

# West Haven Voice

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## Voice Profile

*A weekly in-depth interview*

"My father always said, 'You came into this world with a good name and that's all you've got to take with you.' I've always tried to live to that."

~"Farmer Bob" Newkirk

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Photo courtesy of Chris Vargo

## Pitchin' in

The First Congregational Church sponsored the annual Apple Festival on the Green last weekend, with thousands of residents and visitors packing the Green. Besides rides and games, the festival offered music and, of course, food. Helping in one of the booths was Associate Pastor the Rev. Carl Howard and his wife Belinda.



## Incumbent responds

By Josh LaBella

*Voice Reporter*

With the mayoral election only weeks away, the Voice published its editorial last week, which highlighted three areas of importance for the two candidates to solidify their platforms.

Incumbent Mayor and Democrat Nancy Rossi replied to the Voice with her positions on the city's financial situation, the proposed revisions to the city charter and the quality of life in West Haven.

Rossi responded to the question of West Haven's financial crisis by pointing out what she has accomplished so far as well as what she plans to do if reelected. She said economic development and tax base growth are top priorities in her administration.

According to Rossi, the financial situation she inherited was brought on by deficits totaling near \$18 million during the

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## Milagros Diaz named top Latina

By Michael P. Walsh

*Special to the Voice*

Iris Milagros Diaz, a public-spirited steward of West Haven known for giving back to its thriving Hispanic American community, will receive the city's Hispanic American of the Year award at the second annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration.

The West Haven Hispanic Heritage Committee will feté Diaz, the daughter of parents hailing from Guayama, Puerto Rico, on Friday at City Hall, 355 Main St.

The committee bestows the award annually on a Hispanic resident, or couple, who personifies service in West Haven's vibrant Hispanic American community.

Diaz said she is proud of her new distinction as well as her

civic accomplishments, saying that her family and community's love is the driving force behind her success.

"One must lead by example," said Diaz, who won the Miss Puerto Rico of New Haven Pageant in 1988.

Diaz, 50, will honor her Puerto Rican lineage with dozens of friends and loved ones, along with an array of dignitaries and descendants of folks from Puerto Rico and Latin America.

Committee members and West Haven officials, including Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, will escort Diaz to the steps of City Hall at 11:30 a.m. for her special recognition.

A Latin-flavored lunch provided by local restaurants will follow in the First Congregational Church of West Haven's

Fellowship Hall, at 1 Church St. opposite City Hall on the Green.

West Haven's diversity is its strength, Rossi said, and Diaz is a testament to the American



IRIS MILAGROS DIAZ

dream.

"For the second year, I am pleased to present the Hispanic American of the Year award to a well-deserving resident," Rossi said. "Allingtown fire Commissioner Iris Diaz has a long record of community service in West Haven. She embodies the generosity and warmth that Puerto Ricans are known for."

In observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs through Oct. 15, the city recognizes the important legacy of Hispanic Americans and the inspiring contributions they have made to the culture and history of the United States.

Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on the civic and cultural life of America through their strong

commitment to faith and family, hard work and public service. They have enhanced and shaped the national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community.

Hispanic Heritage Month, which traces its roots to 1968, begins each year on Sept. 15, the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile also celebrate their independence days during that period.

The term Hispanic refers to Puerto Rican, South American or Central American, and other Spanish cultures or origins regardless of race. On the 2010

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## Public Meetings

**Monday, Oct. 7** -- Board of Education, City Hall meeting room, 6 p.m.; Park-Rec Commission, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 8** -- Center Fire District, 6 p.m. Firehouse; Planning & Zoning, City Hall, 7 p.m.; WHHS Building Committee, 7 p.m.;

**Thursday, Oct. 10** -- West Shore Fire District, 7:30 p.m., Firehouse.

## Weather

**Friday Oct 4** Passing clouds but generally sunny High 62F



Sunrise: 6:51 am  
Sunset: 6:28 pm  
Wind: NNW 15-25  
High Tide: 4:10 am; 4:29 pm

**Saturday Oct 5** Cloudy & Sunny High 60F



Sunrise: 6:52 am  
Sunset: 6:27 pm  
Wind: NE 5-10  
High Tide: 5:10 am; 5:29 pm

**Sunday Oct 6** Showers return High 68F

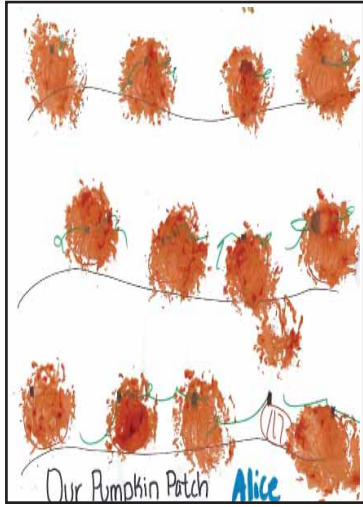


Sunrise: 6:53 am  
Sunset: 6:25 pm  
Wind: S 10-20  
High Tide: 6:11 am; 6:30 pm

**Monday Oct 7** Overcast with showers High 71F



Sunrise: 6:47 am  
Sunset: 6:35 pm  
Wind: NW 10-15  
High Tide: 7:10 am; 7:29 pm



Alice Soares, age 2, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., is hoping for perfect weather to choose a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch.

## Things to Do!

The Bradley Point Garden Club of West Haven will hold its monthly meeting at noon on Oct. 15 at Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road. Call Marie at (203) 878-8428 if you are interested in becoming a member. In addition the club will hold a bake sale on Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 9-1 in the lobby of West Haven City Hall, 355 Main St. The public is invited.

West Haven Vietnam Era Veterans are invited to contact the West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center in preparation for its annual event on Sunday, Nov. 10. Veterans will be honored with a special program of music, gifts, tours and a full buffet. There is no charge for the event, but reservations are required as seating is limited. To make a reservation, please leave your name, phone number and number of persons attending by calling the museum at (203) 934-1111, or email [whmilmuseum@snet.net](mailto:whmilmuseum@snet.net), or visit us at 30 Hood Terrace (across from the West Haven Train Station). Reservation deadline is Nov. 1.

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## On this date:

**1995** -- OJ Simpson acquitted in the killings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Lyle Goldman. The former football player had been accused of murdering his ex-wife and her friend on June 13, 1994.

**1952** -- UK tests its first atomic bomb. Called Operation Hurricane the test was conducted near the Montebello Islands in Western Australia.

**1932** -- Iraq gains independence from the United Kingdom. The West Asian country came under British control in 1920, after the end of the First World War.

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# Rossi: *Takes on query*

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O'Brien administration. Rossi said the Municipal Accountability Review Board was brought in days after she took office in result of O'Brien issuing deficit bonds in the final week of his term.

The incumbent pointed to balanced budgets and meeting the set tax collection rates as evidence the city's financial situation is improving under her stewardship.

"My administration has delivered two balanced budgets and we reduced the tax collection rate before our proposed budgets were sent to the MARB or City Council for review and approval," said Rossi. "The tax collection rates in my first two budgets have been met and exceeded. The city has a positive fund balance (rainy day fund) for the first time in more than 13 years."

Rossi also said the nearly \$30 million growth in the grand list and the Bond Rating Outlook being upgraded from negative to stable indicated financial progress. She also wrote her administration had "worked hard to move stalled economic development projects forward while marketing the city for new investment

and commercial growth."

"We are selling three vacant schools for \$875,000 and those historic properties will be repurposed and put on the tax rolls," said Rossi.

The mayor said her administration has proven to developers that the city is serious about saving money, balancing the budget, implementing cost saving measures and making structural changes and employing cost saving efficiencies.

"My administration understood from the beginning that fixing the financial situation by improving our finances and gaining the confidence of potential investors and developers would drive the success in economic development," said Rossi. "Economic development will generate the necessary resources to begin addressing our aging infrastructure, investment in public safety and health and of course fund quality of life issues and concerns."

Vis-à-vis charter revision, Rossi said she fully supported the changes recommended by the Charter Revision Commission. Rossi started the process soon after being elected and said the changes laid out are big and needed.

