

'Shovel Walks' warns Rossi, city

By Michael P. Walsh

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hours after a storm or face a \$25 fine "for each day that the violation persists."

Rossi said that after the Thursday storm, a number of residents and businesses had allegedly been in violation of the "Removal of Snow and Ice" ordinance under Chapter 195 of the West Haven Code.

According to the ordinance, residents and businesses are given 24 hours to remove snow from sidewalks on and bordering their properties.

Violators are subject to the \$25-per-day fine, which is enforced by the Police Department, the ordinance states.

To report a complaint, call the department's non-emergency line at (203) 937-3900. Complaints are kept confidential.

Rossi also pointed out that plowing or blowing snow into city streets is prohibited and violators are subject to a \$60 fine for each offense, per the ordinance.

During the next storm, she said, residents and businesses will see police stepping up enforcement of the ordinance.

To help crews expedite snow removal, Rossi is also reminding residents and businesses to observe parking regulations during and after storms.

Once snow begins to fall, a parking

ban is in effect on the even-numbered side of most roads, unless one is posted with a "No Parking" sign on the odd side.

The ban is in effect for 36 hours after a storm. Residents are urged to park in driveways or designated private lots.

However, during an official snow emergency declared by Rossi, a parking ban will run from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. on both sides of Campbell and Savin avenues, Morgan Lane, Elm Street, Meloy Road, Second Avenue from Elm to Beach streets, and Main Street from Savin to Washington avenues.

Police will tag and tow vehicles violating the "Severe Weather" parking ordinance under Chapter 188 of the

West Haven Code at the owner's expense.

Also, residents and businesses with mailboxes damaged by snow thrown from a plow are the responsibility of the property owner. The city will only repair mailboxes damaged by the striking of a plow blade if there is visible evidence, such as paint or tire tracks.

Snow removal around mailboxes is the property owner's responsibility.

Residents are also urged to help firefighters keep hydrants clear of snow.

For more information, call the Department of Public Works at 203-937-3585 or visit the department's page at www.cityofwesthaven.com.

Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Christmas card designers

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi presents her Christmas card designers, from left, Bailey Middle School seventh-graders Jasmin Cintron and Llianay Romaro and eighth-graders Eveleen Jiang and Sofia Lora, with their original artwork, enclosed in a frame with a professional copy of their card and a mayoral citation, Dec. 21 in the school lobby. The students, who were accompanied by their parents and Bailey art teacher Kathy Shea, were cited by Rossi for their "Selection as a Mayoral Christmas Card Artist."



18th 'Icy Plunge' set for Saturday

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Get ready for a doubleheader of arctic proportions.

If it were not already epic enough with its Icy Plunge for the Cure, the city's Breast Cancer Awareness Committee is presenting an additional goodwill contest on the same January morning for those looking to challenge themselves while raising money for a good cause.

The first winter beach volleyball tournament, appropriately called the Spike for the Cure and organized by the Department of Parks and Recreation, will complement the 18th annual Icy Plunge for the Cure on Jan. 13.

Both events will benefit breast cancer research and education, said city Human Resources Commissioner Beth A. Sabo, a founding member of the committee, established in 2001.

Participants in the plunge can break out the polar swimwear at 9 a.m. at Savin Rock Beach, off Captain Thomas Boulevard. Then, at 11 a.m., participants in

the volleyball tourney can bust out the cold weather sportswear on the frozen tundra of Sea Bluff Beach, just down the way off Ocean Avenue.

Registration for the plunge starts at 7:30 a.m. in the Savin Rock Conference Center, 6 Rock St.

The first 100 people to register will receive "plunge-wear." The top fundraiser will receive a prize.

Participants will wait on the beach for the signal to charge into the frigid surf of Long Island Sound. Wetsuits are not allowed.

More than 200 people took part in last year's frosty dip, which netted about \$30,000, said Sabo, who supervises Park-Rec.

After the plunge, organizers will hold a raffle with prizes donated by area businesses.

Sabo said the plunge is a celebration of survivors and a remembrance of loved ones who have died of the disease.

Registration forms are available in the Department of Human Resources on the second floor of City Hall, 355 Main St.

Pledges for the plunge must be handed in the day of the event, Sabo said. Checks are payable to the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program.

