colorful bouquet inspired by the season.

Hispanic Heritage Month is also upon us, beginning mid-September through mid-October. This is a time to give extra recognition to the Hispanic and Latinx community and the many contributions they have made to the history and culture of the United States, as well as to teach that appreciation to the next generation. The children's departments at both Ora Mason and the Main Library will be hosting events in celebration. Children can join us at the Ora Mason Library until October 15th for a fun Hispanic Heritage Month adventure. Pick up a Hispanic Heritage Explorer Passport and explore the Children's Department to find hidden clues and discover fun facts celebrating Hispanic heritage. Complete your passport and bring it to the desk to receive a special stamp and a small prize. They can also stop by the Graham Room at the Main Library by October 10th to participate in our Fiesta Scavenger Hunt. Search for everything you need for a fiesta, or party, and then solve the puzzle to win a prize.

Does the crisp fall air have you looking for a cozy night in? Try checking out one of our many Binge Boxes—these themed boxes come with 5 to 6 DVDs and complementary microwavable popcorn for the full movie night experience. Ora Mason's current themes are Disney/Pixar, Spooky

Tales, Dreamworks Sequels, and Live Action Remakes. The Main Library's themes are Artificial Intelligence, Holy Moly Trilogies, Bon Appétit, Animation, as well as two actor-specific Binge Boxes—Morgan Freeman and Diane Keaton. Come see us to plan your next movie marathon.

Saturday will be our \$10 Fill-A-Bag Book Sale hosted by the Friends of the West Haven Library. The sale will run from 10am to 2pm in the Main Library's back parking lot. We hope the rain got all out of its system last weekend and are keeping our fingers crossed for clear skies on Saturday.

Because our volunteers need time and good weather to set up the sale, if there is rain in the early morning when we are setting up, we will unfortunately have to postpone the sale again. If we do, the rain date is Oct. 17, however, we remain optimistic and have volunteers on deck.



Congratulations to Bill Murphy, Diane Gladue, Rachel Heerema, Daniel Levesque, and Sharon Dudek—our Plant a Seed, Read Adult Summer Reading Challenge winners.

Ordinance: Law boosted

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tors. At press time, West Haven has approved the legal framework for the cameras but is yet to activate the system.

Many West Haven residents have expressed concerns with their privacy being impacted with these new cameras, especially with what is occurring just one town over in Milford with their Flock cameras.

West Haven's ordinance states that the devices are to be used for noise-enforcement and public-health purposes. The ordinance also states that the recordings collected must be limited and cannot be used for general surveillance purposes, along with it not being allowed to be used for interception of private communications. Connecticut law also restricts the amount of information these devices could collect and how it could be used in the present and future.

Connecticut law requires any devices used for photo/recording purposes to capture images of the license plate of the vehicle in question, while limiting any potential exposure surrounding vehicles or occupants. Along with that, the information that is collected cannot be viewed, shared or stored for purposes unrelated to charging, collecting or enforcing the applicable fines.

As the cameras go up and West Haven moves forward, the effectiveness of the program over time will depend on placement and how consistent the ordinance is enforced.

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‘The Science:’ be skeptical

“The Science.”

This two-word phrase has been a common one heard in our polarized political discourse for the better part of four decades. Any issue that had to do with health concerns, pollution, or environmental science, and especially “climate change,” was shut down with phrases that to not trust “The Science” is to be a flat earther. Those who questioned the data or methodology of those charged with “The Science” was modern-day heresy.

Two issues, especially, have shown that science, like everything else run by humans, is subject to manipulation, distortion, and outright fraud. It has become indisputable that Dr. Anthony Fauci, late of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, was dealing in fraudulent evidence to hide the fact his office was funding illegal research and helped develop the mutation that caused Covid-19, and the ensuing pandemic.

In the process, Fauci and Dr. Deborah Birx, lied to the American public, and colluded with others in the field to put the world through the two years of diktats and heavy-handed tyranny. Masks, for example, were worthless, and known by these two keepers of “The Science,” but gave them the performance art they needed to help keep the public and the media in line. Those who questioned were shunned, despite their own credentials.

The mask mandate was one of the most devastating edicts to come out of the pandemic days, harming children, and traumatizing adults. No better proof of that is the recent spat in a lesbian bar in Greenfield, MA, where the mask mandate still operative in the establishment, was to be lifted on one night. The *Sturm und Drang* that has followed would be comical if it were not so inane.

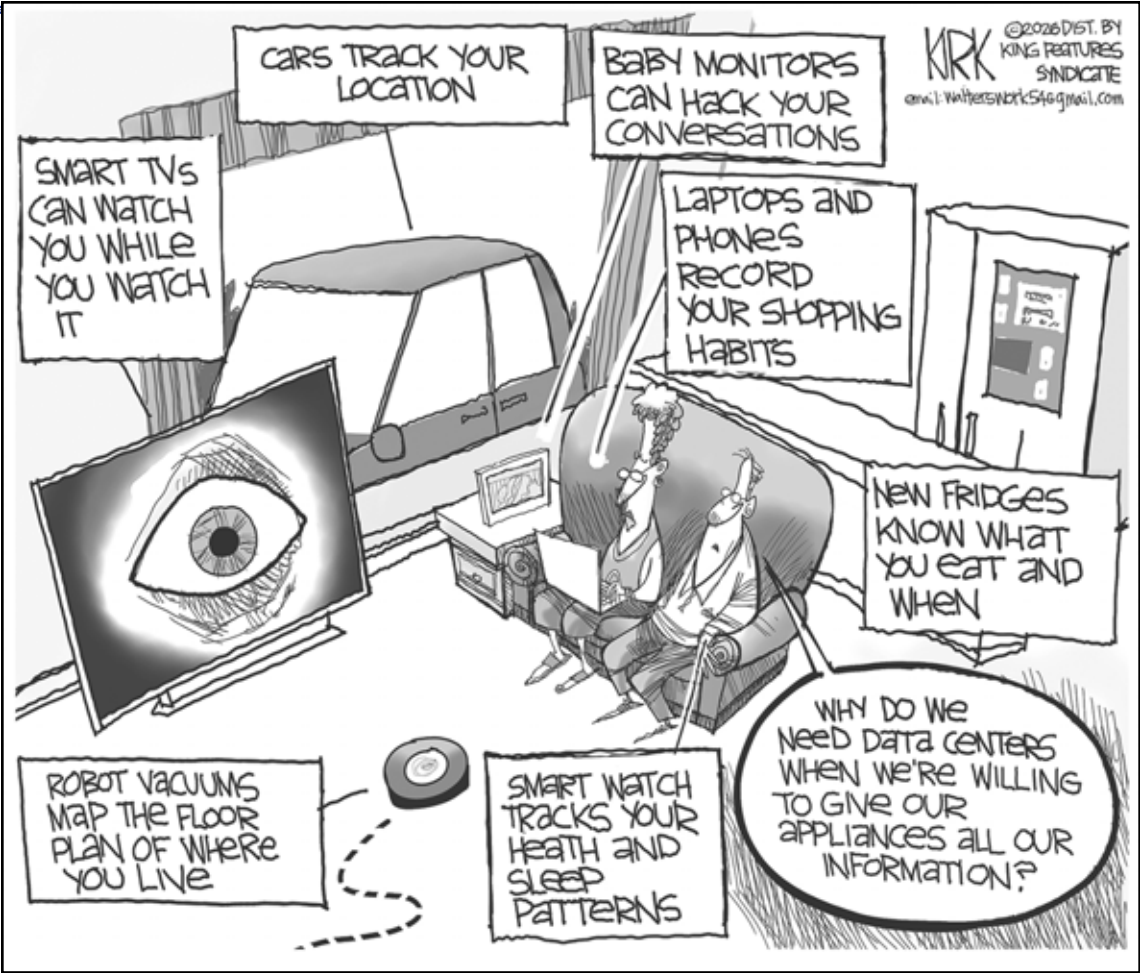
Similarly, climate change has been treated as a matter of faith rather than speculation, particularly human influence in climate activity. Yet, a recent search points to thousands of climate change peer-reviewed papers have been retracted for assorted reasons, including data errors, methodology, or downright falsified input. In total, more than 10,000 papers have been retracted on various matters, where the settled “science” was not in dispute. The United Nations’ own Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change quietly backed off its own frameworks that underpinned the hysteria we see throughout the world, most especially amongst believers here and in Europe.

The point is science, and scientists are no different than anyone else. Both issues mentioned above had strong backing from government and international agencies, and if researchers wanted funding, they had to toe the line or face ritualized exclusion. Ad to this the famous “Publish or Perish” dictum that universities impose on faculty, and you have ingredients for a skewed stew of junk science.

It points out also that science is not static, and latest information – or in these cases embargoed information – can change the analysis of the expected outcomes.