"The major changes would be making the mayor part-time and the chair(man) of the City Council, the hiring of a qualified city manager and require qualifications on appointed commissioners, the treasurer and the City Clerk," said Rossi. "I support the proposed changes in the city charter and I am very much looking forward to the proposal going to the public for a vote."

For the final question, regarding quality of life, Rossi said the city has "so much potential." She said the city needed to get its "financial house in order" before looking at implementing new quality of life proposals which would require funding.

She wrote of the importance of education, public safety and health of citizens, adding that these aspects of a municipality come into play when an investor or developer is deciding when to move in or start a project.

Rossi said improving quality of life will draw people to West Haven.

"Now that the city has a fiscal plan there will be so many more opportunities," said Rossi, "and the funding necessary, to add and improve upon the quality of life in West Haven."

## Correction

In a story last week concerning the signing of a new lease for the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., it was stated that Mayor Nancy Rossi ordered the termination of the lease during the negotiations. That was an error. She ordered the renegotiation of the lease by city officials with an eye toward looking for a revision in the annual rents.



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# Dear Felicia

Well honeybunch, here we are in October already. Another month that jest flew by the boards. Here in the Asylum by the Sea, the leaves are beginning to turn in earnest, there is a chill in the morning air and things look like they are gonna be heating up as we git closer to next month's election. As far as things around here, the new office seems to be OK. We are settlin' in, though, there are still one or two things to take care of in a housekeeping sort o' way. Other than that, the usual suspects are around, so you know things are normal.

Interesting. The GOP had its foist primary since Nixon was in office, and it seems like the factionalism and back-biting that affects the majority party is contagious. Sammy Bluejay came by t'other afternoon to say that assurances to the contrary, there are strange things happening in the Republican Party: factionalism.

Now, that is not a problem when it comes to the Demmies

cuz, let's face it, they make up the majority. The factions, goodness love 'em, are part of a bigger group, and despite the fact that they are constantly at each other's throats, people don't pay much attention. They jest vote with the Dems, and hope that things will git better. We are a community made up of people who don't much play politics unless they hafta.

When yore the majority, the numbers are perty much on yore side, excep' when it comes to primaries, then yew hafta git the numbers out - at least to vote for yore side. Heroner, ole Mayor Nancy, got the majority of Dems to vote her way, and remained the candidate.

Meanwhile, the GOP, having about 3,500 registrants can't have the same luxury. You tick someone off, or they decide to not git involved, and it could affect the messaging you are trying to bring out. Sammy indicates that the party was

really split, and, like the GOP is prone to do in these parts, doesn't knit back together, but pouts.

Sooooo, effen yew thought the smallish GOP would find common ground amongst its fellow, think again. They are not a happy bunch, and the leadership is said to be unhappy with the results. That could spell trouble -- more trouble -- for Michelle Gregorio, the standard-bearer.

Speaking of the Demmies, the word is out that a group of O'Brien supporters and Collins supporters have approached the Gregorio campaign. Yew knew that was gonna happen. It always does. Sooo, Dems for Gregorio, or O'Brien Supporters for Gregorio or Collins Supporters for Gregorio are being formed, mostly by way of social media Iyam told via Iva Lootey.

Iva sez that Gregorio's handlers were approached and told that they can support the candidate, and can do whatever they want... it is a free country (somewhat) after all. I guess the biggest concern is that they might try to work by themselves rather than in concert with the GOP, and that was said to be verboten.

Any and all campaign people will have to work with the campaign - witch is only right. They have a right to help, but they don't have a right to be on their own. No one knows exactly how that is gonna play out, but one would think that the boys and

girls disaffected by the outcome of the Democratic Primary will play by the rules.

Meanwhile, the campaign, setch as it is, is going forth apace. That's a nice way of saying that nuthin' much is happening. It's been quiet. One would think by now there'd be some fireworks, but not so much. Effen this turns out to be a rose garden campaign, where the incumbent don't hafta do much, then there is no need to go any farther, cede the election and move on to other things.

If, however, there is a good fight betwixt the ladeez, then we're ready for a good campaign. Unfortunately, it's not been sooner, but later that we'll see the aforementioned fireworks. Gregorio is the outsider lookin' in and has to force issheew and force debate. Rossi is the incumbent and don't hafta do much but present her record, and say things about staying the course - which she has done.

Let's hope thing git a bit more dynamic than they've been sooooo far.

Well, it's another week, and another no show for the developers of the Haven. As I have told yew before, the developers have been very close to the vest when it comes to tellin' people whot they are going to do, effen they are gonna continue with the development as outlined, or whether the

plans have changed. The people in the Actors Colony are jest as flummoxed as the rest of us. We are told then when questions are posed, they are met with a deafening silence and glare as if asking the question is some offense against humanity.

Tennyrate, whilst we're all waiting for the thing to begin, what is there is exposed to the elements and is being taken over by Mother Nature. It's very interesting to watch how vegetation just creeps along when no one is paying attention. Though, if asked, Cobina is sure the homeowners adjacent to the plots of land are paying very close attention.

Over the months we've had fires. There is a large contingent of various vermin, and there is always the problem of squatters trying to hole up in one of the abandoned buildings. With the coming of the colder months, we can see an uptick of that you can be sure.

Sooooo, the question before the house is when - even a nice guess would be interesting - the bull dozers and back-hoes or even a wrecking ball will be seen in the environs of Water Street in the next little while? The homeowners wanna know, the taxpayers wanna know, and the people over in the Actors Colony definitely wanna know.

And whilst we are at it, we can always ask about Beach Street. Madame Olga was glaring into her crystal and sez that she sees something, though she ain't sure what. That's always refreshing. One would think Her Spookness would have an idea. Tennyrate, it seems that old Olga sees that work is being done to make sure the street gets lifted up seven feet...though that is still months in the offing. The city announced a few years back the state wants to lift the roadbed up so when hurricanes sweep through as they did a few years back, the pipes and setch under the road don't git exposed. It was quite something when it happened.

One wonders effen that's the reason the sale of three or four former business sites are being delayed or not happening at all. The former Chicks, Debonair and Captain's Galley have been vacant for years, and up for sale, but nobody seems interested. Meanwhile, like the Haven area, the buildings are exposed and unused, at least as far as the Debonair and Chick's. That means the area is literally going to seed. It would be nice to know that things are moving along in some respect so that things can get finished sometime before the century turns over.

Mitt luff und kizzez,  
*Cobina*

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## Way to Go!

West Haven High School social worker Skylar Drayder, left, and special education teacher Mary Moore receive the Way to Go award Sept. 19 from city Youth and Family Services Director Robert S. Morton and sophomore Lance Andriulli on behalf of the West Haven Interagency Network for Children. Drayder and Moore were nominated by Theresa Andriulli, co-chair of the West Haven Parent Support Group for special needs children, for "always going out of their way to help my grandson, Lance, with school assignments." The Way to Go program recognizes teachers, therapists and coaches who go above and beyond to help children and establish better relationships with families and providers.

# City students meet favorite authors

A group of 19 students from West Haven High School and Bailey Middle School got to meet RL Stine and other best-selling authors at the Saugatuck StoryFest in Westport on Sept. 28.

WHHS freshman Maxwell Leatherman presented Stine with sculptures of two of the author's famous characters, the "Abominable Snowman" and "Slappy." Leatherman gave the author one to keep, and kept the other, which Stine signed.

Aside from meeting the author of the iconic "Goosebumps" series, the students were able to chat with best-selling authors Nic Stone, Jerry Craft, Tiffany Jackson, and Ibi Zoboi. Festival organizers gave each student lunch and a book of their choice from the event's book store.

The students also listened to panels during which the authors gave writing tips.

Stone, best-selling author of the young adult book "Dear Martin," encouraged students to learn basic grammar rules so they can then write in whatever style they choose.

"You have to learn the rules before you can break the rules," Stone said.

Photo courtesy of Jennifer Cummings

**RL Stine signs the clay sculpture of his "Abominable Snowman" character that freshmen Maxwell Leatherman created.**



# Diaz: Named city 2019 Latina of the Year

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ensus form, people of Spanish, Hispanic or Latino origins could identify themselves as Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or "another Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin."