Proceeds have previously gone to the Smilow Breast Center at Yale New Haven Hospital and Looking Forward, an education and wellness program for cancer patients at Smilow.

For information or to sponsor the plunge, call Sabo at (203) 937-3558. For the Spike for the Cure, Park-Rec is registering six-person teams for the single-elimination tournament. The team entry fee is \$100.

Register at the department's Painter Park office, 190 Kelsey Ave. Checks are payable to the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program.

The tourney winner will receive a prize, said organizer Diane Dietman, recreation program coordinator. For information or to sponsor the tournament, call Park-Rec at (203) 937-3651.

Send donation checks to the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program, Department of Human Resources, 355 Main St., West Haven 06516.

Evelyn Whaley, age 4, student at the West Haven Child Development Center is hoping for more snow to make more snowmen.



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Zentarski offers free test for city's fleet vehicles

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Chuck Zentarski, owner of Chuck's Garage at 52 Hood Terrace, is giving back to the city by performing the emission testing for free on all municipal vehicles that require testing, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced.

Zentarski, who met with Rossi in her office Jan. 3, said he was answering the mayor's call for help after reading a recent newspaper article in which Rossi had invited any West Haven resident or business with an idea for improving the city, particularly its financial woes, to contact her at City Hall.

"My idea was that I'd donate the emission testing for any city vehicle that requires a test," Zentarski said. "It isn't a lot, but it's something."

Zentarski, 64, has owned and operated his automobile repair garage, which is across the street from the train station, since 1974.

"I'm a West Haven resident, and I want to see things get fixed," he said. "I hope it can spark other businesses and residents to help out. In order to fix the problem, everybody has to work together."

Rossi agreed, praising Zentarski, a city resident since he was merely a year old, for being part of the solution.

Zentarski said he anticipates testing about 20 city vehicles — only those without municipal license plates, specifically the police detective sedans — per year. The in-kind service would save the city about \$400 a year, he estimated.

"It's not a lot, but that's what I can do," Zentarski said. "A lot of the newer cars — 2014 and over — don't require an emission test."

Emission testing is mandated by the state Department of Motor Vehicles every two years, with the exception of 2014-17 model-year vehicles and vehicles 1992 and older.

Most of the city fleet — composed of 226 vehicles, including sedans, SUVs and trucks — is exempt through one of those categories, in addition to already having municipal plates, Fleet Superintendent Robert A. Orifice Sr. said.

Orifice said the city has purchased two new Ford Taurus sedans and two 2013 sedans for the Police Department's detective bureau, joining the bureau's five 2016 Ford Taurus sedans.

The city has also purchased 10 new Freightliner "severe-duty" plow trucks for the Department of Public Works, he said.

Orifice said the high-tech trucks are equipped with plows and computer-controlled spreaders that manage how much sand and salt are used, as well as ergonomic cabs, heated windshields, LED lighting and stainless steel bodies.

Tree reminders, holiday pickups

The city reminds residents not to put Christmas trees in plastic bags or stands for curbside pickup.

Plastic bags and other items can become tangled in the machine that grinds the trees into compost.

Also, residents are reminded that five holidays during the year delay curbside pickup one day.

All American Waste of New Haven, the city's private rubbish contractor, will not pick up rubbish, recyclables, metals or tires Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If a holiday falls on a weekday, pickup for that week will move ahead one day.

But when a holiday, such as Thanksgiving, falls on a Thursday, only Thursday and Friday's collections will move up a day.

For details, call the DPW at (203) 937-3585.



Mayor Nancy R. Rossi shakes hands with Chuck Zentarski on Jan. 3 at City Hall. Zentarski, who owns Chuck's Garage at 52 Hood Terrace, is giving back to the city by performing the emission testing for free on all municipal vehicles that require testing.

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Profile of Attorney Mark A. Healey

Attorney Mark A. Healey has been practicing law in West Haven, CT for more than 25 years.



Mark received his education at Hopkins School in New Haven graduating with the Class of 1979. He went on to study Economics at Hamilton College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree. He then attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and received his Law Degree in 1986.

Mark began his career in law working with a small, general practice firm that specialized in plaintiff's personal injury cases. In 1992, he opened his own law practice on Savin Avenue, on the West Haven Green, and has been there ever since.