Climate Change and the pandemic were in many ways political tools, exercised by scientists in collusion with politicians to deny liberties and stoke fear in the public. It is good that the scales have fallen from the eyes of many and healthy skepticism is returning.

“The Science” is not a matter of faith, but of constant search for the truth -- as it should be.



Lynching narrative that wasn't

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

The lynching epidemic that wasn't

Even paranoiacs have enemies, they say, but sometimes they are just paranoid. Rep. Ayanna Pressley, a founding member of the Squad, organized 59 fellow Democrats to co-sign a letter demanding a federal investigation of a spate of supposed lynchings that never happened.

The document pronounced its signatories “extremely alarmed by reports of Black people found hanging from trees in numerous states throughout our country.” “The series of deaths,” the letter continues, “raises significant suspicion of foul play given the role of lynching in our nation’s history.” Pressley and her colleagues call for a federal investigation of every hanging death of a black person in the U.S., and insist that “inaction by the federal government is tantamount to complicity.” The letter deems all of this “a national crisis.”

In a post on X, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said how proud she was to sign the missive. She noted that “this year, there have already been 10 reported hangings of Black people in the U.S.,” and how we must “address these widespread modern-day lynchings and put a stop to this racial terror.”

It apparently didn't occur to

AOC or any of the other signers to do Google searches of local news stories about the hangings. If they had, they would have learned that most of them were acts of suicide -- awful in their own right, but not evidence that we are once again living in the Deep South circa 1892. These news stories invariably recount how the local police have concluded a person found hanging on a tree died by suicide -- as well as all the speculation on social media that something more insidious must have been at play.

In one horrifying case, a young African-American woman was found hanging from a tree outside an abandoned house in Jackson, Mississippi, and her death was indeed ruled a murder. A CNN report several days ago related the heightened scrutiny around the crime given “Mississippi’s long history of racial violence involving hangings.” The police have now arrested a 51-year-old suspect and charged him with murder, although he doesn’t advance the narrative of the Pressley letter -- since he, too, is African American.

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention figures, more than 11,000 people in the United States died by suicide by hanging or a related means in 2024 -- or, on average, more than 30 a day. Hundreds of these people

were African Americans. In this context, a handful of black suicides by hanging occurring outdoors over the course of half a year or more wouldn’t necessarily be shocking.

The will to believe the worst, though, is very strong among the people who signed the Pressley letter. They are perpetually convinced that the KKK is on the verge of riding again and making the U.S. the equivalent of the Reconstruction-era South.

One line in the Pressley letter says that black people have been found hanging from trees in places as dispersed as “Mississippi, Michigan and New York.” The geographic randomness suggests a widely dispersed social phenomenon; the signatories conclude instead that there are racist murderers seeded throughout the country, all carrying out brutal, symbolically resonant killings.

This is a terrible thing to believe of one’s own country -- not just of its people, but of all the law-enforcement authorities who must be suppressing evidence of systematic racial violence. No matter. The Squad and its ilk have a dim view of the United States and -- as racial obsessives who consider themselves fearless crusaders for justice -- must find great emotional satisfaction in the notion that they are fighting the same battle as,

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Panel: Funds get OK

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The downtown neighborhood economic development project proposes renovations at two major public spaces to anchor a larger effort to revitalize the central business district.

Informed by the MDP, the project includes public space improvements to the historic West Haven Green and the 9 Curtiss Place plaza and alleyway off Campbell Avenue.

The planned improvements will focus on creating public areas for entertainment and events while driving new commercial investment into the city.

The funding will also establish a microgrant program for small businesses in West Haven’s Village Improvement District. The grants represent a significant investment by the city in its business community, offering financial support for leaseholder improvements, vacant storefront initiatives and exterior facade upgrades.

As part of the state process, the rollout of the plan will take about two years to complete.

Lowry: Race-baiting fiction

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say, the legendary scourge of lynching Ida B. Wells.

Wells, though, didn’t have to make up outrages, whereas the current crowd tends to give credence to every story based on a fake noose or a hate-crime hoax. Pressley and Co. clearly hoped to stir up a social panic, but the weakness and irrationality of their argument serve only to underline their own profound and disturbing racial paranoia.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Center offers tickets for concerts

The West Haven Senior Center has a few tickets available for two upcoming 2 p.m. shows at Elim Park’s Nelson Hall in Cheshire. Bee Gees Gold the Tribute on Friday, Oct. 23. Cost is \$85 and is due Oct. 9.

Tickets are also available for the Rat Pack tribute show on Thursday, Nov. 5. Cost is \$70 and is due Oct. 16. Costs for both shows includes transportation, lunch on site and tickets to show.

Non-Residents and non-Senior Center Members are welcome. Departure for both events is at 11a.m. from 225 Meloy Road (Vertical Church parking lot).

To reserve your seat and for more details call the West Haven Senior Center at (203) 937-3507.

Farmers Market open until Oct. 10

The farmers market is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday on the Green, at Campbell Avenue and Main Street, and every Saturday next to the Oak Street Beach parking lot, off Captain Thomas Boulevard.

The market features homegrown fruits and vegetables, baked goods and homemade crafts through Oct. 10.

Parking is available on Campbell Avenue and in the City Hall municipal lot, 355 Main St., as well as in the Oak Street municipal lot and on Palace Street. Oak Street is on the senior shuttle route and the CTtransit route.

The farmers market was dedicated in 2010 in memory of Anthony F. “Tony” Inzero, a leader in the downtown business community who co-owned Flower Affair on Campbell Avenue with Betty DelVecchio for many years.

Inzero was a founding member and longtime president of the West Haven Business Association who spearheaded a variety of events and programs to drum up business for fellow merchants, including the first farmers market in 2000.

Inzero, who lived in Hamden, died in 2009 at age 59.

Retired Teachers plan luncheon

The West Haven Retired Teachers Association will host a festive fall luncheon for its members on Oct. 29 at Biagetti’s Restaurant at 12:30. Cost is \$37. Please check your WHRTA email for info and the form to reserve your spot. For any questions you may contact Alicia Glagowski at aglagowski@att.net. WHRTA is open to WH retired teachers, nurses, and special area staff. Dues are \$20 per year.

Lantern Tour returns, Oct. 17

On Saturday, Oct. 17, history comes alive with the West Haven Historical Society’s Graveyard Lantern Tour. Each year, the society offers walking tours through the Green graveyards, featuring the “ghosts” of legendary members of the community. Tours run from 5-7:30 p.m. with adult admission, \$5, and children under 12, \$2.

The next West Haven Historical Society meeting is set for Oct 8 at the group’s headquarters, 686 Savin Ave., the Poli House. Steve Hildrich, church historian, is presenting the history of the Congregational Church in West Haven.

MBA program gains rank

The University of New Haven’s Master of Business Administration (MBA) program has been ranked No. 100 in the United States and No. 301 globally in the latest QS Global MBA Rankings, adding to a growing list of national recognitions for the University and its signature academic programs.

The University of New Haven is tied for No. 2 among MBA programs in Connecticut, alongside Fairfield University. The University of Connecticut is ranked No. 73. No other Connecticut MBA programs are included among the programs ranked by QS.

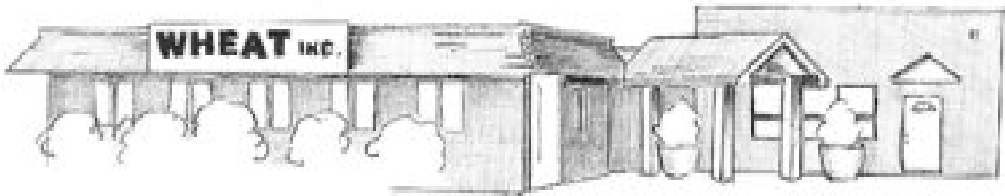
The global recognition of its MBA program follows the University’s recent inclusion for the first time in U.S. News & World Report’s National Universities category, where the University was ranked No. 276 in the U.S. in the publication’s latest Best Colleges rankings. The elevation to the national category in the U.S. News rankings comes after more than a decade in its regional universities, north, rankings. Together, these outstanding recognitions exhibit the growing national profile of the University and its career-focused academic programs.

“We are very proud to offer an MBA that is respected nationally and internationally, and this ranking is another indication of the significant amount of momentum we are building across the University,” said Jens

Frederiksen, Ph.D., president of the University of New Haven. “Our MBA program reflects what we believe graduate business education should be: rigorous, relevant, globally focused, and deeply connected to the needs of today’s employers and the industries driving economic growth. To see our program recognized among the best in country and the world is a tremendous accomplishment for our faculty, our students, our alumni, and the entire Charger Community.”

The QS World University Rankings is the world’s most read university ranking. QS evaluates more than1,500 institutions globally using measures such as employability, thought leadership, and return on investment as well as academic and employer reputation surveys.

