

Back to School!



PHotos by Rob Forleo

Ready for the new year

City Students got back into the school routine on Monday following a nine-week summer vacation. A full day of classes and events quickly made summer vacation a memory with nine months of school work on the calendar ahead. Administrators Rich Webber (Haley) and Carrigan photo, left to right: Wendy Charbonneau, Principal; Maria Burton, Assistant Principal; Paul Giglietti, Assistant Principal welcomed their charges, while the (some?) students themselves looked happy to be back. See page 15 for more pictures.

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Abigail Blake, age 3, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., is hoping to see more rainbows after the rain this week. Just like the one she saw today on the way to her first day of school!

On this date

1995 – Internet giant eBay is founded by Pierre Omidyar. The company owns ebay.com, an online marketplace and auction website.

1971 – Qatar independence. The Persian Gulf state gained its independence after 55 years of British rule.

1967 – Dagen H in Sweden. On this day, Swedish drivers switched from driving on the left-hand side of the road to the right.

1783 – Treaty of Paris is signed between Great Britain and the United States of America. The treaty officially ended the American Revolutionary War.

1752 – Day skipped in the British Empire. The British Empire skipped 11 days starting September 3 when it adopted the Gregorian calendar.

1783 --The Treaty of Paris is signed in Paris. The pact ended the American Revolutionary War between Great Britain and the United States of America

1650 -- Cromwell's forces win. Oliver Cromwell's English New Model Army defeats a Scottish force in a surprise attack at the Battle of Dunbar.



Labor Day

Labor Day originated in 1894 with the signing of a law designating it a federal holiday with the signature of Pres. Grover Cleveland. It set aside the first Monday in September to honor American workers and the labor movement, then in its nascent stage of development. As this circa 1900 post card indicates, it was a day of rest and family relaxation.

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Crime drama to use city as film backdrop

By Dominic Konareski
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New England has more than its share of mafia and crime lore, stories and history. From New Haven’s Wooster Street to Little Italy in New York, the northeast is one of the richest areas of Italian-based mobster stories and stories of true crime. The Mafia genre for both TV and movies is something that is one of the hardest genres to crack, but also a genre that can make a career for anyone involved. *The Godfather* trilogies, James Gandolfini as Tony Soprano and Francis Ford Coppola with Martin Scorsese when it comes to directing.

The month of September will feature an Italian Mafia movie being filmed in West Haven. The film, *No Loose Ends*, a 1990s-inspired crime proof of concept film. *No Loose Ends* is being directed and produced by Bobby Garrafa, with the film sporting several known mafia movie and TV show actors.

Filming will take place on parts on the West Haven shoreline, along with areas in New Haven with the main filming focus in Connecticut being West Haven, with multiple filming locations. The West Haven Police Department will be featured in the film, along with West Haven Mayor Dorinda Borer participating as well.

The project will feature two actors that were in *The Sopranos*, along with an actor who appeared in *The Irishman* and *Law & Order*. Featured actors include Ralph Bracco, John Fiore, Robert Funaro and Pauly Popolizio, with Bobby Garrafa himself also taking up a lead acting role.

Bracco acted in a role as a Tony Pro Mobster in *The Irishman*, with Fiore bringing over 4 decades of acting experience with his notable role coming as “Gigi Cestone” in *The Sopranos*. Robert Funaro was one of the starring actors in *The Sopranos*, playing as “Eugene”, with the role of “Johnny” in *The Irishman*. Popolizio has acted in 14 productions since 2013, such as *Making Bones* (2023), and *She Cries Murder* (2026).

Bobby Garrafa is directing, producing and acting in *No Loose Ends*.

Garrafa, a Massachusetts native, got into both the arts of directing and producing after acting and working on different sets, and was inspired into acting from the likes of Jim Carrey and Leonardo DiCaprio.

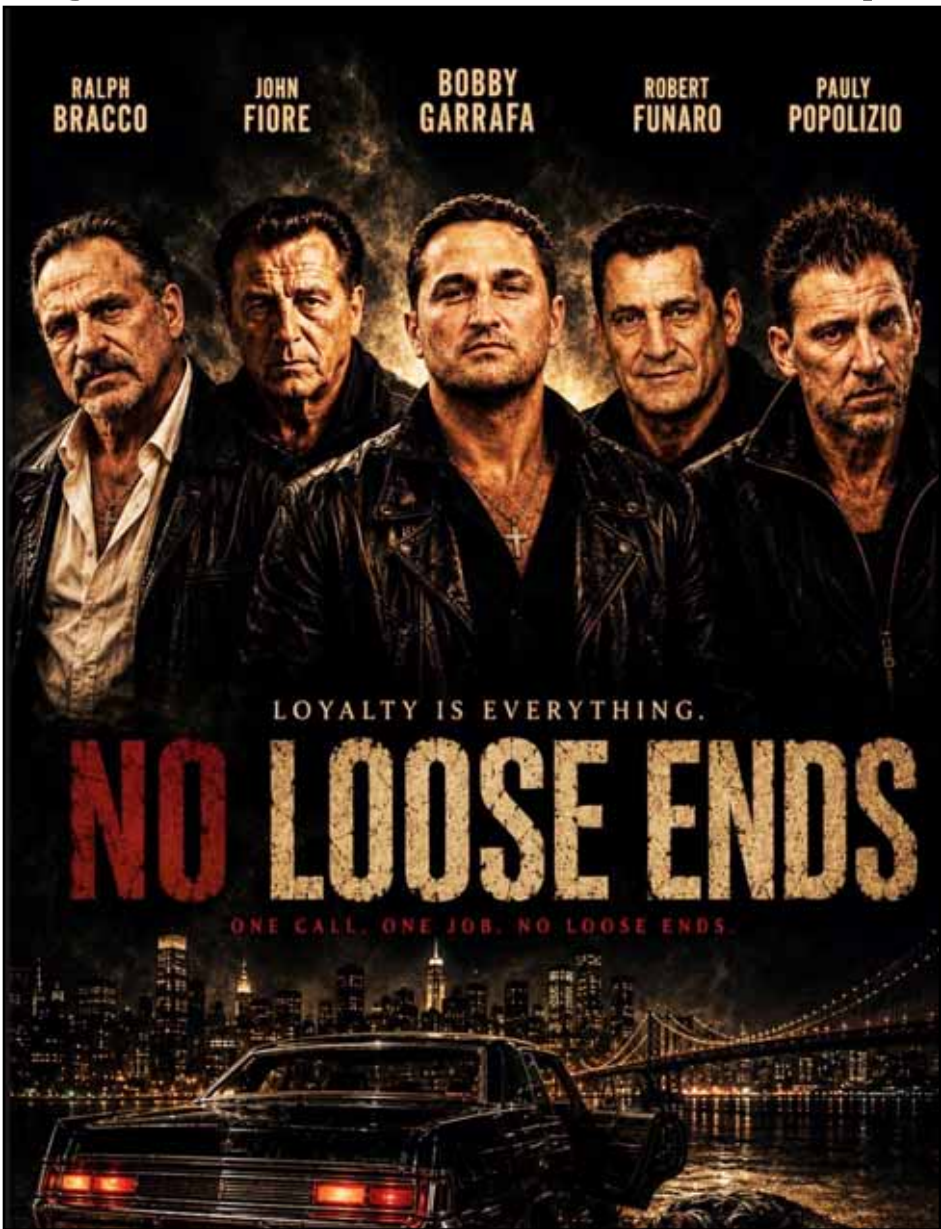
“I wanted to build something from the ground up and help shape the full vision—the story, tone, characters, and atmosphere.”

Garrafa emphasized that each character has his own history and individual weight on the story, with the plan to get into every character personally.

“I want the audience to get to know who these people are and why the consequences unfold.” The ultimate goal of the movie is to create a fresh, original story while “carrying the classic 1990s crime drama feel without pushing it,” said Garrafa.

The *No Loose Ends* project came about from Garrafa’s love of the old-school crime drama atmosphere into a larger world with room to expand. Gar-

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The publicity poster of *No Loose Ends* highlights the cast. The production will use the city as the backdrop for the story.

Bulk trash hauled citywide, Sept. 14-18

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The final bulk trash pickup week of 2026 is Sept. 14-18.

