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We can provide a Metal Detecting Waiver and Release of Liability Form upon request.

If you're open to this, we'd be happy to discuss any conditions that you prefer, including dates, times or areas to avoid. Thank you for considering this request. We would treat your property with the utmost respect, carefully replace any soil or grass, and remove any trash found.

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Sincerely, Katrina and Bryan Bennica

We can be reached at (475) 331-4233 (Katrina)

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Letters to the Editor

To submit a letter: Letters to the Advisor should include the writer's name, address and phone number. The writer's signature should appear at the end of the letter. Unsigned letters will not be published. Letters will be accepted through Wednesday at 5pm. We will extend the deadline if circumstances allow and providing we have space available. Letters must be no longer than 400 words due to space limitations. The Advisor does not edit letters which are published as they are received. If a letter is questionable, the writer will be contacted for verification. The Advisor reserves the right to not publish letters that may be personally offensive.

Hamden High School Student Protest

To The Editor: April 2, 2026

The recent Hamden High School student protest reflects genuine concern, but it overlooks an important part of the broader picture: the essential role that immigration enforcement plays in maintaining order and fairness under the law.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is tasked with upholding federal immigration laws passed by elected representatives. Their work includes targeting individuals who have violated immigration laws, including those with criminal records, and helping to deter illegal entry that undermines the legal immigration system. Without enforcement, immigration laws become meaningless, and respect for the rule of law erodes.

Communities like Hamden and others across Connecticut also feel the real impact of illegal immigration. Local schools, healthcare systems, housing markets, and social services can become strained when resources must stretch to accommodate populations beyond what was planned or funded. This can disproportionately affect working-class families and legal residents who rely on those same services.

It's also important to recognize that legal immigrants—who followed the process, often at great personal cost—are disadvantaged when others bypass the system entirely.

Compassion and enforcement are not mutually exclusive. The United States can and should remain a welcoming nation, but that must be balanced with secure borders and consistent application of the law. Encouraging students to engage civically is valuable, but a complete understanding of the issue requires acknowledging both the humanitarian concerns and the necessity of lawful immigration enforcement.

Ronald S. Gambardella, Hamden

With Great Power

To The Editor: April 2, 2026

On Monday night, four members of the North Haven Board of Finance made a decision that will directly impact classrooms, educators, and students across our town.

That decision was not made in a vacuum. They had access to actuarial projections showing the volatility of rising insurance costs in a self-funded model, combined with the impact of Trump's crushing insurance bill. They heard detailed explanations from the Board of Education about what those numbers mean in real terms. Not abstractions. Not hypotheticals. Real consequences: fewer teachers, reduced programs, larger class sizes, and diminished student support.

There is no plausible deniability. Either the information was not believed, or it was dismissed because it did not align with preexisting views. Either way, the outcome is the same: a decision made with full awareness of its likely impact. Our students, families, and staff will feel it. That is what makes this moment so serious.

It is easy, after the fact, to suggest that the consequences live somewhere else. To say the impacts will be managed by the Board of Education. To imply the burden falls on administrators, teachers, or families to figure it out. It is easy to propose cuts in the abstract. It is much harder to stand behind those decisions when their real-world impact becomes clear. The buck does not stop somewhere down the line. It stops with the people who cast the votes.

We also owe our community decisions grounded in facts. Too often, discussions about the Board of Education are shaped by incorrect assumptions presented as facts, even when better information is readily available. One example is continuously referring to reserves as a surplus, which has been explained as folly several times, yet one member continues to misrepresent. A lack of engagement with that information should concern all of us. When decision-makers choose not to engage with the full picture, the result is not fiscal discipline. It's flawed judgment.

With great power comes not just responsibility, but the obligation to own the outcomes.

North Haven's students, families, and educators deserve nothing less.

Amanda Gabriele, North Haven

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-395.

Certified list(s) of party-selected candidates for the Republican Party and Democratic Party in the Town of North Haven for participation as Delegates to the convention(s) of said Parties specified below, is on file in my office, located at Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT 06473.

Copies are available for public inspection and distribution:

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JUDGE OF PROBATE CONVENTION -- BOTH PARTIES

J. Stacey Yarbrough

North Haven Town Clerk

Dated this 1st day of April 2025

Land Trust Annual Document Shredding Event

The **North Haven** Land Trust will be holding their annual Document Shredding Fundraiser on Sat., April 11 in the North Haven Pool parking lot, 45 Elm St., from 9am-noon.

The cost remains affordable at $10 per shopping bag or copy paper box, with larger quantities priced separately at the event. Funds raised allow us to pursue new open space acquisition opportunities, maintain existing properties and cover insurance property oversight.

For more information, please visit our website at: NorthHaven LandTrust.com or you can contact us by email at: NorthHaven LandTrust@gmail.com.

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