Rossi said Diaz, a resident of West Haven since 2000, epitomizes the noble qualities of serving her community and carrying on the spirited traditions of Puerto Rico.

She is a member of the Latino Haven Committee of West Haven and was the Hispanic Society of West Haven's public relations representative from 2004 to 2009.

A member of the Yale Latino Networking Group, she has been an ambassador and

a steering committee member of the International Festival of Arts & Ideas in New Haven since 2015.

After her reign as Miss Puerto Rico of New Haven, Diaz was a pageant coordinator, mentor and judge for many years.

Rossi lauded the civic-minded Diaz, whom she called a woman of faith and family, for her wholehearted devotion to the city and its robust Hispanic American community.

Rossi will present her with a Puerto Rican flag and a mayoral citation for her myriad good works.

Diaz will also receive a black jacket embroidered with her new title: Hispanic American of the Year.

The cultural event will include remarks from mayoral Executive Assistant Lou Esposito, the master of ceremonies. Before a blessing, Maribel Aguilar-Meza will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Puerto Rican national anthem, "La Borinqueña," followed by a greeting from Rossi.

Diaz was born in the South Bronx, a borough of New York City, and moved to New Haven with her family at age 15.

Raised by her "single, strong, independent" mother, Nancy Cruz, Diaz said she knew early on that she wanted to help make a difference in her community.

Diaz's community involvement began in 1985 as a vol-

unteer for the American Red Cross helping veterans at the West Haven Veterans Affairs Hospital.

Three years later, she graduated from The Sound School, a regional vocational aquaculture center in New Haven. She earned an associate degree in science from Gateway Community College in 1993.

Diaz, a 27-year employee of Yale University, is a clinical trials research recruitment coordinator at the Yale Center for Clinical Investigation, a department of the Yale School of Medicine. She specializes in educating area residents on the importance of increasing minority representation in clinical trial studies and protecting their privacy and

rights.

Diaz's contributions to West Haven include serving as vice chair of the Charter Revision Commission and sitting on the Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown. She is the first Hispanic to serve on the fire commission and was its chairwoman in 2016-17.

Diaz has also volunteered at other organizations through the years, including the West Haven Girl Scouts, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America and the New Haven Diaper Bank.

She lives with her mother on Tuthill Street in Allingtown and has two grown children, Mark Anthony and Jessica Goodwin.

## Radical Left mirrors Reconstruction GOP

In 1866, the Radical Republicans, led by Pennsylvania Rep. Thaddeus Stevens, attempted to remove then-President Andrew Johnson over his firing of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, in violation of the Tenure of Office Act – an act that certainly violated the separation of powers between the Legislative and Executive branches. The act was one of the ways the faction wished to remove Johnson from office.

The Radical Republicans sought to punish the South for the Civil War, and treat it as conquered territory, unlike Abraham Lincoln, who sought a less bellicose plan of bringing the states back. The Radical Republicans gained a majority in the House, and passed several very restrictive acts; and, while it did give impetus to Constitutional Amendments that protected the former slaves, the tactics arguably led to the post-Reconstruction racial problems that plagued the South for a century afterwards, something historians have debated for decades.

The Radical Republicans were known for their intransigent, almost religious fervor, when it came to Reconstruction. Anyone who thought a more measured – or at least less triumphalist – plan was considered an enemy to be vanquished. There was no room for discussion. It was a matter of absolutes. The Tenure of Office Act was passed in order to hamstring President Johnson, and force a confrontation that would lead to his ouster. The fact the plan failed by only one vote in the Senate is remarkable.

Here we are 153 years later, and the similar forces are at work: A segment of the Democratic Party – the socialist wing – has taken control. In numbers the faction is smaller than the total Democratic majority, but in taking over the party's messaging, they have frozen out more moderate voices.

As in 1866, a large swath of the media has sided with the socialists. Horace Greeley was a leading voice for the Radical Republicans, and most of the media today gives voice to the socialist agendas of the extreme Left in the Democratic Party. Johnson was despised because he believed in a different path than the leaders of Congress. Can anyone think otherwise when it comes to the Democrats and President Donald J. Trump? We think not.

Trump, notwithstanding his brashness and ego, has a very different view of the world and the nation than does the extreme Left. He is pushing an America First agenda, which sees the nation as a force for good. He also sees that open borders and farming out our industries to foreign lands as a betrayal of our own people.

The Democrats, meanwhile, particularly the radical Left, see the nation as illegitimate, and its founding as a sin that must be, somehow, atoned. Our Constitution, our foundational institutions are all without merit, primarily because of slavery. The nation must be reestablished under a more equitable structure they say. And, their platform has, like the Radical Republicans, taken on a quasi-religious fervor, with anyone opposing them seen not as benign, but as evil.

Trump's sin was that he won the election and was elected by 63 million heretics that refuse to allow the "fundamental transformation" of the nation. He must therefore, be impeached. It's a cynical move by a party that still refuses to see it was rejected in 2016. Like the Radical Republicans, they will harm the nation in an attempt to gain political power.



## Greta needs to get a grip

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

Greta Thunberg needs to get a grip.

The celebrity teen climate activist addressed the United Nations and excoriated the assembled worthies for coming "to us young people for hope. How dare you! You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words."

Someone may have stolen her childhood, but the guilty parties can't be found at Turtle Bay.

A 16-year-old from Sweden, Thunberg thundered, "I should be back at school on the other side of the ocean," which would have been easy enough to achieve, beginning with not taking two weeks to sail across the Atlantic last month in a jet-travel-eschewing publicity stunt.

Greta Thunberg is the leading edge of a youth movement against climate change that is being promoted and celebrated by adults who find it useful for their own purposes.

Kids are powerful pawns. The catchphrase "for the children" has a seductive political appeal, while kids offer their adult supporters a handy two-step.

The same people who say, "The world must heed this

16-year-old girl" will turn around and say to anyone who pushes back, "How dare you criticize a 16-year-old girl."

There's a reason that we don't look to teenagers for guidance on fraught issues of public policy:

Kids have nothing interesting to say to us. They just repeat back what they've been told by adults, with less nuance and maturity.

Much of their climate advocacy boils down to the plaint that all parents know well: "I want it, and I want it now." As a National Geographic headline put it, "Kids' world climate strikes demand that warming stop, fast."

Behind the foot-stomping is the idea that a long-running global phenomenon can be quickly stopped, if only adults cared as much as the kids. This fails to account for such recalcitrant factors as costs and complexity, but when do children ever think of those? (And who can blame them? They're children.)

Instead, the youthful climate activists claim they've been sold out by their elders.

Greta Thunberg put it with her usual accusatory starkness at the U.N.: "You are failing us, but young people are starting to understand your betrayal." This is laughable. By no

global measure of social and economic well-being have we failed kids.

According to HumanProgress.org, the global poverty rate fell from 28% in 1999 to 11% in 2013.

Life expectancy increased from 63.2 years to 71.9 years from 1981 to 2015. The same benign trends hold for hunger, child labor, literacy and so on.

If climate change proves a significant challenge, today's youth will have more resources and technology to grapple with it than any other generation in the history of mankind.

Of course, the adults they listen to don't tell them any of this. Instead, they feed the kids a diet of apocalyptic warnings that children repeat back as if they were urgent insights. One speaker at the youth climate rally said we have just 18 months -- yes, only until the beginning of 2021 -- to forestall irreversible environmental harms.

This is nuts, and it's the adult enablers who are ultimately responsible. As for the kids, they'll be all right. One day, they will grow up, even in a warming world.

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By Eleanore Turkington



Dear Eleanore Turkington:  
One of the other subjects that I see come up repeatedly is the lack of enforcement in the parking area along our beach and the lack of enforcement of the rules along the walk/path. I walk on the path at least four times a week and never see an officer on the path.

My wife and I were walking about a week ago and were amazed that a motorized skateboarder was buzzing along at a high rate of speed, faster than most bikes for sure. Bikers DON'T use the bike path and plenty of walkers also block the bike path.