Attorney Healey has represented hundreds of clients with regard to plaintiff's personal injury matters and has secured millions of dollars in recoveries for accident victims. He also devotes a substantial part of his practice to Worker's Compensation claims, Real Estate Closings, and Probate, Wills, and Estates.

Currently, Attorney Healey is the President of the West Haven Bar Association, a member of the New Haven Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Association, Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, and the American Association for Justice. He has been accredited by the Better Business Bureau and is rated as "Highly Ethical and Highly Professional" by Martindale Hubbell.

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Mullins elected Annawon 'Master'

By Frank Andriulli III
Special to the Voice

At On Dec. 11 at its annual year end election, Annawon Lodge, 115 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of West Haven elected Steven R. Mullins, 43, to serve as Worshipful Master for the year 2018.

He succeeds Worshipful Brother Frank Mangiero, who has served as Worshipful Master for the past two years. Mullins has been a member of Annawon Lodge since 1998.

In Masonic Lodges, the Worshipful Master is the senior officer of the Lodge.

He sits in the Oriental Chair in the East, where he presides over business meetings, rituals and ceremonies of the organization.

"I am truly humbled and honored that the brethren of Annawon Lodge have put their trust and confidence in me to lead them in 2018." Mullins said in an interview. His father, grandfather and great-grandfather were freemasons.

Mullins is a longtime West Haven civil servant. He is currently the city's longest serving Planning & Zoning Commissioner, having served since 2006.

He has been elected either Chairman or Vice-Chairman

of the Commission since 2012. He has also served as West Haven Justice of the Peace since 1999. Until last month's change of Mayoral administrations, he served on the West Haven High School Building Committee, where he was Chairman of the Finance Subcommittee.

Mullins is a communicant of the former Christ Church, now Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in West Haven, where he served ten years as a vestryman, Junior and Senior Warden.

He is President of the Southern Connecticut Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians.

He is also a member of the Allingtown Volunteer Fire Association. For the last three years, Mullins has chaired the West Haven Black Heritage Celebration at West Haven City Hall.

This past Saturday, Mullins was installed in an elaborate and colorful ceremony, presided over by the Rev. and Brother Bruce Bellmore, Right Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of the State of Connecticut.

The rites included a farewell to Mangiero, honoring his tenure as Master.


The ceremony, was attended by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and State Representative and Brother Freemason Charles Ferraro and took place at the West Haven Masonic Building, Mullins' children Nora, 14 and Steven Christian, 10 addressed the assembly and gave tribute to their father. Ferraro also gave remarks

and will be presenting a state citation to Mullins at a future meeting. Mullins invited both Rossi and Ferraro to sit with him in the East.

In addition to Mullins, other officers installed were Senior Warden Richard X. Biela, Junior Warden Kyle J. Podpolucha, Treasurer Gerald A. Calabritto, Secretary

Frank J. Andriulli, III, Senior Deacon Michael J. Cotela, Jr., Junior Deacon Mark Homburg, Senior Stewart Anthony P. King, Marshall James V. Jennette, Tiler Jonathan Belmont, Historian William K. Barr, Chaplain Richard C. Memmott, Jr., Trustee Frank Mangiero and Almoner Robert Gundersen.

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Prospective parents are invited to attend one of two sessions. There will be a morning session, 9:00-10:30, where parents will have an orientation and then the opportunity to tour the school while in session. There will also be an evening session, 7:00-8:30, where parents will also have an orientation and then the opportunity to tour the school and meet with the teachers.

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Prospective parents can call the school (203-933-2518) or visit the school's website, <http://stlaw.eduk12.net>, for additional information.

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The Hon. Steven R. Mullins in full Masonic Worshipful Master Dress Regalia, with gavel in hand.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF WEST HAVEN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold the following public hearing on the noted application to change the City's Zoning Regulations:

Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Regulations in the Waterfront Design (WD) District.