West Haven residents are reminded to separate metals, recyclables and regular trash from bulk trash and put them out no more than 24 hours before pickup. Violations carry a \$100 fine per daily offense, Public Works Commissioner Philip J. Sissick said.

Residents are also reminded to “Put a Lid on It!” and use lids on all trash cans. Rain-soaked trash costs West Haven 10 times more at the dump, according to Sissick, adding that using trash can lids will save the city money by reducing the weight of trash and cost of tipping fees.

Bulk items include couches, chairs, tables, carpeting, padding and fencing, which may not exceed 6 feet in length. No building materials, tires, mattresses/box springs, propane tanks or hazardous waste are accepted.

Options for disposing of building materials include renting a dumpster or bringing the materials to a disposal facility for a fee.

Tires and mattresses/box springs are not considered bulk trash and will not be collected.

Tires can be brought to

Town Fair Tire, 63 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$3.75 per tire.

To dispose of mattresses/box springs, residents must buy mattress/box spring bags from the Department of Public Works and put them out for curbside pickup on the day that is scheduled by the department when the bag is purchased. Bags cost \$30 for the first one and \$20 each after that. They are payable by cash and available in the public works office on the third floor of City Hall, 355 Main St.

Hazardous waste, including propane tanks, can be dropped off for free at HazWaste Central, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven. HazWaste is open Saturday mornings through October.

The amount of bulk trash per collection is limited to 6 cubic yards, which is equal to a pile of trash about 6 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4 ½ feet high.

Homeowners are required to rent a dumpster or hire a junk removal service at their expense if trash exceeds 6 cubic yards. Otherwise, trash exceeding 6 cubic yards will be left at the curb, and a \$100 fine per daily offense will be imposed, Sissick said.

To prevent a potential fine, property owners should fa-

miliarize themselves with the city’s trash guidelines at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/260/Bulk-Trash-Pickup-Other-Services>.

Bulk trash must be generated by the customer at the residential unit where it is collected. Trash will not be collected if it is generated by anyone other than the resident of the home.

Bulk items must be separated and orderly. Do not place them next to a mailbox or utility pole or close to a fence, Sissick said.

Also, do not place bulk items in front of a vacant lot or home — they will not be collected, he said.

For electronic items, including TVs, the final e-waste drop-off day of the year is Sept. 19.

Residents can drop off electronic recyclables — typically anything that contains a circuit board or needs a battery — from 8 a.m.-noon at the city garage, 1 Collis St.

West Haven is partnering with Take 2 Inc. of Waterbury, a state-approved recycler and collector of universal e-waste devices, to collect residential electronic items on a quarterly basis.

The collection is free for residents who have such items as computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, modems, computer mice, tablet computers, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, photocopiers, fax machines, scanners, video game machines, digital media players, personal digital assistants, stereo equipment, telephones, cellphones, cameras, microwaves and other small appliances.

Batteries and anything that has refrigerant, includ

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Dear Felicia

Around this time o’ year, the “September Song” rolls around in Cobina’s head for a week or so. “It’s a long, long, while from May to December. And the days grow short, when you reach September.” For the kiddies who trapsed back to the classroom this week, they might be thinkin’, “It might be a long while from May to December, but it’s awfully short from June to September.”

The kiddies went back to skool Monday, the last day of August, but it had to be like the summer jest flew by for them. I know it was for m’self. It jest seems like the last three months from June 1 to September 1 were on a roller coaster that was on a downward plunge, and didn’t stop. The next nine months will be like the next upward climb that gits slower.

Tennyrate, here in the Asylum by the Sea things are starting to percolate, as the slow season, politico-wise comes to an end as well. There seems to be an uptick in activity in the Actors Colony, and now that Labor Day is approaching, things will get back into the familiar pattern. As far as campaigns and the fall elections, things will be picking up as well. The ads on the telly made an early appearance, and will only git more annoying as we

git closer to November.

And speaking of politicos, what are Rosa DeLauro Greenberg and Chris Murphy imbibing? Whatever it is, they seem to be constantly angry, verging on manic. Cobina was sent a video of She of the Purple Pate and not only is she shrill and annoying (more than usual), she is getting more and more incoherent. Now that her bud Nancy Pelosi is exiting the hallowed halls at the end of Pennsylvania Avenue, Rosa will be amongst the top five oldest members of the opposition, a true geriatric group effen there was one.

Meanwhile, Murphy, who has to be one of the most unhappy people on the planet – and one of the nawstiest, just can’t git through a query or interview without going off the rails. The entire state delegation is a lesson in one-party politics and deranged thinking, but these two lead the pack. A dubious honor, indeed!

A few weeks ago, Mike Mercuriano, who is now in retirement but still staying active, called the office to let us know that the Carousel Committee was still active. That was news to Cobina, who had thought the entire issheew had faded into the ether.

Maybe Cobina should recap for those who might not remember, or

are new to our lit’le corner of the universe. The idea to put a carousel at the once-West Haven Conference Center, adjacent to the Savin Rock Museum was floated about for years. The museum was located in the basement of the Conference Center until it was closed. The exhibits are now at the Veterans Museum, methinks, at least temporarily housed.

Now that the Conference Center is memory, and the reopening of a Savin Rock Museum is on the backburner, the idea of a place for the carousel faded with both – at least that’s what we thought!

Mercuriano sez that the carousel idea is still bright and shiny and that the committee has a plan to get something underway. That might include the building of pavilion to house it. That was the plan more than a decade ago. A pavilion was gonna be built, and a merry-go-round similar to the one that once stood front and center on Beach Street in the heyday of the amusement park would be placed therein.

The cost of the project was going to be about 3 million kopecks. Then there was dickering about the size of the carousel and whether it would fit in the proposed building without encroaching on the open space. All, of course, would have to pass inspection of not only the city, but the Land Trust. Sooo, a later proposal was for a smaller carousel, made by the Philadelphia Toboggan Co.,

the same producer of the one at the Rock.

But things got mashed up and things seemed to die off. Now, Mercuriano is insisting there is a plan, and a move to git the funding for the project. He was going to send the details our way so we can take a gander at them. That was about six weeks ago. Nary a thing since.

We’d like to see what is planned, and then let everyone know about it. Cobina remembers the original carousel and the barrel organ that could be heard all over Beach Street. That organ, effen yew remember, was brought back to Savin Rock for the Festival about 10 years ago. It was nice to hear the music.

Sooooo, the ball is still in Mercuriano’s court. Effen the committee has a proposal, we’d like to know what it is. As the old ad sez, “Inquiring minds want to know.”

Sammy Bluejay let it be know, and we saw the Request for Proposal, the city is looking to have a public/private partnership for the upgrading and rebuilding of Quigley Stadium. This comes weeks after we wondered what in Hades was going on at the venerable ballpark. To say it is in a state of decline would be like saying the Blizzard of ‘78 was snow flurry.

The city is looking for said partnership, and already it’s got the rumor mill in high gear. Here’s the scenario. The University of New Haven has been said to be interested in the stadium for years. The school is getting bigger, with more students, and now has entered Division I competition in all its intercollegiate sports.

The venues for most of its teams are up on the North Campus which is nestled in an Allingtown neighborhood. A new gym and athletic center was opened about a year ago, that is said to be state-of-the-art. But the problem with the current locale is the geography.

As it is “nestled” in a neighborhood, what parking there is can be found at the new gym, jest like when the old gym was there. That is about a quarter-mile or more from Dodds Stadium, which is third in line after the softball field and baseball diamond. All the other parking is along residential streets. Dodds Stadium would be in need of additional seats to git up to snuff for bigger competition, Iyam told.

Herein enters Quigley Stadium. Rumors about the possible entrance of UNH into Div. I have been around for more than 20 years. And those supposed interests included the purchase and upgrading of the stadium as well as the

surrounding area for better access and parking. In the meanwhile, the university will be allowing local use of the field, etc. as part of community outreach.

With the latest RFP going around, those 20-year-old whispers are louder than ever. A public/private plan seems to be right in concert with the ideas mentioned above, and the use of city teams and leagues when not in use by the university would be a match beneficial to both.

Sammy seems to think the details will be coming out sooner rather than later, and the much talked about partnership mentioned when George W. was in the White House will be a reality in a while.

We shall see. We are not as ready to believe things as Sammy is, but when the RFP went out, the wagging tongues wagged and wagged. We shall see.