We have dog walkers that use long leashes when it states a six-foot reach. We have dogs being walked on the beach. I was amazed one day to see someone unleash their large dog only to watch as it chased after a heron.

I live in the West Shore where everyone has a barking dog, so I go to the walkway for some peace and exercise where the rules of the walkway are only for those of us who are considerate of others. Until there is a direct police presence everyday not when someone calls and the response time is so long its useless. If a few tickets were written maybe things will change but unfortunately, I guess upper level administration can't address that. This is of course the new normal. They don't enforce anything unless you call about it. Blinders seem to be on the leaders of the city. If readers expect change it will never happen voting the same people into office. Ask yourself if West Haven in better or worse shape. Do people like paying some of the highest taxes and getting so little?

All you have to do is look at the budget pie chart and see that the BOE eats up 1/2 of your tax dollars. I never had a child in the West Haven school system, yet I pay for that just like the family of six. What is being done to lessen that burden on the ones who already paid our fair share, I would rather see my tax dollars go for enforcement of building codes and zoning violations and better police department.

How about a new roof on the conference center next to Jimmies? If the city can't take care of its own roof it's sad.

We're looking to move be-

tween dogs, high taxes and a city that has a not so nice reputation anymore for accomplishing anything positive for its taxpayers its not an easy

sell.

LW. Boardwalk Stroller

Dear LW:

Sgt. Charles Young from the West Haven Police Department provides us today with a answer relating to policing the boardwalk.

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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

New Haven's East Creek is no longer in existence. However for generations it served its settlers and inhabitants faithfully: First it was employed by the Quinnipiac Indians who used it for catching fish and shellfish. Later it served the Puritan followers of John Davenport and Theophilus Eaton, who arrived here in 1638 and stayed for 30 years before moving on to found Newark, New Jersey.

And it would serve the many newcomers who followed them. Extending from New

Haven Harbor, East Creek ran alongside the southern end of State Street.

In those bygone days, ocean-going vessels could proceed upriver as far as the intersection of State and Chapel streets.

Eventually, East Creek was drained and piped away, and the riverbed was used to support the railroad tracks extending from New Haven north to Hartford and east to New London and Providence.

And the land surrounding the creek eventually evolved from farming community to

carriage manufacturing community, as well as bedroom community for New Haven's newest crop of immigrants. On nearby Wooster Street, Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin in 1793, just a stone's throw from where Frank Pepe would introduce New Haveners to pizza in 1925.

In its time, East Creek witnessed numerous transitions and innovations, as clever New Haveners moved the world forward with their numerous inventions.

We today take the telephone for granted, as we have for

our whole lives; but in 1887, the U.S. Mail was the common medium of communication, and telegraphic service was a faster but much more expensive alternative.

By that year, East Creek was just a memory. And then one evening in 1887, a public demonstration took place in an opera house near the corner of Chapel and Olive Streets. It showed a fascinated audience the power of Alexander Graham Bell's telephone. This demonstration captured the public imagination and sowed the seeds for what would become a revolutionary device for personal communication. Prior to this demonstration telephones, invented by Bell in 1875, were owned by private persons or businesses who leased telephones in pairs to connect, for example, one's home with a business. In these cases, it was necessary to arrange for telegraph contractors to string privately-owned wires between the two locations.

Back to our story: one of those in the audience at the opera house that night was George W. Coy. He was employed by the Franklin Telegraph Company and associated with the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, located a block away at the corner of State and Chapel Streets. ;

Coy reasoned that if these telephone devices were to be installed here and there, in homes and businesses, and if a method could be found for connecting any one telephone with any other, the problem of intercommunication would be solved.

What Coy did next made the idea a reality: He created a rudimentary telephone switchboard that allowed a central office to connect multiple persons, thus allowing each subscriber the advantage of having to buy only one phone in order to connect to a potentially infinite number

of other subscribers. He built the switchboard with carriage bolts, handles from teapot lids, wire, and other spare parts.

The 21 original subscribers to the exchange each paid \$1.50 per month. All calls were made through the central office, where a telephone operator (Coy, at first) connected the person initiating the call to the party that he or she wished to reach.

Direct dialing and telephone numbers would not become common until the 1920s; by that time, telephone communication had become familiar and commonplace.

The first telephone directory was printed in 1878, and listed fifty subscribers in this new and exciting venture. The first telephone booth was installed the next year, at about the same time as the first female operator was hired.

This occupation would be reserved for "women only" for decades. The first crank calls took place in Rhode Island in 1884, and as the story goes, were a prank played upon undertakers. But we digress...

Thus was born the New Haven District Telephone company; it would operate from the Boardman Building along what was once the bank of East Creek, just across the creek bed from the opera house where a revolutionary idea had once taken shape. The new company would ultimately become part of the Bell System, which linked all of the local telephone companies into a nationwide network. The Bell System would dominate telephone communication for more than 100 years, until it was broken up by court order in 1984.

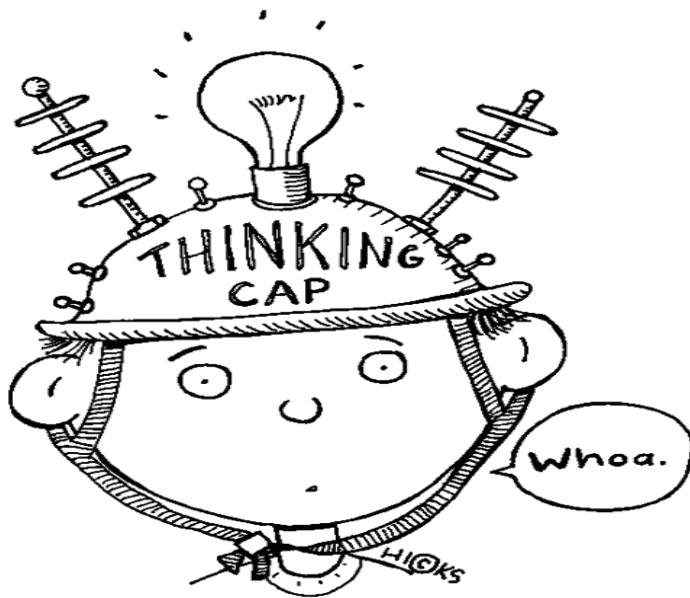


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# Newkirk keeps traditions alive

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter  
Bob and Barbara Newkirk lead a life steeped in the traditions of New England. The couple has run B&B Farms for 21 years – one of the last farms in West Haven.

Bob has lived and worked on the land for over 50 years; B&B Farms being the most recent incarnation of businesses on the land. He said he and his wife, whom he called his partner in life and in business, knew farming would be hard work and little pay when they started but that it has been a good life.

“We didn’t know the big box stores were going to kick us in the butt,” said Newkirk. “But we just kept on plugging along.”

Newkirk said they have done a lot of rebuilding on the property to fit their business’s needs. What was once a gift shop became their home after a Christmas Tree Shop opened in Orange. They also had to downsize their greenhouse after Home Depot, Lowes and Walmart came in and took profits from their flower sales.

“I didn’t want to give up on my property,” said Newkirk, joking that he probably should have if he had known the future.

B&B Farms is on Jones Hill Road. It is open from May to then end of October and then open after Thanksgiving to sell Christmas trees. The 15-acre farm has animals such as a horse, a rabbit and goats. They sell flowers, vegetables and an assortment of delicious homemade ice creams. Newkirk said tradition is important to him.

“We’re the last working farm in West Haven,” said Newkirk. “We have Simone’s [Golden Acres Farm] which is a greenhouse and then Latella’s [J Latella & Sons Piggery] which is a slaughterhouse. We wanted to keep some of the tradition going because West Haven at one point was a very big farming community.”