The University of New Haven’s MBA is offered through its Pompea College of Business, an AACSB-accredited business school that emphasizes experiential learning, technology, innovation, and career preparation. The Pompea College has long been at the forefront of offering STEM-designated business programs that equip students with technical skills while providing opportunities to apply classroom learning through internships, consulting projects, investment initiatives, entrepreneurship programs, and additional real-world experiences.



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Colombian restaurateur Hispanic honoree

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice
Colombian restaurateur Juan Carlos Arbeláez has been selected to receive the city's prestigious Hispanic American of the Year award, Mayor Dorinda Borer announced.

Each year, the West Haven Hispanic American of the Year Alumni Committee bestows the award on a Hispanic resident who personifies service in the city's thriving Hispanic community.

The committee tapped Arbeláez, a native of Cajamarca, Colombia, for his community commitment and cultural pride and will honor him at West Haven's eighth annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration on Friday.

The ceremony is open to the public and set for noon at City Hall, 355 Main St.

"Being named Hispanic American of the Year is a reflection not just of my own journey but of the community that made it possible," said Arbeláez, who owns and operates Saoco Colombian Restaurant at 456 Forest Road. "West Haven has given me and my family so much — this recognition belongs as much to this city as it does to me."

Arbeláez, 59, will celebrate his Colombian roots with dozens of loved ones, friends and city officials, along with an array of dignitaries and descendants of folks from Colombia and Latin America.

Committee members and West Haven officials led by Borer will escort the city's top Hispanic to the front steps of City Hall for his special recognition. A Colombian-flavored lunch will follow.

Borer praised the civic-minded Arbeláez for his wholehearted devotion to lifting up his vibrant community and carrying on the proud traditions of Colombia.

"Juan Carlos Arbeláez is a longtime resident who for two decades, along with his family, has owned and operated Saoco, a wonderful West Haven restaurant that has been a cultural cornerstone where he shares the rich heritage of his native Colombia while constantly finding ways to give back to his community," Borer said. "It is our absolute privilege to celebrate Juan Carlos."

At the City Hall event, Borer will present Arbeláez with a Colombian flag and a mayoral citation for his good works.

He will also receive an embroidered "Hispanic American of the Year 2026" jacket from Borer.

State Rep. Bill Heffernan, D-West Haven, will present Arbeláez with a General Assembly citation from the city's delegation.

The cultural event will include remarks by Borer and committee member Sammy Rivera, West Haven's 2021 Hispanic American of the Year, who will serve as the

master of ceremonies.

Before a prayer by West Shore Fire Department Chief Rafael Zayas, the city's 2023 Hispanic American of the Year, Gabriella Xavier will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Colombian national anthem, "Himno Nacional de la República de Colombia."

Arbeláez grew up in Cajamarca, a town in Colombia's Tolima Department, in the heart of the coffee-growing region.

Under his leadership, Saoco has become widely recognized for its expansive menu, developed alongside chef Manuel Zamora, who has worked with Arbeláez since 2007. Each dish, including the popular bandeja paisa — a hearty Colombian platter of seasoned beef, pork belly, chorizo, rice, beans, plantains, avocado and fried egg — is prepared daily using local ingredients and traditional recipes.

Arbeláez has called West Haven home for decades, building a life centered on family, hard work and community. A husband and father, he believes that personal success is most meaningful when shared with others.

"West Haven took a chance on my dream, and I've tried every day since to earn it back," Arbeláez said. "This award means more than any of us can put into words. None of this would be possible without the Saoco team — I'm in-



Contributed Photo

Juan Carlos Arbeláez, West Haven's 2026 Hispanic American of the Year.

credibly proud of their dedication and hard work."

Hispanic Heritage Month, which traces its roots to 1968, specifically honors the diverse cultures and histories of people from Spain and the Spanish-speaking nations of

Central America, the Caribbean and South America, which includes Colombia.

The celebration begins mid-month because it marks the independence anniversaries of several Latin American countries.

Committee taps Frosolone for Italian honor

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice
Mayor Dorinda Borer and the West Haven Italian Heri-

tage Committee will honor longtime West Haven Italian American Civic Association President Paul M. Frosolone

as the city's primo Italiano at the 27th annual Italian Heritage Celebration.

Frosolone, a long-standing member of the committee and one of its hardest-working volunteers, will receive the Italian American of the Year award during a ceremony outside City Hall at noon Oct. 9.

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

Accompanied by Italian music and guided by Borer, members of the committee and the Italian-American Civic Association will escort Frosolone, the grandson of immigrant grandparents from southern Italy, to the front steps of City Hall for his special recognition.

"I'm honored that our mayor, Dorinda Borer, chose me for this great honor as the city's Italian of the Year," said Frosolone, an ambassador of his proud Italian ancestry. "This is a great testament to all my ancestors who came to America with only the clothes on their backs, and their sacrifice and hard work have been paying off for generations of my family. I hope to see fam-

ily and friends on the steps of City Hall on Oct. 9 at noon to celebrate this great honor."

At the ceremony, the lifelong Westie will pay tribute to his Italian lineage with scores of friends and loved ones, along with an array of dignitaries and descendants of folks from the old country clad in red, white and green.

Frosolone, 60, will receive an embroidered "Italian American of the Year 2026" jacket and an official citation from Borer for his public-spirited contributions, including his many years of handing the Italian flag to past Italian American of the Year recipients on behalf of the Italian American Civic Association.

The city's top Italian will also receive an Italian flag from Paul Messina, a longtime member of the association's board of directors, and Debbie Giordano, the vice president of the association's Ladies Auxiliary.

"Paul Frosolone truly personifies the selflessness, dedication and cultural pride that define our Italian community," Borer said. "For decades, Paul has either been at the forefront of ensuring that

Italian culture continues to be embraced and celebrated or working behind the scenes to make sure our Italian celebrations are seamless and enjoyed by all, and now it is an absolute privilege to present that flag to him as our 2026 Italian American of the Year.

"As a lifelong resident, a dedicated small-business owner and the longtime president of the Italian-American Civic Association, Paul's civic-minded good works stretch across every corner of our city. His deep commitment to public service and volunteerism honors the bold spirit of his Italian ancestors who immigrated to America to build a better life. Paul carries forward that legacy every day, and West Haven is a stronger, richer community because of his tireless devotion."

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

In observance of Italian-
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West Haven Italian-American Civic Association President Paul M. Frosolone, the city's 2026 Italian American of the Year;

Special Olympians return for tourney

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Nearly 300 athletes competed in the Special Olympics Connecticut Unified Sports Fall Festival Bocce Competition at the city's Old Grove Park courts Sept. 19.

The bocce tournament, presented by the Mohegan Tribe, showcased Special Olympics athletes from several teams statewide, including West Haven, Hamden, North Haven, Cheshire and Manchester.

At 9 a.m., the opening ceremony commenced on the grounds of the historic seaside park and included a presentation of the colors by the West Haven Fire Department Honor Guard and the singing of the national anthem by West Haven High School senior Sophia Martineau.

It also included remarks by Mayor Dorinda Borer, master of ceremonies Michelle Caprio, and Special Olympics Connecticut President and CEO Michael Mason and Senior Director of Organizational Development Katie Dennett.

The ceremony was attended by Councilman Gary Donovan, D-4, and players from the Connecticut Clippers' squirt A hockey team.

Borer thanked Special Olympics Connecticut for organizing the bocce competition and selecting West Haven as the host site for the third year in a row.

Before welcoming the hundreds of athletes and their families to West Haven, Borer thanked the event's sponsors, including Riva Bar & Restaurant and Stop & Shop of West Haven. The mayor also thanked the many volunteers and the city's Fire and Police departments for participating, along with the competing athletes.

"You're all winners to us," Borer said. "Team West Haven, bring it home for us!"

The mayor received a glass-encased Unified Sports Fall Festival medal and plaque from Mason and Dennett for serving as a supporting sponsor and host site.

Borer then gave a special shoutout to Riva, represented by co-owners Michael Delvecchio and Stefano Coletta.

Riva hosted its inaugural Riva Gives Back Golf Tournament in July, raising more than \$12,000 to support Special Olympics Connecticut athletes.

"We love you and appreciate everything you do for our city," Borer said of Riva.

As DJ Steve Gourdier played John Williams' "Olympic Fanfare and Theme," torchbearer Sean DelGreco of the Team North Haven bocce team carried the torch.

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Mayor Dorinda Borer, third from right, and members of Team West Haven wave team flags during the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics Connecticut Unified Sports Fall Festival Bocce Competition at the Old Grove Park courts Sept. 19.

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Public Safety Expo set Saturday



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A record crowd attends the 2025 West Haven Fire, Emergency Management, 911 ERS, Police & Health Expo. This year's exposition of all things fire, emergency management, public safety, police and health is scheduled from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Savin Rock Park, 6 Rock St. The free event is presented by West Haven's three fire departments and the city in observance of Fire Prevention Week.