Last issheew, the city put out the Charter revisions it wants to see the voters pass in November. Amongst the spate of major changes, like a four-year term for city elected officials, there is the effort to make language in the charter “gender-neutral.” In other words, clarity will give way to, how do we say this delicately? Stupidity. Effen there has been anything more silly and, yes, stupid over the last 30 years since “politically correct” became a thing, it is the emasculation of the language in more ways than one.

It started with “hurricane” in the 1970s, when harpies started demanding that storms be named after both men and women, or is it wymyn? Then we went from “spokesmen” to “spokesperson,” etc. It is all very tiring and only caters to the loonies that ponder over setch things. Don’t say “actress” anymore, she is an “ACK-tor” and the same with “author-ess” and heiress, etc.

Now they wanna change titles in the charter to conform with this nonsense. Sooo, what is being said is the charter commish spent time culling through the documents to bend the knee to the mob that has made the language unmanageable for years. This is what has led to nonsense like “Cis” and “Ze.” We don’t do that here. We re-gender the nouns so they are clear, and masculine gender takes precedence when things are unsure, jest like we were taught in school.

Let the academic classes have their “Critical Theories” of oppressed and oppressor. They are the navel-gazers of society and should not be taken seriously by people who have real lives.

Here endeth the rant. I’ll close this time till next mitt luff und kizzez,

Cobina

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Behind the stacks

By Taylor Cordova
Special to the Voice

Welcome back to Behind the Stacks. A new month means new Take & Make kits from our Ora Mason library. Adults can take home a DIY mini sachet craft. Everything is provided in your kit, including a 2" x 3" rustic burlap bag, a soothing blend of dried lavender, and lemon-infused long white grain rice (for fragrance use only, not edible). Inspired by the end of summer, this small rustic sachet brings a fresh, calming aroma to any space. Our children's Take & Make this month is a DIY Catapult-build your own catapult and see how far you can launch. All take & make crafts are on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last.

Kids can also put their detective skills to the test with Detective Case File: Who Borrowed the Mystery Book. Search the Children's Department for five hidden clues hidden throughout the room. Complete the detective case file by recording your answers and identifying which library staff member borrowed the Mystery Book. Drop in at Ora Mason any time this month to participate.

Do you know of any teens looking to earn some volunteer hours for school? Join us at the Main Library for our volunteer group. Each month we will work on a new service project, plan food/clothing drives, and enjoy snacks. This month we will be brainstorming service projects to work on throughout the year, so bring your ideas and creativity. Volunteer hours are open to teens in grades 7-12. Registration is required.

Finally, don't forget to join us at the library on September 11th for an American Red Cross Blood Drive. You can schedule an appointment through the events page on our website or by contacting the library at wmcirc@westhavenlibrary.org or (203) 937-4233. Walk-ins are also welcome, so feel free to stop by between 10am and 3pm to donate blood, enjoy refreshments and take home a donor reward.

As the ongoing task of organizing our archives continues, our Reference Associate Shane is bound to unearth some interesting stories. This one is particularly touching; take it away, Shane.

One of the most popular parts of our archive collection is easily our history of West Haven High yearbooks. While there are some years missing, most Blue Flame volumes between 1925 and 2024 are covered. Almost daily we have patrons perusing, showing off themselves, their parents, or their partners. It's honestly one of my favorite features of the library, a visual confirmation of our history to this town and its institutions. This collection, however, holds a significant place in my heart as it began my journey as an archivist.

I am not originally from West Haven, loathe I am to admit it. I started working here as a part-time assistant where I helped to lighten the loads of the librarians and clear their schedules a bit. It was during my first year that I was asked to assist in an archival project. A foundation dedicated to writing obituaries for every American soldier killed in WWII reached out to us here at the library. They were researching an Army Aviator shot down over Sardinia that was born and raised a Blue Devil. They asked if we had any information for his epitaph, and I was brought in for the search.

After calculating based on his birth year when he would have turned 18 we figured out he graduated from West Haven High in 1939. Unfortunately, this was one of our missing volumes. By the time this project reached me, hope was lost, but something spurred me forward. His name was John Frederick Lynch, and he'd died serving his country, and maybe I'm idealistic but I believe some history should not be lost. I searched digital archives, social media posts, and anything I could find of the man or that year. After careful research into the fate of old yearbooks I found, to my disbelief, a community on

eBay dedicated to selling and trading historic yearbooks.

Of course, the idea that the 1939 edition of The Blue Flame would be randomly awaiting on eBay would be ridiculous. It was also true. My heart soared but there was one key obstacle, I still needed the exact page Second Lieutenant Lynch was awaiting me on, but it was impossible. This stroke of incredible luck convinced me of the sacred nature of my quest; I would do everything in my power to find Lieutenant Lynch's entry in this yearbook. Turns out, his photo was front and center on one of the sample pictures provided by

the seller, which was a big win for me and a crazy coincidence that I still think about.

Really, when you think about it the odds are impossible, but when I looked at Lieutenant Lynch's entry I felt a level of camaraderie. He was "Fred" to his friends, grew up on Ocean Ave and loved to read. Though he's lain in a soldier's grave in Nettuno, Italy for longer than I've been alive, I too was an avid reader in high school. I went to college just as his yearbook says he planned to and we even had some overlap in the clubs we were a part of. Though it may seem like a silly gimmick, kids

looking to embarrass their older siblings or older folks reliving simpler times, our collection of yearbooks connects us to the stories of those who have come before and inevitably those who will come after. If I had not fallen for the rush of digging through history for Fred Lynch, perhaps I would not be writing these articles and chasing down the origins of old paintings.

We sent the information to our friends at Stories Behind the Stars so they could write the obituary, as without the sacrifice of Lieutenant Lynch and so many others, none of us might have come to be.



Finding information about 1939 WHHS graduate John Lynch was a daunting task for library correspondent Taylor Cordova.

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E-vehicle ordinance timely

It is one of the marvels of modern life and capitalism that electronic vehicles have become a familiar part of the culture in such a short time. Scooters and bicycles, powered by batteries, can be seen daily traveling along the thoroughfares of West Haven – and everywhere else.

Residents, who otherwise would have no capability of getting cheap transportation, are able to travel and do their business at a cheap price. But with the new technology and convenience, there is a growing concern for some who are less responsible when it comes to prudent safety.

The proliferation of these types of vehicles, an up-ide for most users, has led to an inevitable downside. Those using e-scooters or e-bikes are responsible individuals, looking out for their safety and the safety of others.

In a perfect world this would always be the case and would not require the passage of ordinances or fines to control the vehicles' usage. With every innovation comes the necessity for some controls. Men are not angels, and there will always be those who look toward their own selfish needs over those of others.

There is no doubt with the convenience of the new technology has come a concomitant rise in reckless behavior by some. Speeding along sidewalks or numbers of e-bikes taking over streets is a rising problem.

Most scooter users are conscious of pedestrians and move accordingly. Most bikers are in designated lanes or on the street, mindful of motorists and pedestrians, as well as traffic signs and signals. Most are, but some are not, and something had to be done.

The City Council's recent passage of an ordinance to put some strictures on e-vehicles is welcome, and timely. The use of such technology will only grow as the prices come down, and people see the convenience. The problem, as with most things of this nature is not the use, but the abuse. People will find ways to make something convenient and practical into a problem that needs to be addressed.

The new ordinance restricts e-vehicles (that cannot otherwise be pedaled or walked) along the city's bike/walk path from Sandy Point to the Charlotte Bacon playground.

Signs have been installed alerting e-vehicle users of the new restrictions. More importantly to the public is the restrictions of speed to 10 miles per hour on sidewalks. This will, we hope, slow down users and make them more mindful of those around them.

The first violation carries with it a \$100 fine, and subsequent offenses have the same \$100 price tag.

As with most such ordinances, the fine serves as a deterrent to bad behavior, but it only works if the law is enforced. We are curious as to how this new enactment will be implemented by law enforcement. Time will tell whether it is an enforceable law, or just a "we had to do something" irrelevance.

The use of electronic technology is a good thing for those in need of quick, easy transport. It is a testament to the capitalist system that innovators produced something the public wants and serves a need. It is also true that with innovation comes abuse.

The new ordinance should, if implemented well, address those abuses, and protect the public.