Bob said he also worked construction on the side to make ends meet. He said it was not uncommon for he and Barbara to work 20 hours a day. It

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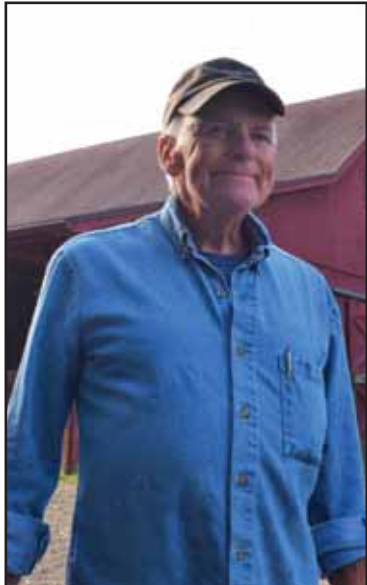
can be a thankless job, according to Newkirk, but it is very rewarding. He called it a labor of love.

“I wouldn’t have it any other way,” said Newkirk. “I am originally from Seymour. My grandfather had a farm up there where we milked cows. We just try to keep some of the past going so the kids can see what it was.”

Newkirk said they hosted around 800 school children from the surrounding area in 2018 for hay rides and pumpkin picking. He said he can tell that young people have not been exposed to the farming lifestyle.

“A lot of people enjoy coming up here,” said Newkirk. “They find it relaxing. Sometimes I feel like I’m providing a service.”

Farmer Bob, as some call him, said they could not do



BOB NEWKIRK

it without the support of the West Haven people. He said he is also happy to see they are getting new customers from outside of town. He said there is a trend in the farming business which has seen more people supporting small local farms.

Newkirk said recently he has

had a lot of “executives” and people in high paying jobs visit the farm to talk to him about how they would go about starting a farm. He said he lets them shadow him for a day.

“They want to get back to nature,” said Bob. “They are tired of the hustle and bustle.”

Thee farmer said he works

hard but enjoys the lifestyle, adding that he never has trouble putting his “head on the pillow.” He said he is proud of what he has.

“My father always said, ‘You came into this world with a good name and that’s all you’ve got to take with you,’” said Newkirk. “I’ve always

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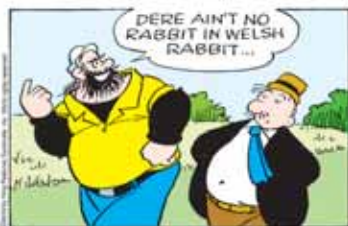
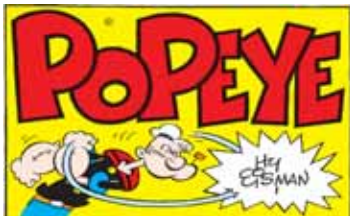
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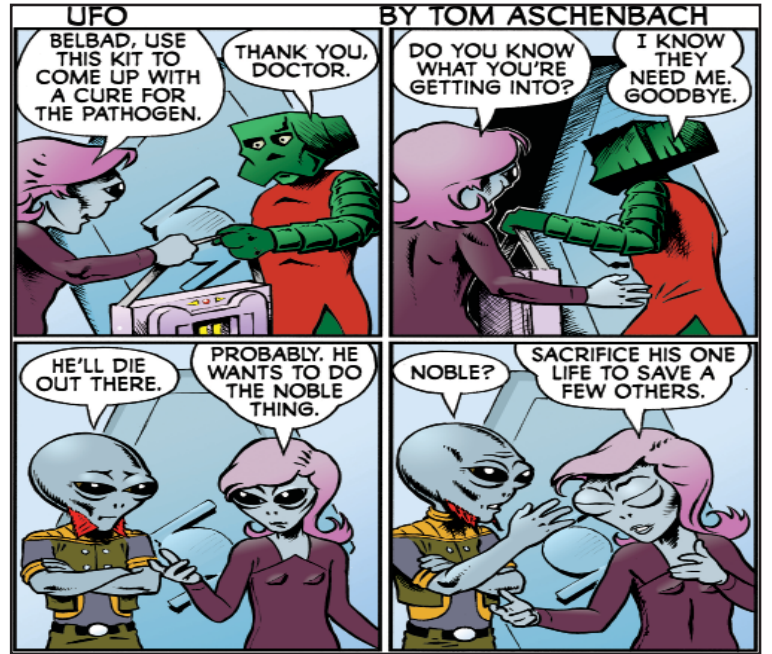


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## Westies edged again, go 0-3

The West Haven football team fell to 0-3 to start the season with a 21-14 loss against Newtown Friday evening. The road loss marked another close contest against a top 10 team in the state in what could have easily been victories.

Despite creating numerous turnovers, the Westies could only manage 14 points. Newtown took advantage with touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters to pull out the victory.

Quarterback Andre Rentas gave the Westies a 7-0 lead with an 8-yard touchdown run in the opening quarter as Isaac Morales also tacked on the extra point.

Newtown evened the game at seven, before West Haven picked up its last lead of the game. Kason Ligas-Nygren's 15-yard fumble return for a touchdown along with the extra point by Morales put West Haven up 14-7 at the half.

Rentas completed 12-of-16 passes for 127 yards, while also running for 45 yards and a score in the loss.

The West Haven volleyball team fell to 2-3 on the year with a 3-0 loss at Cheshire Monday evening. The Rams cruised to a 25-7, 25-17, 25-12 victory.

Giliana Santaniello led the offense with six assists and Bria Stanley had four kills. Noelle Noble led the defense with six digs, and also added three kills, while Thiana Baez had three digs as did Savannah Lopez. Anh Nguyen had four digs.

West Haven pushed its record back to the .500 mark with a 3-1 victory over Lyman Hall Wednesday evening. The 25-18, 25-18, 24-26, 25-19 victory over the Trojans at West Haven High improved West Haven's record to 3-3 on the year.

Santaniello had a solid outing for the Westies as she ran the offense with 18 assists, three kills and three aces, while also leading the way on defense with 11 digs. Stanley also played well with 13 kills, four digs, and three blocks, while Noble added nine kills and seven digs.

Neve Krajcir played well with five aces, four kills and three digs, and Lopez had eight assists, four digs, three kills, two See Westies, page 18



Photo by Russ McCreven

West Haven's Selena Izzo heads up field in last week's game with East Haven. The two hometown schools played to a scoreless tie.

## Knights get first win of season

The football team got their first win of the season, cross country swept their lone meet and the inaugural Athletic

Hall of Fame is now less than two weeks away as the third full week of the fall sports season was a successful one in

Green Knight Nation.

Cross-Country -- For the second time in nine days, the Notre Dame cross country

team swept a quad-meet. This time, the Green Knights beat host Foran as well as Hillhouse and West Haven. Notre Dame placed six runners among the top seven finishers to post the three wins. West Haven's Sebastian Villanueva finished first in a time of 18:21.

The Green Knights, who improved to 6-1 with the three wins, then had the next six runners cross the finish line. Ohm Patel ran second overall and was the top Green Knight runner for the third time this season. He ran in a time of 18:31. The next four counting runners for the Green Knights were Oliver Shannon, Gabriel Quinn, Devin Rodriguez, and Kevin Sevigny.

Football -- The Notre Dame football team scored four times in the second quarter to take a 25-7 halftime lead en route to its 39-14 win over Platt in the home opener at Veterans Field on Friday, Sept. 27. Jackson Zalinsky accounted for five touchdowns, two rushing and three via the air to lead the Green Knights offen-

sive attack. Zalinsky scored on a pair of one-yard touchdown runs, then connected twice with Tommy Candelora and once with Robbie Oliverio.

The Green Knights struck first, watched Platt tie the game, then exploded for three scores over the final 3:15 of the second quarter to seize control of the contest. Gianni Liguori added the final score on a 25-yard scamper to make the score 39-7 with 30 seconds left in the third quarter.

Notre Dame returns to Veterans hosting Amity in a SCC Tier 1 contest on Friday, Oct. 4.

Soccer -- The Notre Dame soccer team played well in a pair of losses to quality SCC foes last week. They led Amity for over 65 minutes in their game on Sept. 24. The Spartans scored twice over the final 11 minutes in their come-from-behind 2-1 win.

Nicholas Vitti scored in the fifth minute of the game for Notre Dame. Against Cross on Saturday, the Governors

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Notre Dame wide receiver Robbie Oliverio catches a touchdown pass against Platt in the Green Knights 39-14 win on Friday, Sept. 27 at Veterans Field.