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

The city will join West Haven's three fire departments on Saturday to mark Fire Prevention Week at an exposition of all things fire, emergency management, public safety, police and health.

The sixth annual West Haven Fire, Emergency Management, 911 ERS, Police & Health Expo is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Savin Rock Park, 6 Rock St. The rain date is Sunday.

Free parking is available in the Bradley Point Park and Sea Bluff Beach lots, both off Captain Thomas Boulevard.

According to organizers, the expo will bring together families and first responders — firefighters, police officers, EMTs, healthcare professionals — from across the state for hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations to promote public safety education.

The large public exhibition, held on the eve and 104th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, is organized by West Haven Fire Department Chief James P. O'Brien, West Shore Fire Department Chief Rafael Zayas, City of West Haven Fire Department Allintown Chief Michael R. Terenzio and mayor's office volunteer Beth Sabo.

West Haven's storied fire service includes the independent West Haven Fire Department, which serves the 1st Fire Taxation, or Center, District, and the independent West Shore Fire Department, which serves the 2nd Taxation District. It also includes the 3rd Taxation District's formerly independent Allintown Fire Department, which was taken over by the city in July 2012 and is now known as the City of West Haven Fire Department Allintown.

Collectively, the departments have been in operation for 365 years: West Haven since 1888, Allintown since 1907 and West Shore since 1918.

The free exposition will feature an array of fire engine and firetruck displays, including antique fire apparatus, spread along the park grounds of historic Savin Rock.

The shoreline expo will include marine units, a hazmat trailer and rides in West Haven's 1935 Mack pump firetruck, as well as a DJ, food trucks and face painting.

It will also include educational demonstrations on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, drone technology, home fire sprinklers, and fire code and investigation.

Danny, the West Haven Fire Department's station and therapy dog, and Sparky the Fire Dog will engage with children.

DJ Bob DePascale will entertain attendees with music, and members of West Haven Professional Firefighters Local 1198 will collect for their annual charity event benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

West Haven Fire Marshal Roger Sicotte will demonstrate the department's smoke trailer and show children what to do in case of a fire. Sicotte and fire inspectors will also display information on fire education and prevention.

Allintown Deputy Chief Keith T. Flood will demonstrate a home fire sprinkler during a live burn. The side-by-side burn will consist of two 8-by-8-foot cells, one with a sprinkler and one without. The burn will show the fire's destruction on a structure without a sprinkler, compared with minimal damage to a structure with a sprinkler. The demonstration is sponsored by the Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition to show the importance of home sprinklers, which can save lives and reduce property damage, Flood said.

Firefighters will demonstrate the Jaws of Life tool by prying open parts of a vehicle to free those trapped inside.

As part of Allintown's Child Safety Car Seat Installation and Inspection Program, firefighters will install car seats for people. They will also inspect those already installed to ensure that the portable seats are properly fastened for securing small children. The department has installed more than 300 car seats in the past five years.

Representatives from the Coast Guard and members of the University of New Haven's Fire Science Club and Paramedicine Program will present information on programs. Members of the UNH club will also show children and adults how to use a fire extinguisher.

West Haven fire Capt. Andy Bennett, the chairman of the West Haven Fire Department Historical Library, and retired West Haven fire Lt. William Heffernan III, the department's historian, will sell the department's 125th anniversary merchandise. Heffernan will also show his 1920 Ford Model T firetruck.

Acting Director Rick Fontana and dispatchers of West Haven's 911 Communications Center will educate people on the city's Emergency Reporting System and hand out coloring books, emergency care kits and other informational materials.

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Expo: Popular event returns to Savin Rock

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ERS dispatchers will also show city residents how to call 911 during an exercise in which they call the 911 center so the residents can talk with the call-taker and listen to questions.

West Haven police community outreach officers will give out informational materials on public safety, crime prevention and law enforcement programs. Animal control officers will hand out information on programs and services, and the department's K-9 unit will hold a demonstration.

Members of the city Health Department will share information on mental health, overdose prevention and tobacco cessation while offering basic health screenings for blood pressure, pulse, oxygen saturation and body mass index.

The department is partnering with Stop & Shop of West Haven to offer flu, COVID-19, RSV and pneumonia vaccinations. Insurance is required.

The department is also partnering with the Connecticut National Guard Counter-drug Task Force to show its "Stashed Away" trailer. The mobile trailer educates people on the dangers of substance use by teaching cultural cues, common hiding spots, signs and symbols.

Fontana, who is also West Haven's emergency management director, will present information on the city's Community Emergency Response Team, storm preparation, post-storm recovery, and natural and human-made disasters.

Fontana said the CERT program, which needs volunteers, educates volunteers on disaster preparedness for hazards that could impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

Fontana will also sign up residents for the city's emergency notification system to receive alerts. Sign up at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/alerts>.

The Citizen Notification System enables the city to quickly provide residents with critical information in various situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and building or neighborhood evacuations, Fontana said.

The system is operated in partnership with Everbridge Inc. of Burlington, Massachusetts, the world leader in incident notification systems.

Once registered in Everbridge's protected database, the site will send subscribers time-sensitive messages via

cell, home or business phones, email or text messages, hard-of-hearing receiving devices, and more. through West Haven's Emergency Operations Center.

File Photo by Michael P. Walsh
Fire engines and firetrucks line the parking lot next to Savin Rock Park at last October's West Haven Fire, Emergency Management, 911 ERS, Police & Health Expo.



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Bocce: *Tournament returns to Old Grove*

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ied the “flame of hope” into the venue with West Haven Police Chief Joseph S. Perno.
“Many thanks to the town of West Haven, including Savin Rock, the Knights of Columbus, the Connecticut Elks Association and so many others who have come out this weekend to be with us,” Caprio said. “I wish you all the best of luck — let the Games begin!”
West Haven’s six bocce courts were donated and constructed by Special Olympics Connecticut for the Special Olympics World Games bocce competition in July 1995.
Other Special Olympics competitions were also held across the state, including golf in Hamden and softball in East Hartford.
Special Olympics Connecticut provides year-round sports training and competitions for over 12,000 athletes of all ages with intellectual disabilities and Unified Sports partners — their teammates without disabilities.
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Police Chief Joseph Perno helps torchbearer Sean DelGreco of the Team North Haven bocce team carry in the “flame of hope.”
Riva Bar & Restaurant co-owner Michael Delvecchio, with son Teo, 2, and co-owner Stefano Coletta, far right, receive a glass-encased Unified Sports Fall Festival “gold sponsor” medal and plaque from Special Olympics Connecticut President and CEO Michael Mason, left, and Special Olympics Hamden athlete Peter Klein, Special Olympics Connecticut’s global messenger.

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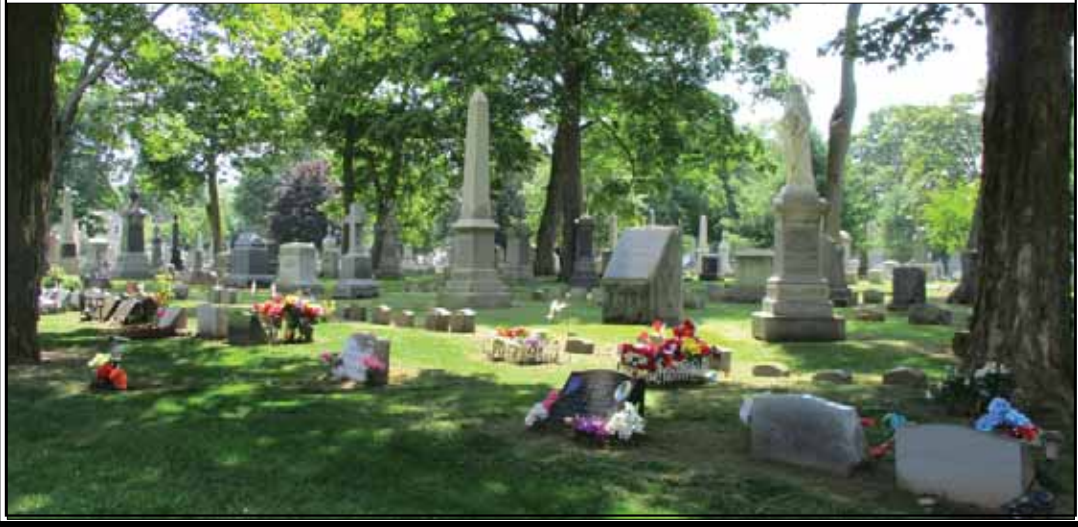
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

**“Your Old Days Aren’t
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This is a very true statement. Every person experiences a totally different world depending on when and where they grew up. As the years pass, we recall more and more fondly, “The Good Old Days.” The music, technology, and news of one decade change completely by the next.

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What feels like a familiar memory to one person might sound like a history lesson or a completely foreign concept to someone else. That gap in experience is what makes every person’s story unique.