Flock cameras and privacy

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist
Don't fear Flock cameras

We have met the enemy -- and it is watching us. There's a growing backlash against Flock cameras, the automated license plate readers that have become ubiquitous across the country.

The cameras take images of license plates, which are then stored in a searchable database that police departments can query in the course of investigations. Opponents of the cameras consider them an instrument of Big Brother, who's not only watching, but constantly recording and tracking. Vandals have disabled and stolen the Flock cameras and even shot them. There's a movement to get jurisdictions to cancel their contracts with Flock (the leading such company, but not the only one), and it has met with some success.

Los Angeles just let its contract with Flock lapse, citing "serious concerns around civil liberties and civil rights issues." There's a reason, though, that police departments so rapidly adopted the cameras -- they are an extremely useful investigative tool.

It is certainly true that the technology, like any power we give the police, can be misused. According to The Washington Post, "Authorities have charged or accused

at least 50 law-enforcement officers of using license-plate readers for unauthorized purposes, including to stalk their exes." The Post calls the abuse "rampant," but 50 documented cases isn't a large number given the widespread use of these devices: There are 120,000 Flock cameras across the United States scanning license plates 20 billion times a month.

It is understandable that people don't like the idea that they are, in effect, living in a panopticon. But license plate readers aren't the only offender. There are all sorts of other surveillance cameras, many of them privately owned and operated, that the police access during investigations. We let our mobile phones and various apps track us all day long. And something like 60 million households have Ring or other security cameras that record what's happening on their property and often in the immediate surroundings.

The only reliable way to ensure that you aren't being recorded is to stay inside -- and draw the curtains. Officers who abuse the license-plate readers deserve to be fired and, if appropriate, charged with crimes, which is often what happens. Strict rules around what constitutes a legitimate query of the system and routine audits should make it harder for rogue officers to use the cameras for ne-

farious purposes.

The police officials who are advocating for Flock aren't doing it so the cops can track the average person's trip to the grocery store or yoga studio. The cameras routinely aid in the identification and apprehension of the perpetrators of serious crimes, the location of missing persons and the recovery of stolen cars.

According to the Jacksonville, Florida, sheriff's office, since 2024, the cameras have "helped solve 15 murders, 17 kidnappings, six forcible sex offenses, nearly 100 shootings and 172 missing-persons cases."

A website set up by Charles Lehman of the Manhattan Institute is tracking news items about Flock contributing to successful police work. There are such stories every day, all over the country. Two recent entries related the arrest of an armed robbery suspect in Grass Valley, California, and the rescue of two kidnapped teenage girls in Bulloch County, Georgia. After getting a tip, the authorities used Flock to find the suspect in the Brown University shooting last year.

Perhaps these crimes would get solved anyway, but if even a fraction of them didn't, Flock would be making a meaningful contribution to public safety. It used to be that America had, in effect, ungoverned spaces where malefac-

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Don't make better medicine harder to develop

By Patrick Kilbride
Public Affairs Analyst

There's never a good time to be diagnosed with cancer. But for the millions of Americans who'll receive that diagnosis this year, their odds of beating the disease have never been better.

Consider how over 99% of prostate cancer patients diagnosed between 2005 and 2014 were still alive a decade later, largely thanks to new and improved medicines. By contrast, only 56% of men diagnosed a generation earlier, from 1975-1984, lived more than a decade.

Unfortunately, future progress is now in jeopardy -- because policymakers are considering weakening the patent rights that make investment in lifesaving medical research possible.

Biotech research is staggeringly expensive and time-consuming and it is overwhelmingly financed by the private sector. Bringing a medicine to market typically takes more than a decade and over \$2.5

billion.

Biotech companies would never be able to justify those risks if their rivals could immediately copy any successful drugs. Patents give inventors a time-limited exclusive right to their innovation, after which others can copy that work without bearing the expense of research and development.

Crucially, patents also incentivize companies to continue improving medicines even after the initial FDA approval.

But some activist groups, such as the Initiative for Medicines, Access & Knowledge (I-MAK), have convinced lawmakers that companies are gaming the patent system. They claim that companies are patenting many different aspects of their medicines to construct "patent thickets" that unfairly prevent generic competition for longer than Congress ever intended.

These groups are misrepresenting how the patent system actually works.

Medicines aren't the result of a single eureka moment. A

single therapy may involve separate discoveries in formulation, delivery mechanisms, manufacturing processes, dosing, or new therapeutic uses. So long as each discovery is truly novel, useful, and non-obvious, it can qualify for its own patent.

And contrary to what activist groups claim, more patents don't translate into longer periods of market exclusivity. A 2024 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) study confirmed this, finding no correlation between the number of patents on a medicine and the timing of generic competition.

Activists also claim that companies unfairly extend protection by filing additional patents on "minor" modifications -- a practice known as "evergreening." This, too, mischaracterizes how patents actually work.

Follow-on patents reflect meaningful improvements that require new research. Those new follow-on patents don't extend the term of the

earlier, original ones. Each patent expires 20 years from its filing date, regardless of any later patents granted.

After that exclusivity ends, generic versions of the original drug are free to enter the market -- and they do, promptly. Generics now account for 93% of all U.S. prescriptions, the highest share in the developed world.

Simply put, activists misunderstand -- or are deliberately misrepresenting -- how the patent system works. And unfortunately, enough lawmakers have bought into these myths that they're considering

several bills to weaken patent protections.

If those bills become law, and companies can't protect their medical discoveries from premature copycatting, biotech firms will be far less likely to undertake the high-risk research that produces those breakthroughs. That would mean fewer new and improved medicines for the millions of Americans battling cancer and other severe diseases.

Patrick Kilbride is a Principal at Kilbride Public Affairs and a Policy Fellow at the Center for American Principles.



News Brlefs

Center offers Cape Cod trip

Tour the land of Cape Cod with the West Haven Senior Center on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 15- 16. Bus departs at 8:15 a.m. from the Vertical Church parking lot at 225 Meloy Road.

The cost of this trip is based on per person occupancy; \$475 for 1 person, for 2 people, \$400 each, for 3 people, \$375 each, and for 4 people, \$360 each. Payment is due by Friday, Aug. 7. The cost includes 1 night stay at the Holiday Inn Hyannis, 2-hour Cape Cod Canal Cruise, a guided tour of Hyannis, 1-hour Hyannis Harbor Cruise, admission to the Cape Cod Maritime Museum, admission to the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum, 1 full breakfast and 1 dinner, meal taxes, meal gratuities, room taxes, housekeeping gratuity, and local guide gratuity, and roundtrip coach transportation.

For a more detailed itinerary of this trip, please visit or call the West Haven Senior Center. Non-Residents & Non-WHSC Members are welcome! To reserve your spot, please call the West Haven Senior Center at (203)-937-3507.

Callegari dinner slated, Sept. 12

Jo Ann Callegari, West Haven's Registrar of Voters for 46 years and Connecticut's longest-serving registrar, will be honored on Sept. 12 for her legacy of community service.

A dinner will be held at Lorenzo's Ristorante, 39 Elm St. Suggested donation is \$75. To purchase tickets, please text "Callegari" to 888 444-8774 by Sept.7. Contact bposick@gmail.com with any questions.

Board schedules appeals

The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet in open session from 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 14 in the assessor's office at City Hall, 355 Main St., to dispute the motor vehicle manufacturer's suggested retail price, or MSRP, on the 2025 grand list.

Any owner of a city-registered vehicle claiming an aggrieved MSRP can issue an appeal at the hearing.

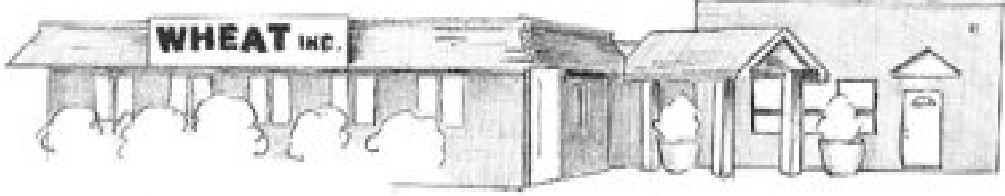
Lowry: Camera controversy

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tors could hide in plain sight. To use an extreme example, the Symbionese Liberation Army operated for a couple of years out of various safe houses in the San Francisco Bay area during the 1970s, something almost unimaginable in our technologically advanced age of constant information sharing.