# Dragons top Sharks in soccer

The Elite Soccer Camps Golden Dragons played a strong game against the Porto Funeral Homes Navy Sharks with the Dragons winning, 10-5. Ben Trenchard and Matteo D'Elia both picked up a brace, with Jax Guarino adding a goal and Jacob Rader getting a hat trick. Luca DeCrescezo played a strong game in the win for the Dragons. The Jason Ranalli Yellow Bees played an exciting game against the West Haven Professional Firefighters Sharks this week. In a back-to-back scoring experience for the boys, Owen Witkins shined on the field. Talla Ndiaye and Yadiel Rios both scored their first-ever goals. The P&B Express Blue Wolves won Saturday's game, 5-0, against West Shore Family Dental. Nathan Almeida was a phenomenal goalkeeper and played offense too, Gabriel Quezada was played great defense alongside Jayden Williams, and Daimeon Griffin contributed to both offensively and defensively.

The Milano & Wanat U10 girls travel team defeated Orange on Friday evening, 4-1. Kylie Gibbons scored a hat trick, and Sophia Empric added the other goal. A strong defensive game was played by Sophia Locklear. Lynn Chesson, Jayda Ciliberti, and Haleigh McCarthy controlled the midfield. On Saturday evening the U10 girls travel team lost to North Haven 3-0. Hailey Dargon showed good effort on defense while Lynn Chesson Arianna Thom, and Lulu Sebas played well at midfield. Spohia Empric and Kylie Gibbons combined for several nice passes and shot opportunities.

The West Haven Police Local 895 U12 boys continued to dominate their schedule by posting a pair of 7-0 wins over the weekend. Seven different players scored goals for the balanced West Haven attack. The Blue Devils are now undefeated at 5-0-0 on the season. On Friday night the Westies traveled to Southington to play under the lights. West Haven jumped all over the home team with first half goals by Sean Studley, Pedro Furtado (2), and Pacey Larka. Nate Charron, Ramy Mendhouj, Ryan Malone and Furtado earned assists. In the second half the Blue Devils did not relent. Furtado completed his hat trick early in the half with an assist to Maicon Miguel. Miguel and Charron tallied later with Studley assisting on both goals. Efrain Brown and Matthew Panton controlled play in the back for West Haven while Rafi Treat and Victor Davila earned the

shutout splitting time in goal. On Sunday afternoon at Duffy Field the Westies hosted Clinton and picked up right where they left off. Studley opened the scoring before Furtado added another. Malone smashed home Furtado's assist and Mendhouj tapped in Studley's flick for a 4-0 half time lead. Furtado's beautiful chip was headed in by Studley to open the second half scoring. Malone added another goal before Miguel capped the scoring with a volley. Jovan Lakaj and Mehmet Aciker were strong for the Westies.

Treat and Davila combined for their second shutout of the weekend.

On Saturday, the Oyster River Energy U9 girls played Southington at home losing, 2-0. Celeste DiNallo and Joselyn Davila controlled the ball well up and down the field. On Sunday, the girls traveled to Shelton winning, 2-1. Luciana Cappetta and Stella Porto scored for West Haven. Gillian Wynus played a solid defense while Annabelle Fiorillo and Ava Pellino were strong winning the ball against Shelton. Olivia Petrie made some great

saves in goal.

The Gunning Law Firm Blue Hurricanes defeated Shoreline Wellness, 5-0. Goals were scored by Sophia Empric, Stella Porto and Danaangelique Lopez-Salazar. Lynn Chesson had a strong game in goal while Lulu Sebas, Angelina Torres, and Chelsea Hernandez had strong games on the field. The Top Hat Academy Green Crocodiles found themselves down early against the WH Italian-American Civic Assn. The Crocs were able to bounce back and get the 7-2 win with great effort from

Aarohi Jain and Amelia Finek. Julissa Olivera and Kendall Gilchrist were great on defense to help seal the victory. The Cappetta's Italian Imports Polar Bears played an impressive game against Keenan Funeral Home winning, 4-1. Samantha Zuk and Luciana Cappetta scored while Kiley McCoart played a strong defense. Alianna Wilson was solid in goal.

The Sweet Relief Catering Blue Thunder came away with a 3-2 win over Barcode. It was a well-played game with goals by Caleb Awuah and Ato Ap  
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# Seahawks' 12U quietly goes to 4-1

The West Haven Seahawks 12U team improved its record to 4-1 with a 25-13 win over the Danbury Trojans. Quarterback Nick Conlan ran for two scores and passed for another.

Conlan had rushing touchdowns of 2 and 33 yards, and connected with receiver Teriq Mallory for a 36-yard touchdown pass. Running back Kieandre Lymon added a 16-

yard touchdown run as the Seahawks pulled ahead 25-0. Running back Bryan Tillman converted for an extra point. Danbury scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter in an attempt to get back in the game. Ethan Holy, Lindell Jaynes and Anthony Dorsi played well on the defensive side of the ball.

The Seahawks 8U team remained unbeaten (5-0) with a 33-0 win over the Hamden Hurricanes. Tristan Crawford, Majesty Whitaker, Mighty Jackson, Jaden Spell and Jermaine Gibbs fueled the offense. Mason Fonseca, Mason Booker, Mohammed Turay and Ja'cari Harris locked down the defense and held Hamden scoreless.

The 10U Seahawk team (4-1)

was knocked from the ranks of the unbeaten by the New Britain Raiders, 21-6. The Raiders stunned the hawks running to a 21-0 lead. The Seahawks came back in the second half when quarterback mason Wright connected with receiver JJ Lugo for a 67-yard touchdown pass.

The Seahawks put some good drives together in the 4thquarter, but fell short. A solid defensive effort by Caden Stanley, Arthur Rossi, Colin Murray and Angelo Petruzzello.

The 14U team fell to a very talented Hartford Hurricane team, 39-7. Running back Demari Barker scored the only Seahawk touchdown, the

first given up by the Hartford team this season. Javier Smith played hard on offense and defense.

The two flag football teams (5 & 6) took on the Danbury Trojans. The blue team was led by Colin Watson who scored a touchdown and Payton Roach who ran the ball well. Noah Nieves was all over the field on defense. The green team was led by Emmanuel Purdue, Aaron Sullo and Elijah Vreeland.

The Seahawks will hit the road next weekend.

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## Youth Soccer

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piah, with excellent goalkeeping by Guillermo Gonzaga and great defense by Dylan Soc and Christian Reyes.

The Stars Ice Cream Warriors defeated the Rock House School of Music, 7-5.

The warriors were led by Carnasia Shabazz with three goals, and Dulce Pooou Giron and Haley Colon each scored two goals. Jazmin Morales and Camila Suarezcaporal played good defense.

Nick's Luncheonette Dragons played Gunning Law Firm to a 4-4 draw. The Dragons played hard to take a tie with Jaden Prates and Caleb Redmen doing a great job on defence and Mason Panton on offense.

The WH Federation of Teachers Local 1542 Mini-Blueberries played Frank Agvent Plumbing and Heating winning, 5-3. Jollette Dixon made passes to her team helping them move the ball down the field.

Tyraja Garner scored the first goal of the game. Karine Davila scored points for her team. Isabella Cooper scored her second goal of the season.

Anessa Worrell helped her team in the win. The Stars Ice Cream Gold Stars played the George Ellis Company, but came up short, 7-2. Juliana Crudo attacked the ball and was able to take some shots on goal.

Madison Jacksics used her skills from practice to get some good touches on the ball.

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# Squirt A falls to Enfield, 4-3

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team fell 4-3 to Enfield on Sunday at the Cyr Arena in Springfield.

The Blue Devils cut the Eagles' lead to 2-1 late in the first period on a goal by forward Cameren Lipford with forward Ryan Walsh assisting on the play.

West Haven forward Aedan Guarino tied the game on an unassisted goal early in the second period.

Down 4-2 in the third, Lipford added a goal midway through the period to bring the Westies within one. Aedan Guarino assisted on the play.