Those of us who grew up on the West Shore may recognize some of the author’s memories from one hundred years ago—but not all—most are relegated to history. Here, she rues the passing of so many of the landmarks of her childhood, as time marches on...

Progress
By Mary Ryan Sgro, 1977
What is meant by Progress,
I’m sure I’ll never know.
I always thought that Progress,
Was meant to make things grow.

Back in the good old Thirties
At dear old Prospect Beach,
All the things you ever wanted
Were well within your reach.

Then Progress came—
So we were told;
My God, it sure has taken its toll.

Castellon’s Ice Cream Parlor
Back then was near at hand,
And Sea Bluff even had
Farino’s hot dog stand.

There was no A&P, a First National
Store,
There was Swirsky’s and J. Cohen’s.
Tony the shoemaker, Hilcoff’s next
door,

And even Brennan’s Candy store.

The trolley cars were phased out slow...
Leonard’s house was next to go.
The Beach Days have left our shore,
And carnivals we have no more.

Lutz’s Grill went down the drain--
Progress showed no sign of shame,
Dawson Market said good-bye—
Progress held its head up high.

We still have John the Barber,
A Dairy Mart next door;
Prospect Liquor, the Pharmacy,
And Jack’s Variety Store.

Don and Justine’s beauty shops,
The Hill Top Bar and Grill;
The Firehouse still holding fast—
Let’s pray it always will.

Progress, though good for many,
To us has been damn unfair,
All it’s done for Prospect Beach
Is to strip its corners bare!



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

The West Shore in a bygone era



Above -- The Dawson Avenue pier, circa 1920. Right -- A trolley heads west at Sea Bluff.



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Frosolone: *Named for city's Italian honor*

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

Frosolone's maternal grandparents emigrated from the Benevento village of Faicchio, and his paternal great-grandparents emigrated from Naples.

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

The second youngest of six children, Frosolone was born in New Haven in 1966 to George Festa

Frosolone Jr. and the former Elaine Maturo Roderick.

He attended West Haven public schools, including the former Stiles Elementary and Giannotti Middle schools, and graduated from Platt Technical High School in Milford.

Frosolone noted his last name originates from Frosolone, a southern Italian town famous for producing cutlery since 1780. He said his ancestors were known for fabricating cutting tools, including knives and scissors.

Speaking of cutting tools, Frosolone is perhaps best known as the owner and operator of Paul M. Frosolone Landscaping LLC of West Haven for three decades.

He is also known for leading a life of public service. A former West Haven GOP mayoral candidate, Frosolone has served on the Republican Town Com-

mittee for 38 years, including 12 years as chairman.

He is a former member of the West Haven Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society and Rotary Club and was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Sylvester Z. Poli Lodge 2832 Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America.

Frosolone is also a former member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Annawon Lodge 115, the Ward-Heitmann House Museum and the West Haven Train Station Committee.

An avid duckpin bowler, he is the president of the Bowlers Association of Connecticut, a member of the National Duckpin Bowling Congress and a member of the Duckpin Professional Bowlers Association.

Frosolone is a lifetime member of City Point Yacht Club. He enjoys traveling to Florida and going to New England Patriots games.



Contributed Photo

‘September in the Rain’

City resident Eric Rodriguez captured this scene at the city's April Street Boat Ramp during last weekend's Nor'easter that pummeled the area for three days. Streets were closed, and people were told to stay indoors while the storm dumped 3.5 inches of rain on the city and surrounding area.

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Fall Action

The high school fall season is well underway, with all West Haven teams competing. Top left -- Haven N'Sumbu runs over a Law defender in the 14-7 loss at Jonathan Law. Above -- Amar Sanounou celebrates his first goal against Guilford with Joel Goodlow. The Westies upended the Grizzlies, 3-2. Left -- Caden Stanley sacks the Jonathan Law quarterback. Below left -- Lucianna Cappetta controls the ball in the Westies' 6-1 win over Career/Hillhouse. Below -- Gulianna Ruggerio dives for the dig in the Westies' 3-1 win against Lauralton Hall.

Voice writer, podcaster sponsors auto

As of September 2026, there have been only four podcasts to sponsor a car in NASCAR’s top three series (Cup, O’Reilly and Truck) throughout the sport’s entire history, for the New York Sports Show and West Haven native Dominic Konareski he is one of the four.

New York Sports Show logo can be seen on the sides of the Joey Gase Motorsports Chevrolet when you select Chad Finchum on the NASCAR 26 driver selection screen.

Earlier in 2026 the New York Sports Show sponsored Chad Finchum’s Garage 66 entry in the Bowman Gray Cookout Clash and would later sponsor Finchum again just several weeks later when he raced for Joey Gase Motorsports at EchoPark for the Bennett 250.

Dominic Konareski, 22, of West Haven has his sports media and broadcasting company New York Sports Show based out of West Haven.

A graduate of West Haven High School as part of the 2023 Class, Konareski originally created his New York Sports Show podcast on YouTube in 2018 while he was attending Bailey Middle School.

Since the creation in 2018, the New York Sports Show has grown to be one of the largest YouTube channels/podcasts in the state of Connecticut with a current following of over 77,000 and a total viewership that recently exceeded 300 million.

Sponsoring Chad Finchum’s Cup and O’Reilly Series cars gave Dominic Konareski and his New York Sports Show a milestone that only a few can claim: Having their brand on a NASCAR stock car.

On Sept. 15, NASCAR 26 officially released for PS5, Xbox X/S and PC, with Chad Finchum’s New York Sports Show car being a playable

paint scheme in the O’Reilly Series.

NASCAR 26 is an officially licensed NASCAR video game brought to games across the world by iRacing developers.

For Konareski, the significance extends beyond simply placing a logo on a race car.

“This is bigger than just being on a car or in a video game. This is the product of countless hours spent every day working towards a dream and being determined for success,” said Konareski, who spends roughly 9-12 hours a day on his New York Sports Show.

He described his feelings.

“It’s a very surreal feeling seeing my logo on a real-life NASCAR stock car, now I load up the video game and get to race as the car itself,” said Dominic who also stated that it’s an honor to be featured into the game and is truly thankful to God.

“When I first met Chad (Finchum) I had a feeling that our partnership was going to extend past the Clash so when he gave me a call that he had a possible ride for EchoPark, I said ‘count me in’ right away. I didn’t know at the time that the paint scheme would make the video game when I said yes to sponsoring Chad so this is a really nice way to make it last forever.”

The New York Sports Show was built and still is an independent sports media platform that covers every major New York sports team, along with local West Haven High School sports and historical West Haven sporting moments, venues and players.

With the New York Sports Show being showcased in NASCAR 26, it gives all gamers the exposure not only to the podcast, but also an opportunity to see West Haven



sports as well.

This achievement gives West Haven a unique connection to the project, as a sports-media brand founded and operated in the city has its branding forever a part of one of America’s most recognizable motorsports series and video game industry.

“I love West Haven, I feel privileged in a way that I get to live in such a historic city and I hope that through being in the game it will lead more people to learn more about West Haven athletics and its sporting history,” said Konareski.

Sponsoring the NASCAR stock cars earlier in the year and now being in NASCAR 26 illustrates the accomplishment of how a modern sports-media company continues to evolve.

The New York Sports Show uploads daily content in both article and video form with its podcast-style programming, as well with social media postings across various apps.

From West Haven to NASCAR, and now to a video game.

The New York Sports Show is officially part of West Haven history and NASCAR history.

Above -- The driver and car sponsored by Konareski’s show. Below -- Konareski.



Sept. 19-20 scores listed in Youth Soccer

Although last weekend was washed out, West Haven Youth Soccer got in all its games the week before. The West Haven Federation of Teachers faced off against Nick’s Luncheonette in an exciting game. Nick’s Luncheonette took the win, 3-1. Chase Conte was outstanding in goal, making several impressive saves and showing no hesitation as he stepped up to stop scoring attempts. Yanni Bertrand played a strong defensive game, repeatedly clearing the ball and intercepting plays from the opposing team. His excellent ball control, agility, and determination were excellent. Kwabena Genfi consistently followed the play, delivered several impressive crosses, and demonstrated excellent communication with his teammates throughout the game.

The Wizzard Painting Blue Jays had a good game against Pinky’s Embroidery & More, with the two teams playing to a 5-5 draw. The boys all played and passed well. Nolan Williams worked extra hard to defend the goal and get the ball out to his teammates. There were beautiful assists from Gage Hemming and Caleb Horvath, with each also finding the back of the net. Lorenzo’s Ristorante Italiano Orange Tangerines battled hard and won, 3-2, against

Top Hat Dance Academy. Anthony Gambardella played tough in the midfield and scored a goal. Preston Screen sealed the game with the winning penalty kick. Isaias Barrera Olivos and Tyler Franklin played standout defense.