Rolling back Flock won't reverse this tectonic change that's been decades in the making, but it will deny law enforcement a valuable asset.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Overdose Awareness marked at City Hall

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice
The Health Department held an Overdose Awareness Day observance Monday on the front steps of City Hall to honor the lives lost to overdose, support grieving families, and reinforce its shared commitment to reduce stigma and save lives.

To show solidarity and support of overdose awareness, Health Director Sheila Carmon encouraged all city employees and residents to wear purple on Monday.

“Your participation, whether by attending or simply wearing purple helps raise awareness,” Carmon said. “Thank you for helping us honor this day and strengthen our community.”

The midday observance kicked off with city Human Resources Commissioner John M. Carrano reading a proclamation from Mayor Dorinda Borer recognizing the day and highlighting community efforts to end overdose and support families.

“The city of West Haven stands united with health-care professionals, counselors, emergency personnel and



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

City Human Resources Commissioner John M. Carrano presents a mayoral proclamation to Health Director Sheila Carmon on the front steps of City Hall declaring Overdose Awareness Day on Monday. With Carrano, who oversees the city’s Health Department, and Carmon are, from left, Andressa Mikita, the department’s community health coordinator, and Rebecca Flynn, the West Haven Prevention Council’s program manager.

peer support specialists who work tirelessly to offer hope, treatment and recovery services to those in need,” said Car-

rano, who oversees the Health Department.

After the proclamation reading, Andressa Mikita, the de-

partment’s community health coordinator, handed out promotional items and provided attendees with free, confiden-

tial training to administer naloxone, the opioid-overdose antidote. More than 30 naloxone kits were also handed out.

Lions Club continues school supply efforts



The West Haven Chapter of Lions Club continued its commitment to local students with its sixth annual School Supplies Drive, collecting and donating a wide variety of classroom essentials for children in need throughout the West Haven Public School District.

This year’s drive resulted in the Club donating more school supplies than in previous years, including backpacks, notebooks, writing utensils, crayons, glue and other classroom necessities.

The collected items were presented to West Haven Family and Youth Services Director Diane Deitman and her assistant Coraly Colon, who will work in collaboration with the Board of Education to ensure that the supplies are distributed to the students with the greatest need.

In a video message posted on social media and YouTube, Club President Steven R. Mullins thanked the residents of West Haven for their continued support year after year.

“Thanks to you, the City of West Haven Family and Youth Services Department can distribute these supplies to those in the most need in the West Haven School System.” Mullins said. “This year, the community was more generous than ever.” Said Club Treasurer Linda Pilgrim, who is a manager at Webster Bank’s Campbell Avenue branch; which served as a drop off location.”

The annual school supply drive is part of the West Haven Lions Club’s continuing mission of service to the West Haven community.

“These materials may seem like simple items, but for a child starting school without them, they can make a tremendous difference.” Said Club Vice President Richard Deso.

The Lions Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 12:30 p.m. at the Veterans Museum on Hood Terrace. For more information, contact President Steven R. Mullins at: (203) 824-4262.

Photograph by: Coraly Colon

Posing with collected school supplies from l to r, President Steven R. Mullins, Treasurer Linda Pilgrim, Vice President Richard Deso and West Haven Family and Yourh Services Director Diane Deitman pose with some of the school supplies collected during the sixth annual West Haven Lions Club School Supply Drive. The supplies will be distributed to City students in need.

Peace Officers Memorial needs donations

Organizers looking to erect a Peace Officers Memorial are asking the public for financial help.

On Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15, Mayor Dorinda A. Borer, Police Chief Joseph Perno, and Deputy Police Chief Joseph Romano, joined members of the West Haven Police Department Memorial Monument Committee for a groundbreaking ceremony, marking the future site of the monument, honoring the men and women of the West Haven Police Department.

“This monument will serve as a lasting tribute to the generations of officers that have dedicate themselves to protecting and serving the citizens of West Haven,” said Committee founder and Chairman Steven R. Mullins. “The committee hopes that the monument will be installed and unveiled later in autumn. Long after we are gone, this monument will serve as a reminder of their service, sacrifice and commitment to our residents. We are inviting the community to financially assist us in making this lasting tribute a reality,” he said.

Several generous donations have been made by members of the West Haven Police Retirement Association. The Committee is now encouraging members of the greater West Haven community to join in supporting this project.

Those wishing to contribute may do so by using the accompanying QR code. The

Rental panel hears complaints

The City of West Haven Fair Rent Commission is currently accepting applications from residential tenants that wish to file complaints regarding rent increases and or unlivable housing conditions.

Applications are available in the Office of Town and City Clerk John Lewis on the first floor of West Haven City Hall.” said Commission Chairman Steven R. Mullins.

The Commission hears tenant complaint cases on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers on the third floor of West Haven City Hall.

For more information, please contact the Corporation Counsel’s Office at (203) 937-3600.

QR code lists retired Lieutenant and Association President John Jarvie in connection with this fundraising effort.

Other Committee members include retired Lt. Paul Rauci, retired City Public Works and Human Resources Commissioner Beth Sabo, and city residents Raymond Gooley and Andy Weinstein.

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



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Police Memorial Monument Committee founder and Chairman Steven R. Mullins and Police Chief Joseph Perno unveil an artist's rendition of the proposed monument on National Peace Officers Memorial Day last May 15.

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Beach St. project kindled commerce, investor interest

By Dominic Konareski
Voice Writer

When talking about the city’s beaches, Mayor Dorinda Borer is brief and to the point.

“It’s a jewel, it’s our greatest asset,” she says matter-of-factly.

In office now for two-and-half years, Mayor Borer has reshaped the West Haven shoreline and the notion around it during the span. In the in the middle of her second term, Mayor Borer eyes the continued improvements around the sandy West Haven beaches.

One of the most significant projects completed during Borer’s first year as mayor was the elevation of Beach Street.

The project, which lasted roughly a year, raised the roadway approximately 11-feet above sea level to provide better protection against flooding, along with the prevention of possible damage to the coast. The elevation change led to an opportunity of additional redevelopment along Beach Street, which was an area prone historically to waist-high flooding and had several deteriorating properties.

“The reason why I’m proud of that (raising Beach Street) is because I was turned down when I was a state representative by the mayor at the time, and the state delegation didn’t really want to pursue it,” said Borer, who remained persistent in her efforts to get the job done.

She reached out to the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) and held a conversation with Gov. Ned Lamont in what was described as a “springboard” in helping the idea catapult into reality and execution, with the city receiving funds for the project.

With Beach Street rising 11-feet, the roofs of condos and the now popular Riva were constructed and raised as a direct effect of the Beach Street being raised announcement.

“It was a trickle-up effect,” said the mayor.

The dominos fell in line after that. The Debonair was demolished and the old bait shop that was closed for well over a decade finally sold.

Borer then met with The Grind, an Orange-based baseball training operation, bringing a critical investment to youth sports that would see the baseball company invest in, fix and maintain in several of the Morse Park fields.

“They made our fields beautiful,” said Borer in what was one of the biggest non-high school related sporting facility upgrades in the city’s history.

Along with the fields getting a makeover, residents would see the pump stations on East Avenue and Dawson Avenue get fully redone.

“They had become unsafe and were in a flood zone,” Borer said.

The stations are getting rebuilt with a higher base and is re-fitting the East Avenue facility with showers for beach goers, in what is roughly a \$22 million dollar project.

“It’s going to look a lot better,” she said.

Borer noted that due to changing tides and a factor of climate change the jetties are no longer working as intended. She has addressed public concern regarding sand washed out into the Sound due to severe weather with recent reconstructions along Beach Street and at Prospect Beach.

“We know putting sand there is not a solution, it’s just a band-aid, but we have to continue putting sand there,” she said.

She said the constant addition of sand is currently protecting the roadway until a permanent fix can be implemented

Borer said the administration is waiting on a design for a permanent solution. Such a project is expected to range from \$3-10 million. Meanwhile, the efforts have created a ripple effect.

Borer said investors of The Kelsey currently under construction at the former Savin Rock Conference Center, came after seeing Riva open at the site for the former Chick’s Restaurant. A long-term lease was created, allowing the city to keep the property in their possession. The Kelsey investors invested over \$3 million into the building, with the city putting in \$1 million from state funding.