Goalie Alex Werle played exceptionally well, making 27 saves and keeping West Haven in the contest.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team won its third straight game with a 4-1 victory over the Darien Ice Cats A1 at the Darien Ice House Saturday morning. The Blue Devils are now 3-4-0 on the season. The West Haven goaltenders, Jacob Silva and Greg Galasso, were terrific in net as they split time between the pipes and totaled 34 saves. Brady Price won a faceoff in the Darien zone and quickly gathered and fired over the goalie's shoulder to give West Haven a 1-0 lead six minutes into the game. It was a short-handed tally.

The Westies scored two second period goals within ten seconds of each other to take control of the game. Ronnie Mastroni grabbed the puck off the boards and toe-dragged it past two defenders before sliding it to an open Ethan Kelly. Kelly snapped it in for a 2-0 lead.

Kelly then won the ensuing faceoff to Mastroni who skated into the Darien zone and ripped a laser into the upper corner for a 3-0 advantage. Darien made it 3-1 late in the second period. But West Haven's defense held strong in the third. Sean Studley would ice the game with an empty netter after Darien went on a power play and pulled their goalie to skate 6-on-4 with two minutes left in the game.

The West Haven Peewee AA travel hockey team won a pair of games this weekend. The Westies opened with a 5-3 victory over Darienn AA on Saturday, then topped the Central Massachusetts Outlaws, 5-0, on Sunday.

Looking to bounce back from its opening CHC loss last weekend, West Haven got going quickly. Zach Goetze won a faceoff just outside the defensive zone, moved the puck to John Donohue who took it the rest of the way and scored on a wrist shot 4:16 in.

Nick Eberhart would find

Nicky Stevens in front 19 seconds later to put WH up 2-0. Darien evened the score in the second period scoring the only two goals.

The Westies jumped back out in front 47 seconds into the third when Brody DiNuzzo made a behind the back no-look pass in neutral zone to Thomas Porto who immediately redirected it to Gabe Locklear breaking in the zone. Locklear lost a defender before sliding it to Billy Mascari for a 3-2 lead.

Darien answered to even the game, but, with 6:51 left to play Mascari feeds DiNuzzo at the point and DiNuzzo's shot deflects off body of Darien defenseman to Porto in front who finds the back of the net for a 4-3 lead.

West Haven iced the contest a few minutes later when Tim Donohue fed Jack Alo,

who moves around a defender, dishes back to Donohue for a 5-3 lead. Deko Cooper and Beckett Stenz provided solid defense. Against Central Mass., West Haven got off to a slow start until Donohue got the Westies on the board in the second period unassisted. West Haven then piled on four more goals coming from Alo from the point, assisted by Mascari, Nick Salzano assisted by Porto and Locklear, Stevens from Salzano and Goetze, and DiNuzzo unassisted

Goaltending by Tyler Donroe and Nate Kempton was outstanding. Drew Kaufman and Connor Benz helped create some key turnovers. WH Peewee AA team now sits atop The EJ with a 9-1 record.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team dropped a

pair of contests this weekend. West Haven opened with a 7-2 loss against New Canaan Saturday afternoon in Darien. With the game even at two in the second period, West Haven could not find the back of the net and New Canaan scored four short-handed goals in the contest to prevail.

West Haven took a 1-0 lead when Matt Stevens set up Jayden Spreyer with 8:15 left in the first.

New Canaan took a 4-1 lead before the Westies cut the deficit in half with 1:51 left in the second on a goal by Mickey Dowd. Michael Madera and Spreyer assisted on the goal.

New Canaan put the game away with three goals in the third period.

Dante Hardt, Kyle Droney and Chris Adkins played well in the loss. Bryan Hong also played well, relieving in goal.

The Westies then traveled to play Greater New Haven Sunday evening in Northford. Leading most of the game, West Haven watched as Greater New Haven scored twice in the final 3:40 to pull out the win.

West Haven took a 1-0 lead just 2:15 into the contest when Madera knocked in a rebound of a Spreyer shot. After Greater New Haven tied the contest in the second, West Haven took the lead 3:08 later when Spreyer scored off assists from Dowd and Dave Brown.

West Haven goaltender Brendan Smith was outstanding in goal, turning aside 28 shots, including a penalty shot on the third period.

Haygen Axelrod, Jason Alling, Sean Bosworth, Matt Wezenski, Josh Gyolai all played well defensively in the loss.

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# Knights: *Booters hope to rebound from loss*

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 jumped out to a 2-0 lead before Vitti and Thomas Ellis notched goals to even the contest.

However, Cross added a pair of goals in their 4-2 win. Notre Dame played Sheehan on Tuesday and East Haven on

Wednesday before taking on Career in a three-game in four day span this week.

Hall of Fame --The countdown has begun to Notre Dame's first Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 5.

The inaugural group of in-

ductees includes a Who's Who of Notre Dame Athletics from a coaching and player standpoint.

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lio '59, Greg Lawler '65, Jim Davins '82, and Tarek Saleh '93. The 1954 and 1962 state champion football teams will also be honored. In addition, John Janenda, Richard Lawler, Sr., Nick Pietrosante '55, Ed Schreck '63, and Ray Tellier will be honored posthumously.

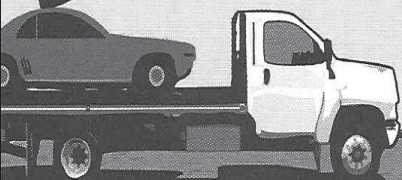
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**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Bread choice
- 4 Ignore
- 8 Platter
- 12 " - the fields we go"
- 13 Watergate evi- dence
- 14 "Do - others ..."
- 15 Succumb to gravity
- 16 Bloodhound's clue
- 17 Poker variety
- 18 Half an aphor- ism
- 21 Atmosphere
- 22 Spring time
- 23 Counterfeit
- 26 Festive
- 27 Kreskin's claim
- 30 " - Lang Syne"
- 31 Tenor Peerce
- 32 Tolerate
- 33 Spelldown
- 34 Follow relent- lessly
- 35 Linger
- 36 Old French
- coin
- 37 Scale member
- 38 18-Across' other half
- 45 PC operator
- 46 Requisite
- 47 Martini ingredi- ent
- 48 Stead
- 49 Figure-skating jump
- 50 Genetic stuff
- 51 Mary's follower
- 52 Muse's music- maker
- 53 Early bird?
- test
- 9 Grooving on
- 10 Phaser setting
- 11 "The Da Vinci -"
- 19 Praise highly
- 20 Put into words
- 23 "Terrif"
- 24 Wish otherwise
- 25 Hearty quaff
- 26 Joke
- 27 Wet wriggler
- 28 "Erie Canal" mule
- 29 Use a crowbar
- 31 Blog
- 32 Ointment
- 34 Fawn's mom
- 35 Random draw- ing?
- 36 Bush
- 37 Villain's look
- 38 Sea flier
- 39 Largest of the seven
- 40 Abound
- 41 Alluring
- 42 Shrek, e.g.
- 43 Croon
- 44 Hosiery mis- hap

**DOWN**

- 1 Parks or Bonheur
- 2 Calendar quota
- 3 Therefore
- 4 Impassive
- 5 Bottom
- 6 "Once - a Mattress"
- 7 "The Seventh Seal" director
- 8 Failing the white glove

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Autry
- Bacharach
- Beach Boys
- Beatles
- Berlin
- Berry
- Cline
- Clooney
- Crosby
- Ellington
- Kristofferson
- Page
- Presley
- Pride
- Sinatra

**PUZZLE**

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**IT'S MAGIC!** Use the numbers 2 through 17 to fill in the above Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column must total 38. Also, the two corner-to-corner diagonals. We've filled in six numbers for you. Use the trial-and-error method.

**STUMP THE TEACHER!** Challenge your English teacher to come up with a nine-letter word that contains only ONE vowel. Hint: He'll need a STRONG vocabulary to answer this one.