Milano & Wanat fell, 2-1, to Frankie’s of West Haven. Leo Carrillo showed great anticipation on defense. William Marmelstein scored a beautiful goal. Adam Elaziz played with tremendous hustle.

It was the second game of the season and Physician Physical Therapy faced off against Elsie Encarnacion State Farm Insurance. Encarnacion State Farm Insurance scored the first goal, but Denzel Ortega of Physicians Physical Therapy scored to tie the game. The Elsie Encarnacion State Farm team scored again but Gabriele Rossi scored a hat trick to take the lead and Shavier Medley got the insurance goal. There was some great defensive stops by Michele Rossi. Physicians Physical Therapy won the game 5-2.

The First Congregational Church of West Haven played the University of New Haven to a 7-2 win. Playing as strikers, Ruaa Naas and Rylee Lanci combined for great ball placement and scoring opportunities. Mercedes Proano worked hard playing out-

side mid making, key passes during the game. The West Haven Police Local 895 Red Dragons played a hard-fought game against the Shoreline Wellness Center Team. Ace Hemming scored a hat trick, and Noah Flores had a key assist to Hemming to tie the game 4-4 with only minutes left. Cash Papa also had a great game at midfield.

Tye West Haven U14 boys travel team went 1-1 last weekend. On Saturday they hosted rivals Guilford, winning, 5-4. Roland Green scored, while Jaxon Cruz and Aaron Azana played well in goal. Ben Trenchard, Jacob Rader, and Collin Gibbons anchored the backline. Ryan Abekah netted the winning goal. On Sunday, the boys traveled to Milford, falling 3-0. Julio Guerra, Luca DeCrescenzo, and Juan Pinedo worked hard in the midfield in the loss.

The West Haven girls U10 Travel Team had its first win, beating Shelton, 6-2. Ayah Lamkhanter led the charge scoring four goals while Mille Azano scored once in her very first travel game. Savannah scored a goal in the final minutes of the game. Elizabeth started in goal and shut Shelton down in the first half, supported by her outstanding defenders Melody and Zayn.

Mistakes doom Westies, 14-7

By Mike Madera
Special to the Voice

After a gut-wrenching loss to start the season, the West Haven football team got into the win column with a 20-14 road victory over Norwalk.

Cordell Barrow caught a pair of touchdown passes from Landon Gartner, and the West Haven defense held Norwalk scoreless in the second half for the win.

West Haven took a 6-0 first quarter lead when Haven N’sumbu scored on a 4-yard run. Trailing 7-6 in the second quarter, Gartner connected with Barrow for a 36-yard score and a 14-7 lead after Jakari Harris scored on the conversion.

Norwalk evened the game at he half, but West Haven scored the only points of the second half in the third quarter. Gartner’s 26-yard scoring strike to Barrow gave West Haven a 20-14 lead it never relinquished.

N’sumbu ran for 124 yards, and he also had two tackles for a loss on the defensive side. Barrow had four receptions for 95 yards in the win.

Turnovers then proved costly for West Haven. Led by a strong defensive effort, including two fumble recoveries and two interceptions, Law defeated West Haven 14-7 in a Southern Connecticut Conference contest at Jonathan Law.

A diving interception by Eason Dong 3 minutes, 18 seconds into the second half set Law up at the West Haven 38 with the game even at seven. Eight plays later, quarterback Matthew Witteman found Reid Moulton in stride for a 22-yard touchdown and a 14-7 lead with 5:16 remaining in the third quarter.

From there, it was up to the Law defense. West Haven had a fourth down at the Law 27, and Law stuffed N’Sumbu for a five-yard loss.

After Law was forced to punt after three plays on its next possession, West Haven converted on fourth down when quarterback Kahlil Tomlinson hit Jakari Harris with an 8-yard pass to the Law 28. The Blue Devils never got any further and were stopped on downs with three minutes to go.

West Haven got the ball back with less than 30 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, but a Nick

Vancho interception sealed Law’s first win over West Haven in close to five decades.

West Haven looked as if it would dominate the contest, running 22 of the game’s first 25 offensive plays. The Blue Devils saw their first drive end with a fumble on the Law 26, and their second drive ended with a fumble on the Law 25.

“We are shooting ourselves in the foot,” West Haven coach Tom Unger said after his team fell to 1-2. “In the two losses, the number of mistakes we are making, we have to clean them up. We knew we were young in some spots, and they were going to have to keep getting better every week. We have to work on our execution. We are pretty close to being a really good team, but we can’t make self-inflicted mistakes against really good teams.”

Law took a 7-0 lead with 3:09 remaining in the first half as a 9-play, 65-yard drive ended with a 6-yard touchdown run by Daniel Rascoll.

The lead was short-lived as Jakari Harris took the ensuing kickoff up the middle, cut right, and scored on an 87-yard return to even the game at seven just 13 seconds later.

The volleyball team improved to 3-1 with a 3-2 home victory over Sheehan. The Westies won by scores of 25-21, 12-25, 19-25, 25-21, and 15-10.

Liz Aquino led the way with 29 assists and seven digs, Julianna Ruggiero was strong all game with 21 digs and 15 kills, Isabella VanBrederode added 10 kills and six digs, while Gabrielle Hines had seven kills in the win.

West Haven fell to 3-2 with a 3-0 home loss against Cheshire. The Westies lost by scores of 25-19, 25-12, and 25-17.

Aquino ran the offense with 13 assists, Nathaly Siguencia Tenesaca had 12 digs, and Ruggiero added eight kills and eight digs in the loss. Stacy Anton also had four kills for West Haven.

The Westies got back on the winning track with a 3-0 win at Career. The 25-10, 25-10, 25-9 win helped West Haven improve to 4-2 on the year. Aquino had 12 assists and three aces, Perez Rosario had seven kills, VanBrederode had five kills, and Ruggiero add-

ed four aces and four kills in the win.

After topping East Haven 3-2 on the road, the Westies returned home and defeated Luralton Hall 3-1. The victory was West Haven’s third in a row and improved the team to 6-2 on the year.

Aquino led the way with 38 assists and two kills on offense, while recording 15 digs on the defensive side. Ruggiero also had a big night with 24 kills and 20 digs, Hines added 12 kills and six aces, while Siguencia Tenesaca had nine digs.

Estefanni Sotoj Ortiz added seven digs, Anton had six aces, three kills, and two digs, and Katheryne Macz had five digs.

West Haven fell at home to Sacred Heart Academy. The 25-5, 25-11, 25-20 loss dropped the Westies to 6-3.

Ruggiero led the way with 10 digs and six kills, Macz had eight digs, Sotoj Ortiz had five digs, and Hines had five kills.

The boys soccer team moved to 1-0-1 with a 1-1 tie at Xavier. Freshman Benjamin Barragan gave West Haven a 1-0 lead, but Xavier rallied to tie the game in the second half for the draw.

Junior Sabri Abdelmageed made seven saves in the tie for the Westies.

“We are very happy with our players and how they face adversity during the game,” West Haven assistant coach Ronaldo Arroyo said. “We believe we showed a top SCC school what we are about.”

West Haven improved to 2-0-2 with a 2-1 victory at Career/Hillhouse. Barragan and Amar Sanounou scored for the Westies.

The Westies won their second straight contest with a 3-2 home victory over previously undefeated Guilford. Sanounou scored twice, Youssouf Keira scored once, and Santiago Morales added an assist in the win as West Haven improved to 3-0-2 on the year.

After West Haven’s Joel Goodlow and Bricatson Laurent had opportunities denied in front, Guilford took a 1-0 lead 18:45 into the contest. Sanounou evened the game with 7:24 remaining in the half.

Keira scored off an assist from Morales 13:55 into the second half, before Guilford evened the game off

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Rink: Upgrades to extend facility’s life

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address that problem through improvements to both the building envelope and mechanical systems.

New exterior insulation will help separate the interior environment from changing outdoor conditions, while improvements to the roof will provide additional insulation and moisture protection. The connection between the roof and exterior wall systems will also be sealed to prevent moisture-laden air from finding its way into the building.

“We are effectively wrapping the roof and walls with new exterior material,” LoSasso said. “That will help control the interior temperature and make sure that it is maintained.”

The project will also replace the existing air-handling equipment with systems designed specifically to address the environmental needs of the rink. Outdoor air entering the building will be treated through dehumidification equipment before it is distributed throughout the facility.

That work is particularly important because the rink’s humidity levels can directly affect the ice.

“We’re battling humidity and moisture problems all season in the building,” said Chris Everone, Facilities Director at West Haven Public Schools. “When humidity goes up outside, it affects the conditions inside, which has an effect on the ice.”

The new mechanical systems are expected to help maintain a more consistent environment while also improving the efficiency of the facility.

“Most importantly, new mechanical systems would help maintain the ice and keep the building at a consistent temperature,” Everone said. “New refrigeration equipment would also make the rink more efficient to operate.”