In addition to The Kelsey, Mayor Borer was able to acquire state funding to rehab the beach boardwalk, lamp posts, fencing and dance areas.

Asked if she saw the possibility of a renaissance of Beach Street when she first ran for office, Borer was said it was a matter of getting rid of the flooding problem.

She believed once Beach Street was raised, more investors

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City to solemnly mark 9/11 25th

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The city will mark the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks on 9/11 with a ceremony at 6:30 p.m. in Bradley Point Park.

The solemn service will begin with a presentation of the colors by the West Haven Police Honor Guard and a flag-raising by the West Haven Fire Department Honor Guard.

City officials, including Mayor Dorinda Borer, Police Chief Joseph S. Perno and Fire Chief James P. O'Brien, will deliver remarks, and Councilman David Beaton, D-9, will serve as the master of ceremonies.

West Haven Rotary Club members will hand out programs.

The ceremony will include the Pledge of Allegiance led by St. Lawrence School students, "The Star-Spangled Banner" sung by Grace Kelly Nowak and a remembrance prayer given by Vertical Church Senior Pastor Ken Vance.

It will also include performances by Sweeter Than Wine, including a musical tribute in memory of longtime 9/11 musician Liz McNicholl, who died July 11.

McNicholl, a singer-songwriter, had been known since 2003 for her Irish folk performances at the city's 9/11 commemorations, most notably her moving cover of Tom Paxton's 2002 song "The Bravest," a tribute to the New York City firefighters who gave their lives rescuing others on Sept. 11, 2001.

Other performances will include "Amazing Grace" by the New Haven County Firefighters Emerald Society Pipes & Drums and taps by bugler Art Gilbert.

West Haven's annual 9/11 rites will honor the memory of the nearly 3,000 people who died in the attacks.

Richard S. Gabrielle, 50, of West Haven, was killed during the attack on the twin towers in New York's World Trade Center complex. An insurance broker at Aon Corp., he was last seen on the south tower's 78th floor. West Haven will fly flags at half-staff.

Lavery closes Sunday series

Chris Lavery closes out the city's Acoustic Sunday Morning Concert Series at Oak Street Beach on Sept. 6.

Grab a coffee and a beach chair and chill out to popular cover songs performed by Lavery from 9:30-11 a.m.

The free concert is presented by Mayor Dorinda Borer and the Department of Parks and Recreation and is sponsored by The Breakwall.



Photo by Andrew Sacco

The sun rises over Savin Rock in West Haven on Sept. 11, 2021, as hundreds of American flags blow in the wind near the boardwalk on Long Island Sound. The flags represent the 343 New York City firefighters who died in the line of duty on Sept. 11, 2001, as well as the 378 active and retired FDNY members who have died of 9/11-related illnesses, including cancer. The flags have been re-laid at the site each year since.

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Beach Street: *Rehab spurred interest*

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would be attracted to the shoreline, and she is very happy with the selling of the bait shop (at the NE corner of Beach and East Avenue) that is currently under reconstruction into a coffee shop.
“I’m grateful,” said the mayor about the coffee shop and that it has gotten nearly non-stop public praise and excitement.
One of the successful and “catchy” additions to the West Haven beaches is the “Miles of shore and so much more” slogan all around the city’s shoreline

as well as on billboards along I-95.. Mayor Borer said the slogan was an idea originating in the Economic Development Commission.
West Haven is a city whose identity has long been tied to the Long Island Sound. The city’s three-mile tract of beaches comprises a quarter of Connecticut’s public beaches.
“When you think of West Haven you think of the shoreline,” said Borer who has both marketed and helped rejuvenate the beaches excellently in the 30 months she’s been in office.

Improvement for surrounding residents and business owners has been seen, she believes, while bringing in new investors She hopes the combination gives a bright future to the city’s shoreline that will resonate into other parts of West Haven.

Below -- Beach erosion is a yearly problem for city officials. A recent project had work done at both Beach Street and Sea Bluff.

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Hlstorlan's corner

By Dan Shine

Richard S. Gabrielle
9/11/01

Tuesday, 9/11/01: We all remember where we were on that terrible morning. For The Boy, it began as an ordinary day at work. At 9:00 he was in a conference room in Orange, negotiating a contract with customers from Tennessee, when a middle manager burst in without knocking: "Turn on the television! Someone just flew a plane into the World Trade Center!"

Surprise turned to horror, as the little group watched the endless replays: Fiery videos of the plane crashing into the tower again and again. And then, a second plane flew into

the other Twin Tower. Ultimately, almost 3000 civilians were killed by the barbaric terrorist attack staged by Islamic extremists.

Meanwhile, for insurance broker and West Haven resident Richard Gabrielle, his ordinary workday just had begun on the 103rd floor of the South Tower of the WTC. At about that time, American Airlines Flight 11, and United Airlines Flight 175 left Logan International Airport in Boston; both planes were bound for Los Angeles, and each plane had five hijackers on board.

At 8:46, the first plane crashed into the North Tower, entering the tower intact. It

appears that in response, evacuation of the South Tower began almost immediately.

At 9:02, the second plane crashed into the South Tower, between floors 77 and 85. Pieces of the plane exited the building and landed up to six blocks away. At that time, Richard Gabrielle was part of a group of 200 waiting for an express elevator to take them down from the 78th floor. Upon impact, the tower rocked back and forth, a deafening explosion occurred, walls and ceilings crumbled into a foot of debris on the floor, the air turned black and flames shot out of the elevator shafts. Most people died instantly, and others suffered serious injuries. Richard Gabrielle was thrown against a wall, suffered two broken legs, and was pinned under a large marble slab that had been on a wall. His family was faced with the thought of him lying there by himself, in severe pain, knowing he had a terrible fear of dying in a fire. Six months later, the tapes surfaced, known as "Lost Voices of Firefighters." From it, the family learned that firefighters arrived, mentioned his name by radio, and were working to provide aid and comfort to him and others when at 9:59 the South tower collapsed, killing all those who could not exit the building, and their rescuers as well.

Richard Gabrielle's brother George "Gabe" Gabrielle had previously planned to come north from his home in Florida and visit Richard on

September 13; when he finally was able to fly into New York, Gabe took his place in a long line of people giving DNA samples, in hopes of identifying the remains of his brother. They were never found. There was a sad silence all around the area of southern Manhattan, as relatives of the victims searched the trauma centers in hopes of finding a loved one, even as others walked the streets vainly holding up photos of a family member who had vanished in the smoke and rubble on that day.

In the aftermath of it all, Gabe returned to his own job, only to find his desk covered with cards expressing sympathy, and numerous stuffed animals, meant to comfort him in his grief. And then there were telephone messages--no words, just the sounds of people crying on the other end of the line--for the words could not be spoken. And later, there followed memorials and observances of the loss of Richard Gabrielle and the thousands of others who were the victims of a senseless act of violence.

Richard Gabrielle had lived on Island Lane; today, not far away on the boardwalk, there stands a monument donated by the Rotary Club of West Haven in his memory. His family is comforted by the knowledge that he did not die alone: He was being comforted by professionals and receiving care right up until the very end.

Richard's brother Gabe



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

says, "I believe the event far overshadows the individual or even collective losses, which we as a country must understand there are people out there who would do this over and over, or worse, if they could...that they will never stop trying and we must not be naïve enough to think that this was a onetime occurrence."

Below-- The memorial at Savin Rock.





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Cutting the ribbon for the West Haven Community House opening of its Early Learning Center from left: Children & Youth Services Director Cheryl Swett, Mayor Dorinda Borer, Deputy Commissioner of CT Office of Early Childhood David Morgan, WHCH Executive Director Marie Watson, WHCH Board President Ronald Quagliani, State Representative William Heffernan, also a WHCH Board Member, State Representative MJ Shannon and Simon McDonald, Sales Director for the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce. Below, Watson, Swett, Borer and Quagliani offer remarks.

WHCH opens Early Learning Center



On August 26th, the West Haven Community House celebrated the grand opening of its new Early Learning Center. This center will start the education process for children from 2-5 years old.

This period of education is crucial in brain development for all people. As David Morgan, Deputy Commissioner at the CT Office of Early Childhood, explained, more brain development happens in this stage of life than in the rest of a human’s total experience. Marie Wilson, the Executive Director at the West Haven Community House, expressed her gratitude to all the people who had made this learning center possible, including the Board of Directors, Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, Mayor Dorinda Borer, and her staff.