**LINK-UPS!** Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

- LAD
- HAS
- IMP
- MITE
- KIN
- TEN
- TON
- ABLE
- RED
- KING
- LED
- TEEN
- DEED

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:**

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

**Junior Whirl**

by Charles Barry Townsend

**A VERY SHORT CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

|   |   |   |   |   |
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This is a tricky puzzle. Fill in the puzzle grid using the following definitions:

- Across:
- 1. Well-known insects.
- 6. Organs of the body.
- 7. To tantalize.
- 8. Comfort.
- 9. Belongs to us.
- Down:
- 1. What a lion is.
- 2. What a mouse is.
- 3. What a mosquito is.
- 4. What a cat is.
- 5. What a dog is.

(Down) 1: 1-6 BITTER  
7: TITTT (Toase) 8: EEEEE (Ears) 9: RRRRR  
Answers: (Across) 1: BBBBB (Bees) 6: IIIII (Eyes)

**Answers to last week's puzzles**

**King Crossword**  
Answers

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

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| PAY       | DOH   | ELUDE  |
| LIE       | ARE   | LASER  |
| URN       | DAMAS | SCENE  |
| MET       | STAGE |        |
| BRAG      | ENE   | SKEW   |
|           | HUD   | DAMONE |
| IDIOT     | ODE   | GUIDE  |
| DAMSEL    | GAR   |        |
| SWAT      | ODE   | FOAL   |
|           | BUENO | FRO    |
| DAMNATION | TUB   |        |
| ORTON     | GMT   | EBB    |
| MADRE     | NEO   | NAY    |

**MOVE LAST TWO LETTERS TO THE FRONT TO MAKE A NEW WORD**

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| R | R | N |
| A | D | L |
| N | E | A |
| O | A | L |
| S | S | O |
| R | M | S |
| E | T | P |
| Y | D | E |

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
Answer

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

# Westies: Volleyball team ups mark to 4-5

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blocks, and two aces.

West Haven improved to 4-3 on the season with a 3-0 victory over Foran in Milford Thursday evening. The Westies won by scores of 25-17, 25-21, and 25-11.

Santaniello ran the offense with 15 assists, Stanley had 11 kills, and Noble added eight digs, three kills and two assists. Krajcir also played well with six aces and six kills.

The West Haven girls soccer team snapped a three-game losing skid and improved to 2-3 on the season with a dramatic 1-0 home victory over Sheehan Tuesday evening.

With time running out in the contest, Madison Lentine's shot was denied, but the rebound was grabbed by Julia Tsakonas, who buried the game-winner.

Along with the goal by Tsakonas, solid defense and

the goalkeeping of Mackenzie Gardner helped lead the Westies to their second win of the year. Gardner finished with nine saves in the victory as Sheehan held a 9-7 shot advantage in the contest.

West Haven moved to 2-3-1 with a 0-0 draw against Hand in Madison Thursday evening. The Westies limited Hand to just seven shots in the contest, including just one in the first half, but could not come away with the victory.

Gardner picked up the shutout as she turned aside each shot she faced in what was a sold all around effort from the Westies.

The Westies moved to 2-3-2 with a 0-0 draw against East Haven Saturday evening at Ken Strong Stadium in West Haven.

Gardner made one save in the shutout for West Haven.

The West Haven boys soccer

team dropped its first contest of the year in Madison Tuesday evening. After allowing just two goals in the first three games of the season, West Haven gave up seven to Hand in a 7-0 loss to the Tigers. With the defeat, West Haven fell to 3-1 on the year.

Scott Testori led Hand with three goals, while Jason Wallack scored twice in the Hand victory. Testori and Wallack set the tone from the start as each scored twice in the first half for a 4-0 lead.

Testori started the scoring 45 seconds in, and added another at the 27:55 mark for a 4-0 lead. In between, Wallack scored twice (7:35 and 23:31).

Hand scored three times in the second half of the lop-sided victory. Eli Davis made six saves in the shutout for Hand as the Tigers held a 21-6 shot advantage in the contest.

John McLaughlin made nine

saves and sophomore Brian Carew finished with six for the Westies.

West Haven moved to 3-1-1 with a 1-1 tie against North Haven Thursday evening in West Haven. After taking an early lead and playing with that advantage the majority of the contest, West Haven watched as the Indians tied the contest in the final 10 minutes of regulation.

Junior Derick Meza gave West Haven a 1-0 lead 6 minutes, 35 seconds into the contest when he scored off an assist from fellow junior Aldo Barragan. Despite having 10 shots in the contest, West Haven could not find the back of the net again.

Carew kept the Indians off the scoreboard and was inching closer to a shutout until Jack Pollard scored at the 71:55 mark to even the game at one. Carew finished with five saves

in the contest. West Haven fell to 3-2-1 with a 7-1 loss at Cheshire Saturday evening. West Haven fell behind by three goals early and never recovered in its second loss of the season.

Barragan scored West Haven's lone goal at the 39:56 mark to get West Haven within 3-1 as Cheshire scored three times in a span of 2:50 for a 3-0 lead.

Cheshire added four second half goals in the win. Jack Louira and Denys Fuentes each scored twice for the Rams.

McLaughlin made three saves and Carew made two saves for West Haven in the loss. Cheshire held a 23-7 shot advantage.

The West Haven girls swim team fell to 0-3 on the year with a 95-81 loss against North Haven Tuesday afternoon in West Haven. The Westies did not have any first place finishes, and had just two second place positions.

The 200 yard medley relay team of Madison Hobart, Molly Wilson, Victoria Acuna, and Kaelyn Falanga was second in 2 minutes, 7.80 seconds, while Kaylee Taulty was second in the 1 meter diving with 172.40 points.

The West Haven girls swim team fell to 0-4 on the year with an 89-81 loss at Shelton Friday evening. The Westies had five first place finishes.

The 200 yard medley relay team of Hobart, Wilson, Acuna, and Kaelyn Falanga won in two minutes, 5.22 seconds, and the 400 yard freestyle relay team of Morgan Falanga, Eileen Barrington, Kaelyn Falanga, and McKenna Driver won in 4:18.25.

The 200 yard freestyle was won by Morgan Falanga in 2:18.89, while the 500 yard freestyle was won by Kaelyn Falanga in 6:10.02. The 200 yard freestyle relay team won in 1:56.57 with a team of Hobart, Wilson, Morgan Falanga, and Acuna.

The West Haven boys and girls cross-country teams ran in Eisenhower Park in Milford Wednesday against Foran, Hillhouse, Sacred Heart Academy, and Notre Dame. The boys team defeated Foran, 20-48, and Hillhouse, 15-50, but fell to Notre Dame, 20-48. Senior Sebastian Villanueva led all runners with a time of 18 minutes, 21 seconds. Junior James Weber ran 19:58 and freshman Khai Outhavong ran 20:01. The boys team is now 4-5 on the season.

On the girls side, West Haven fell to Foran, 17-47, Sacred Heart 15-50, and Hillhouse, 26-35. The top runners for West Haven were junior Kenedi Merola at 26:30, freshman Amanda Gullo at 27:56, and senior Daelle Coriolan.

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### Viet vets invited

West Haven Vietnam Era Veterans are invited to contact the West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center in preparation for its annual event on Sunday, Nov. 10. Veterans will be honored with a special program of music, gifts, tours and a full buffet. There is no charge for the event, but reservations are required as seating is limited. To make a reservation, please leave your name, phone number and number of persons attending by calling the museum at (203) 934-1111, or email [whmilmuseum@snet.net](mailto:whmilmuseum@snet.net), or visit us at 30 Hood Terrace (across from the West Haven Train Station). Reservation deadline is Nov. 1.

### WHEAT benefit

Save The Date -- Thursday Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. The Savin Rock Roasting Company is hosting a Trivia Night to benefit of WHEAT. Reservations are required. Call WHEAT at (203) 931-9877. There is a \$15 donation on the night of the event.

### Rosary Crusade

The annual Public Square Rosary Crusade will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, noon, at the West Haven Green, gazebo area. For information phone Eva Cestari, (203) 933-7141.

### WHGC confab

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its meeting on

Monday, Oct. 7 at Ora Mason Library meeting room, 260 Benham Hill Road. A luncheon will then follow and the program will be speaker and

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### Atlantic City trip

F. Seniors and Friends are

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