LoSasso said the mechanical improvements are being planned with a minimum 20-year service life in mind. The same long-term approach applies to the roofing work, with the overall objective being to

give the district a facility that can continue operating without requiring another major construction project in the near future.

“The goal is essentially to provide a facility that, with proper maintenance and care, won’t require additional significant construction until at least 20 years have passed,” LoSasso said.

The project was expanded after the Bennett Rink was recognized as part of the West Haven High School gymnasium and physical education facilities, making it eligible for state school construction reimbursement.

State Rep. Bill Heffernan (D-1150 played a key role in helping the project move forward and securing the additional state funding, working closely with Cavallaro and state policy staff in Hartford to explain the situation at Bennett Rink and examine options for expanding the funding available for the project.

“Considering the Bennett Rink a gymnasium is probably the main reason we were able to obtain the funding,” Heffernan said.

The additional funding allowed the district to expand the scope of the project to address more of the work needed at the facility without passing the full cost along to local taxpayers. Cavallaro said the rink also has to sustain itself financially and that rental income and the work of district tradespeople have helped make that possible.

“The proactive work that will take place will ultimately save us money in the long run,” Cavallaro said. “It will enable us to continue to provide a service without interruption based on a mechanical failure.”

The project is not intended to change what Bennett Rink is. There is no major interior redesign planned, and the rink will continue to serve as a physical education facility for West Haven High School while remaining available for hockey and other community activities.

For Cavallaro, that educational role is particularly important.

“What most residents aren’t aware of is that the rink’s primary function and the reason it was funded 50% by the State Department of Education is that it is a large component of the physical education program at the high school,” he said. “It is essentially a classroom for our students.”

That role is one reason preserving the facility extends beyond maintaining a place to play hockey. Students will continue to use the rink as part of their physical education experience, while the high school hockey program and community users will continue to rely on the facility throughout the year.

From a facilities standpoint, the project is designed to make that continued use more sustainable.

“By sealing the building envelope, we can keep outside air from entering the building and better control the air inside, which will help maintain better ice conditions,” Everone said. “The new mechanical systems will also be more efficient to operate during the hockey season.”

The district’s long-range plan calls for Bennett Rink to remain in its current capacity for at least the next 20 years.

The project’s building-envelope and HVAC improvements are intended to help make that possible while addressing the aging systems that support the facility.

For a rink that has been part of West Haven since it opened for the 1969-70 season (closed in 1970-71 to repair the floor and reopened in 1972), the goal is not to change its role, but to preserve it. Bennett will continue to serve as a classroom for West Haven High School students while remaining a home for hockey and a resource for the broader community.

“West Haven has a long history of great hockey,” Everone said. “We want to continue that hockey tradition for a long time here.”

Legal Notice

INVITATION TO BID

PARKING LOT PAVING

The City of West Haven Center District Fire-house is soliciting sealed bids for the paving of an approximately 9,500-square-foot parking lot located at:

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West Haven, CT 06516

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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 Friday, October 9, 2026, at 10am, at the storage warehouse for Public Works located at 17 Wood Street Building 1 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 Thursday, October 8, 2026.

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 imme-

diately 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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Bocce champs
Savin Rock Festival Bocce Tournament coordinator Olivia Quagliani, holding the tournament bracket, presents a Dunkin’ gift card to defending bocce champions Kevin, left, and Larry at the Old Grove Park courts July 25. The annual tournament is held by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

My Two Cents

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Databases do not showcase minor league box scores prior to 2015, with box scores 2014 and older coming via team archives and fans who still game their game programs. It is unclear if Jeter played in the first two games of the series, although it is extremely likely that he did, considering he had just three off-days when the A-C Yankees began the series.
The full game box scores may not be widely known, but when is known and confirmed is that Jeter would go 2-for-5 against the Ravens on that last day of July baseball in that final game of the series.
Overall, that July 31st game would be the last time Jeter played in West Haven, but he would face off against the Ravens one more time. On a rehab assignment in May of 2003, after recovering from a dislocated left shoulder sustained on Opening Day, Jeter would put up a 4-for-9 line across two games. Jeter’s final at-bat being a bases-loaded double that drove in the go-ahead runs for the Trenton Thunder in what was a home game for the Yankees affiliate.
With Jeter playing ball in West Haven, it has him part of an elite list of baseball stars to step on the Westie diamond. Jeter is in the same group as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, *Mickey Mantle, Bob Feller, Satchel Paige, Yogi Berra and Willie Mays, when it comes to players who have played in West Haven.
*Mickey Mantle did an exhibition home run derby during the West Haven Yankees’ 1972 season in part of a promotional night.
Derek Jeter’s name is honored in the lower concourse of Yale Field, which has a section that showcases the names and years of key players to play a game at the field over the years.

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Westies: Netters string together two wins

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a penalty kick with 20:53 remaining. Sanounou made sure the Westies came out victorious as his goal 4:59 later gave the Westies a 3-2 lead.

West Haven suffered its first loss and fell to 3-1-2 with a 3-0 loss at Notre Dame-West Haven. The Westies had their chances, but were unable to find the back of the net in heir first loss of the season.

The West Haven girls soccer

team fell to 0-3 with a 4-0 loss at North Haven. The Westies then got in the win column with a 3-0 road victory over Wilbur Cross.

Senior Amiyah Jones scored twice and sophomore Stella Porto also added a goal in the team's first win of the year.

West Haven won its second straight game and improved to 2-3 on the year with a 6-1 home victory over Career/Hillhouse. Jones led the way

with three goals, Laurelyn Chesson, Kylie Gibbons, and Gillian Wynus also scored one goal apiece in the win.

West Haven won its third straight contest with a 6-0 home victory over Sheehan. The Westies have outscored their opponents 15-1 during the streak and are now 3-3 on the year.

Jones led the way with four goals, while Porto added three assists in the win. Luci-

ana Cappetta and Wynus also scored for the Westies.

The girls swim team fell to 0-2 with a 98-81 loss at Foran. Emily Falanga won the 50 freestyle in 27.97 seconds, and Sophia DeLauri won the 100 breaststroke in 1:19.28.

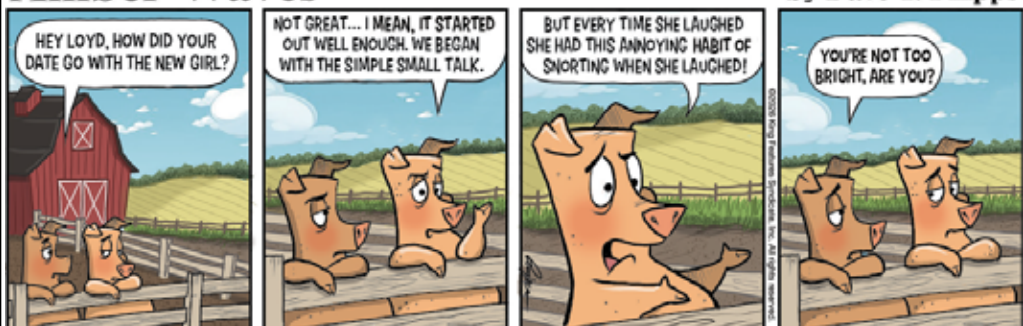
The team on Arianna Rose, Margarita Buren, DeLauri, and Falanga won the 400 free relay in 4:32.47.

The West Haven boys cross country team ran the 5,000

meters at Cheshire, with East Haven, Foran and Notre Dame – West Haven. Junior Ayman Elaziz was West Haven's top runner in 19 minutes, 3.1 seconds. Senior Benjamin Proano was next in 19:48.4, while junior Ellis Cortes finished in 21:00.3, and senior Dylan Arias Llerena finished in 23:27.8. Junior Angel Lopez-Martinez (26:24.1) and senior Gabriel Greengas (27:02.4) rounded out West Haven's top six.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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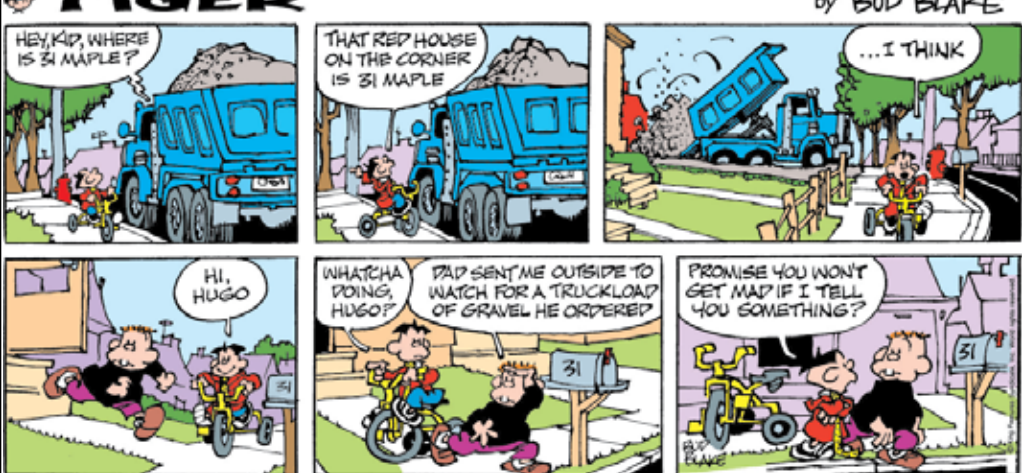
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by Jeff Pickering



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- 53 Resistance unit

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers: 1. Light is moved. 2. Pillow is larger. 3. Top rung on ladder is missing. 4. Bedpost is taller. 5. Bedspread hangs down more. 6. Rear bedpost in corner is not seen.