“This project took years to complete, and the classroom is a beautiful space to help a young mind grow and thrive. The focal point is a reading tree where a child may sit and read with the feeling of being under the tree of knowledge,” Watson said. “The room is full of engaging stations that will help a child learn in

a fun environment.”

Mayor Borer said she was very proud of the new Learning Center, expressed her commitment to the future of West Haven: “When we look at this beautiful new education center, we are looking at the future of West Haven. This center represents our collective promise to our youngest residents.”

The President of the Board of Directors, Ron Quagliani, expressed his gratitude to the city of West Haven, and Representatives Bill Heffernan and M.J. Shannon welcomed the learning center with a proclamation from the state of Connecticut.

Cheryl Swett, Director of Children and Youth Services, and Alan Olnick, Interim Assistant Executive Director, Development, welcomed all the guests in attendance. The Chamber of Commerce was on hand to facilitate the Ribbon-Cutting.

This new learning center creates a foundation for learning for many of the youth in West Haven and will stand as a commitment to education for decades to come.



Chargers top Marist on late FG

By Dominic Konareski
Voice Writer

New Haven opened a brand-new college football season for Week 0 play against the Marist Red Foxes and did it in stirring fashion.

The Chargers used some great time management, a late field goal, and some clutch defense to top the visitors, 22-21.

The 2026 kickoff marked the second season that the University of New Haven is a Division I program, a move that occurred suddenly to much applause. Due to the late move that came just before the 2025 season began, New Haven was unable to play against any conference opponents due to the majority of schedules being completed.

The Chargers joined the Northeast Conference, a FBS Division I conference that sees fellow Connecticut team competing, with Central Connecticut State being not only a conference rival, but also a state rival.

Even though this Week 0 matchup against the Red Foxes was a non-conference game for the Chargers, the goal remained the same: Begin the season 1-0. New Haven came into their home blue turf of DellaCamera Stadium with Mark Powell under the official head coaching role.

Powell, a West Haven native, was at the Chargers helm leading the charge all of 2025 in an interim role. Powell led New Haven to a 5-5 season, marking their first year as a DI football program, overall it was a record that could be considered as an “upset” as many predictions had New Haven only winning 1-2 games last season.

For the Chargers it was AJ Duffy under center. The for-

mer FSU quarterback transferred to New Haven last year, leading them to that 5-5 season. Now a grad student in his final year, Duffy looks for big numbers to boost his draft stock. The Red Foxes called on Sonny Mannino once again to start. Mannino is now in his third year starting with Marist, after being a 0-star recruit out of high school.

Fans sporting the Chargers’ blue and gold came to a jam-packed DellaCamera Stadium for the 6 p.m. kickoff for Friday night football. According to ESPN, the estimated attendance was 7,030 both in and around the stadium – which has a reported seating capacity of 5,000 in its grandstands.

The game started off with the Chargers notching a 38-yard field goal by Liam Quigley to take a 3-0 lead in the first quarter in what was a time consuming 5-minute drive. Marist would respond with just under two minutes to go in Q1 with a 5-yard rushing touchdown by Mannino to take the lead, in what was a 9-play drive that went 70-yards down the field.

The second quarter opened up with AJ Duffy throwing a pick 6 for 25 yards, putting New Haven in a slight danger zone of being down 14-3. It would take the Chargers roughly 10-minutes to respond and eliminate some of the deficit. A 7-play drive that went 59-yards ended in New Haven’s first passing touchdown of the season, with AJ Duffy hitting Issac Glaudin for 39-yards into the end zone. Halftime would hit with UNH down 14-10 heading into the locker room, knowing their defense would get the ball to begin the third quarter.

Kickoff for the second half would see instant trouble for New Haven with a blocked punt being returned for a touchdown not even a minute into the third quarter. New Haven would get into scoring range for the foot of Liam Quigley to do his work with a 35-yard field goal to lessen the score to 21-13 with 10:57 left in the third. With 1:32 remaining before the field direction flips, AJ Duffy would flip a pass to Nate Burleson Jr., and take it 46-yards into the endzone to the sound of the famous Chargers’ scoring cannon going off.

This late score in the third quarter would allow UNH to attempt a two-point conversion in hopes to tie the game going into the fourth. Duffy’s conversion pass would fail, but nonetheless the Chargers had life and a chance to win with a field goal going into the final 15-minutes of regulation.

The fourth quarter was the same for the Chargers defense. All of it has been very rock solid besides the touchdown allowed in the first. The D-line would hold strong and that is what kept UNH in constant winning opportunities while giving them the game-changing drive.

The clock read 6:04. New Haven, Mark Powell and offensive coordinator Brian Scott did what every coach dreams up in tight game time management. UNH drove the ball down field and scored – most importantly they took the lead. Liam Quigley hit a chip-shot 19-yard field go-ahead field goal to give UNH a one point lead with 4:07 remaining.

The Chargers’ defense would hold Marist to a three-and-out that turned into a



Photo by Dominic Konareski

AJ Duffy began his second season with the Chargers, hoping to improve on last year’s 5-5 mark, the first for the team as a Division I program.

failed fourth down conversion on what was 4th and 8 after the UNH defense had multiple loss of yard plays against the Red Foxes. UNH would get the ball after the turnover on downs, allowing them to run out the clock, sealing the 22-21 win.

AJ Duffy would end the game 22-for-37 passing with 311 yards and a 2-1 TD-INT ratio, while also seeing him rush for 35 yards. Zaon Laney would rush for 45 off of 17 attempts, averaging 2.6 per-attempt with the longest of the night being a 16-yarder. Issac Glaudin would fall just a yard short of 100, with 99 receiving yards via 7 receptions with a TD.

Nate Burleson Jr would place second for the team with his only two receptions of the game combining for 78-yards. Tommy Troy was

the final New Haven player to eclipse 50 or more yards with 67 off of two receptions.

New Haven’s defense was excellent, allowing just 160 yards. UNH’s D saw Ricky Encarnacion lead with 8 total tackles. Irv Briggs and Israel Bey both got to the quarterback, ending the night with 1 sack each.

Liam Quigley was a perfect 3-for-3 kicking, which allowed New Haven to stay in the fight offensively and ultimately led them to this Week 0 victory.

Marist passing saw Sonny Mannino struggle with just 70-yards in what was a sub 50% completion night at 9-for-19.

New Haven will stay home for another week, and are set to face Stonehill on Saturday, Sept. 5 at noon. This will be New Haven’s first conference bout of the season.



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Preseason Jamboree

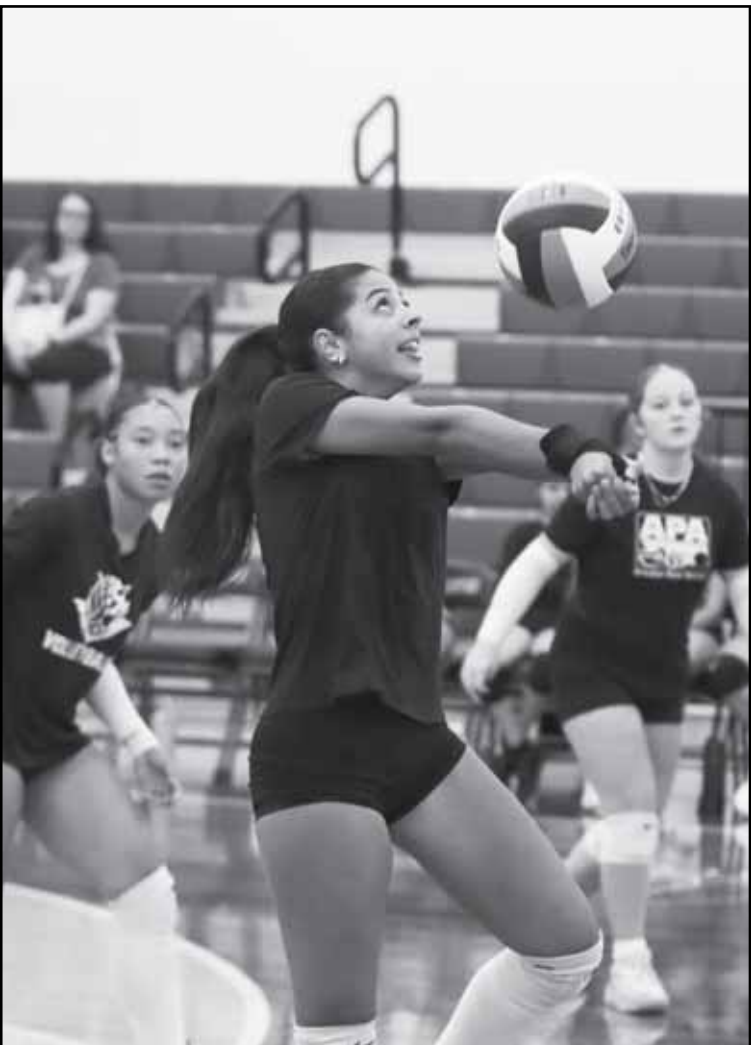
Left -- Stella Porto battles for position for the Blue Devils vs Stratford in the Jonathan Law Jamboree. Above -- Amiyah Jones scores one of her two goals in West Haven’s 2-0 win over Stratford.