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Trivia Test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Almost 90% of the world's population lives in which hemisphere?
- AD SLOGANS: Which major retailer uses the ad slogan, "Save money. Live better"?
- MOVIES: Which district is Katniss from in "The Hunger Games"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What was singer Elvis Presley's favorite sandwich?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the poem "Paradise Lost"?
- U.S. STATES: Which U.S. state is the only one with its own power grid?
- TELEVISION: Where does Fred Flintstone work on the animated series "The Flintstones"?
- MUSIC: Which band released the hit song "Don't Stop Believin'"?
- HISTORY: What is the Code of Hammurabi?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the two-faced Roman god?

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Trivia Test Answers

1. Northern; 2. Walmart; 3. District 12; 4. Peanut butter, bacon and banana; 5. John Milton; 6. Texas; 7. Slate Rock and Gravel Company; 8. Journey; 9. An early written legal code; 10. Janus

King Crossword

Solution time: 22 mins.

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My Two Cents

By Dominic Konareski

Derek Jeter is one of the most polarizing players in baseball history and an undisputed great amongst Yankees fans. The old Yankee Stadium may have been 'The House That Ruth Built,' but at the same time it was also 'The House That Jeter Maintained.' Before Jeter was known in the Bronx though, he had to go through the ranks of minor league baseball and the grind that it was.

Being drafted 6th overall by New York in the 1992 MLB Draft, Derek Jeter would move up through Rookie and Single-A ball fairly quickly, finding himself with the Double-AA Albany-Colonie Yankees in 1994 after a mid-season call-up from Tampa to make his AA debut on June 25th.

Jeter didn't spend much time at the Double-AA level, playing just 34 games before his eventual call up to Triple-AAA with the rest being history. Frankly, the best way to put it, throwing out all professional journalistic standards, is the fact that Derek Jeter tore the cover off the ball while with Albany. In those 34 Double-AA games, Jeter slashed .349/.439/.492 with a .931 OPS, while hitting 3 home runs and showing off his speed for 7 doubles and a triple.

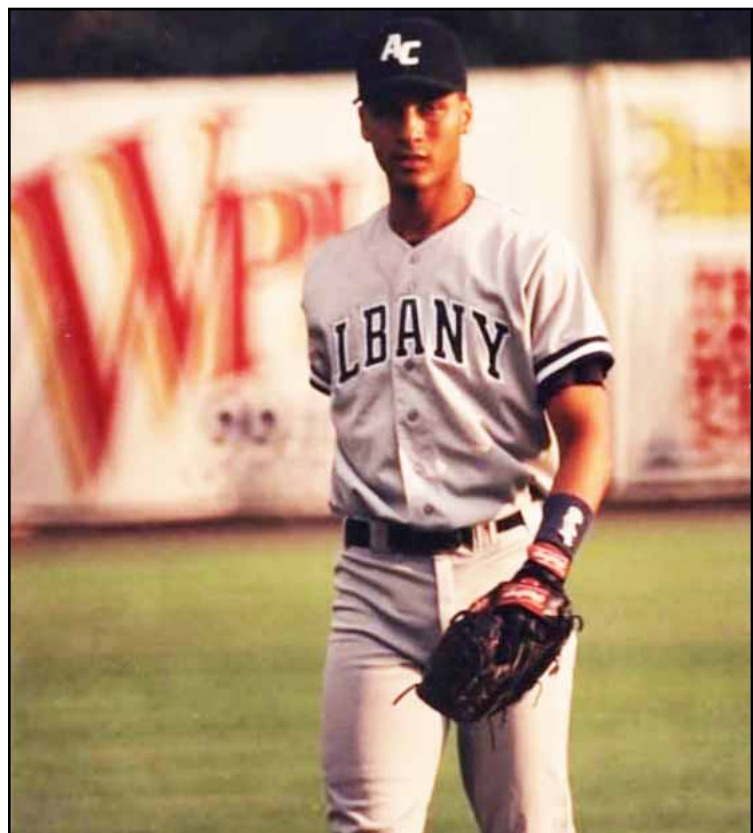
As Jeter continued to stay hot with Albany, the Yankees would head into West Haven to play at Yale Field (now known as George H.W. Bush Field), to face the New Haven Ravens. Many people connect the Yale baseball stadium to New Haven, as it is just roughly 100-feet away from the West Haven-New Haven line, but it does technically reside on the West Haven side with an official address of 252 Derby Ave, West Haven.

As Jeter arrived at the historic Yale field, the Ravens were in the midst of their first season of baseball and were a hit around town. Meanwhile, his A-C Yankees had announced just a month prior that the team would be rebranding and relocating to Connecticut as the Norwich Navigators after the 1994 season.

Jeter's time with the Albany Yankees would be the only time he would come to West Haven and faced the Ravens in 1994. The A-C Yankees never played any home or away games against the New Haven Ravens until that three-game series in late July – In fact, his final game against New Haven would ultimately be a career changer for the future Yankees' captain.

Derek Jeter would play his final game as a Double-AA caliber player in West Haven against the Ravens. The game took place on July 31, 1994, with it being the final game of a three-game series that started on July 29.

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A young Derek Jeter at Yale Field



Photo courtesy of Rob Forleo

Rink upgrades are planned to extend the life of the 56-year-old facility are expected to extend the life of the building another 20-25 years.

Bennett Rink upgrade to extend venue's life

By Rob Forleo
Special to the Voice

For more than five decades, the Edward L. Bennett Hockey Rink has served as an extension of West Haven High School, functioning not only as the home of the school's hockey program, but also as a classroom for students taking physical education. The rink essentially serves as another gymnasium for the high school, giving students the opportunity to learn to skate and participate in physical education activities on the ice.

That educational role is at the heart of why the district is investing in the facility. While Bennett Rink also serves West Haven youth hockey programs, skating lessons and public skating, its primary purpose is as part of the high school's physical education program. Preserving the rink therefore means preserving an important part of the educational experience for West Haven students.

West Haven Public Schools is moving forward with a \$4 million project focused on the building's envelope and mechanical systems, with the goal of addressing aging infrastructure, improving the rink's environmental conditions and extending the useful life of the facility for at least another 20 years. The project will move forward if approved by the West Haven City Council.

The City of West Haven bonded \$2.25 million for the project. Additional state funding became available after the rink was recognized as part of the high school's gymnasium and physical education facilities, bringing the total project to \$4 million.

Much of the work will take place behind the scenes. The project will include replacing the existing roofing systems, improving exterior insulation and vapor barriers, replacing exterior doors and windows, and upgrading the rink's HVAC and dehumidification systems. While visitors may not notice many of these changes, they are intended to address some of the facility's underlying building and mechanical needs.

"West Haven has a storied history with regards to hockey," Superintendent Neil Cavallaro said. "People around the state who know hockey, know the Bennett Rink."

Cavallaro pointed to the history of West Haven hockey and the youth programs that have helped support the high school program over the years. He also highlighted the unique experience the rink provides, with seating on both sides of the ice creating an atmosphere that has made Bennett a familiar venue to hockey fans throughout Connecticut.

The district's goal now is to preserve that history while

addressing the infrastructure that allows the rink to continue operating.

"Our goal with this project is to ensure that the Bennett Rink will be able to operate for at least the next 20 to 25 years," Cavallaro said. "We will secure the envelope of the building and upgrade its mechanicals, allowing it to operate more efficiently."

Much of the existing equipment has exceeded its expected life expectancy, making the behind-the-scenes work increasingly important to the long-term operation of the facility.

Michael LoSasso of Antinnozzi Associates, the architect for the project, explained that one of the primary challenges at Bennett Rink is moisture.

In an ice rink, the temperature difference between the cold interior environment and the outside air can create conditions where moisture condenses on cold surfaces. At Bennett, that has historically included the interior masonry walls as well as metal components and structural steel.

"It is the same effect you see if you have a cold can of soda and moisture condenses on the surface," LoSasso said. "That is essentially what is happening on a larger scale inside a building that is not adequately protected."

The project is designed to

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