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Season tune-up

The West Haven volleyball team had a scrimmage to prepare for the coming regular season against St. Joseph’s of Trumbull.



Legal Notice

West Haven Eviction Warehouse Auction Notice

West Haven Eviction Warehouse Auction Notice-Below is a list of names and addresses of owners of clothing and household supplies removed by a CT State Marshal following a lawful eviction in West Haven. Pursuant to CT General Statute section 47a – 42c, these goods will be auctioned off on Friday, September 11, 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, September 10, 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 immediately following the auction. The successful bidder must have all items removed by 12 noon. Stored items to be auctioned are to be sold in lots only.

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WHTL tops Hartford on no-no

Two of the oldest amateur baseball leagues in the nation squared off recently, and the result was a remarkable win. When it was all said and done, the West Haven Twilight League topped the Greater Hartford Twilight League, 1-0.

The two leagues squared off on Aug. 24 for the post-season All-Star Game between the two organizations.. Taking place at the historic Palmer Field in Middletown, the two leagues with a combined 190-years of twilight baseball history in Connecticut faced off against each other.

Before the game, fans got to see a home run derby showcase between select players from both leagues. West Haven’s Jose Hernandez would blast the most souvenirs into the stands.

For the All-Star game, each team carried a 26-man roster that was formed by ballots submitted by each of the league’s franchise managers.

West Haven had Cooper Thompson start the game and would end up seeing him be near-perfect. The WHTL All-Stars would blank Hartford in what was a 1-0 combined no-hitter shutout win.

This game ends the 2026 season for both teams, as West Haven goes out the best way possible: with a combined no-no.

~~ Dominic Konareski

Youth sports coverage

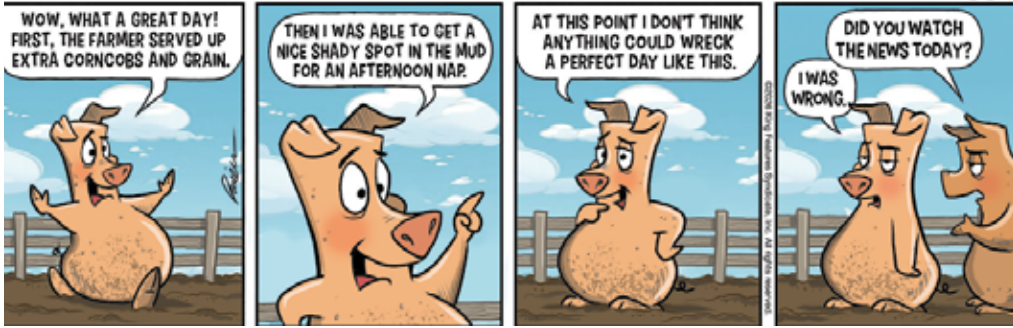
As part of its initiative to generate more information coming from the public, the Voice is seeking writer/correspondents for the various spring and summer youth programs offered in various sports.

Currently, only the West Haven Youth Soccer League sends regular, weekly information to the newspaper during its spring and fall seasons. Other sports have slowly faded over the years.

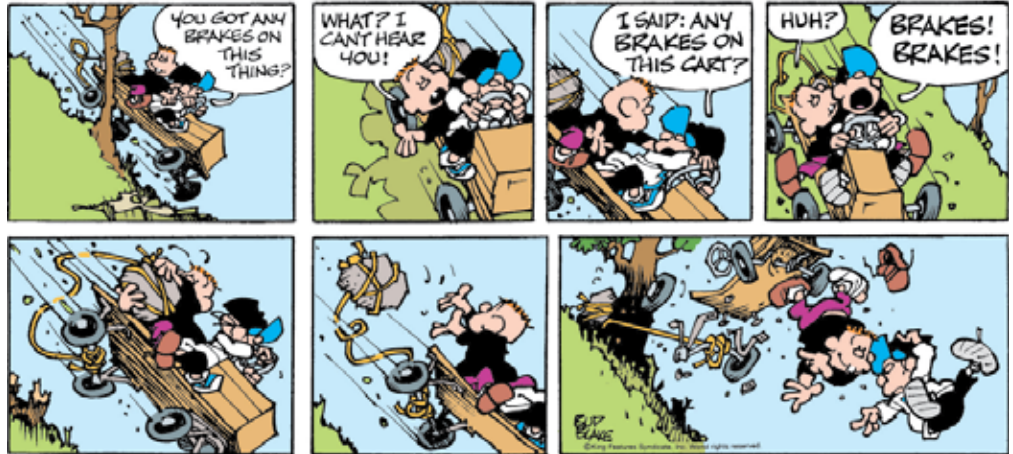
Those who desire to submit youth sports articles will have until Monday prior to the publication at 4 p.m. as the deadline. Stories are subject to editing and cutting as do all submissions.

The stories will not only appear in the print edition of the paper, but its online edition and in its social media platforms. Writers will be given a byline. Call (203) 9346397.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is not showing. 2. Hammer is longer. 3. Box is moved. 4. Cap is tilted back. 5. Lightbulb is smaller. 6. Stripe on sleeve is smaller.

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King Crossword

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

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15 Manhattan, for one
17 China (Pref.)
18 "The Sopranos" restaurateur
19 Brunch fare
21 Thick chunk
24 TV spots
25 Ancient invader
28 Uber competitor
30 Mas' mates
33 Chef Garten
34 Bo of "10"
35 Pen filler
36 — chi
37 Location
38 — B'rith
39 Young fellow
41 "Absolutely!"
43 Texas city
46 Caravan stops
50 Big rackets
51 Pulled-back hairdo
54 Icelandic epic
55 Chang's brother
56 "Andor" actor Diego —

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4 Debonair
5 Sheep call
6 Boxer Laila
7 Angelic light
8 Allayed
9 Severe decline
10 "Rule, Britannia!" composer
11 Espy
16 Aviv preceder
20 Mardi Gras wear
22 Computer brand
23 Exposés
25 "Shoo!"
26 — tear (ragging)
27 Hindmost parts
29 Boyfriend
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: When did Labor Day become a federal holiday?

2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which animal can hop from side to side but can't walk forward or backward?

3. MOVIES: What is the only international (non-English) movie to date that has won the Best Picture Oscar?

4. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin word "alibi" mean in English?

5. FOOD & DRINK: Which country is known for the soup called pho?

6. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest bay in the world?

7. MUSIC: What 1996 song by Los del Rio became an international dance phenomenon?

8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the only president to be elected unanimously by the Electoral College?

9. SCIENCE: How many times does the average human blink per minute?

10. TELEVISION: What is SpongeBob's pet named in the animated series "SpongeBob SquarePants"?

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1. 1894; 2. Kangaroo; 3. "Parasite"; 4. "Elsewhere"; 5. Vietnam; 6. Bay of Bengal; 7. "Macarena"; 8. George Washington; 9. 15 to 20 times; 10. Gary

Westies scrimmage Amity, Bunnell



Getting the rhythm back

Photos by Todd Dandelske

The West Haven Football team scrimmaged against Amity and then Bunnell of Stratford in preparation for next week's opener against Cheshire. Teams from all over Connecticut ended the mandatory conditioning week and got to snaps and tackles in some preseason scrimmage work. The Westies visited Woodbridge to meet Amity, and then hosted Bunnell at Ken Strong Stadium.