1. Application for approval of amendments to Section 2.2, Definitions – Open Space to change the definition of Open Space. The current Open Space definition excludes walkways and paved areas dedicated to gathering or public parks. The proposed change in the Open Space definition would allow such walkways to be calculated into the Open Space requirement when such areas are part of a comprehensive development (or redevelopment) plan. Paved walkways and paved areas are important to allow for handicap accessibility to open spaces, especially public access to the waterfront.
2. Application for changes to Table 36.1 Area and Bulk Requirements for the WD Zone. The current regulations for maximum building coverage, maximum impervious surface coverage, maximum lot coverage and minimum open space are 40%, 20%, 60%, and 40% respectively. The proposed change would set these values at 35%, 60%, 80% and 30%. These proposed changes would allow for more flexibility in the design of future development in the WD District.
3. Application for changes to Section 36.2, Description and Intent of the WD District to delete the third bullet point, which is inconsistent with the permitted regional shopping center use. Language to be deleted: "As much of the area is in the flood plain, use of at grade parking with structures above, or garages accessed from a service alley is encouraged. Large expanses of surface parking and garages with individual street access are discouraged."
4. Application for changes to Table 62.1 Summary Table of Parking and Loading Requirements referenced in Section 60.13 Number of Parking Spaces. The current requirement under Use Category E., Commercial, Regional Shopping Center is 1 required parking space per 200 S.F. (square feet) of floor area. The proposed change would revise that value to 1 required parking space per 250 S.F. of floor area.

Applicant: The Haven Group, LLC. File #ZR 17-076.

PUBLIC HEARING: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 7:00 PM (continued from January 9, 2018) in the Harriet North Room, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven.

A Complete copy of this application and supporting documents available for review in the office of Planning & Development, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT. (Notice provided per Section 86 of the Zoning Regulations)

Kathleen Hendricks, Chairperson

Dear Felicia

Here we are in 2018, sweetie pie. It's hard to believe that we've been doing this thing since about 1971 and are still going at it. We were old then, and we ain't getting any younger. So, after all these years we're still haunting the denizens of the Actors Colony and telling tales that the politicos around here would rather we didn't. With a new administration, by my count the tenth administration we've seen since the colyume began, Iyam sure we're gonna have a lot to write about each and every week.

As I might've mentioned - I know I did - before the year was out, one of the things that is haunting the political classes about the new administration is the fack that so many old faces are finding their way back into the leadership positions. It ain't the foist time. It jest seems like when an incoming administration looks to "make changes" what they are really doing is going to

the status quo before the other people took over.

It don't exactly look like we have a lotta change going on, just the same old characters going into the same old roles or new ones, but the faces never change. That is a complaint being hoid more and more around town. And before anybody wants to make the charge that it wasn't so under the O'Brien people, they'd be telling a big fib. It was the same. Can't we find some new blood in the city besides the same old faces that are a bit more age-lined and a bit more gray-haired than they were a few years back?

It seems not effen a body takes things at face value. Not that we do. Politicos are people who like familiarity. They also like their allies.

That's only the foist thing people are worried about.

Sammy Bluejay told me that over the holidays the angst that some people had regarding the

make-up of the council - seven O'Brien types and five Rossi types - is scaring even some of the most hardened of political onlookers. Rivalry and political hardball have been a hallmark o' what goes on in this berg for decades going back to when people wore Panama hats and used buttonhooks.

There are some members of the council who really don't like each other and really have no problem in showing their disdain for t'other person. Whilst many are hoping the inner adult will come through, there is no denying the last mayoral campaign was a blood game with one side looking to massacre the other. That didn't happen, so the the results are a mixed bag.

We know that administration people are wondering what they are gonna git beyond the legislative body only because they don't have the majority of Demmies. Even with the minority member voting with the mayor the only way things are gonna git done is effen somebody gets above the fray.

One thinks that might be the chairman himself, Ron Quagliani. He made sure he didn't git himself entangled in the blood-letting - a situation that helped him but made him poison to some Demmies. He might be a person to finagle, cajole or guide some things through.

With the budget process for the new fiscal year jest getting underway his ability to settle the hotter heads down might be good for everyone. We shall see.

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Before I forgit, I hope you fared perty well during the blizzard last week. Cobina herself was dutifully ensconced in her domicile, but did hafta venture out into the wilderness to do some shoveling. As Fibber McGee once said, "It's amazing how something so light could get so heavy so fast."

We had about a foot of the white stuff in my neck of the woods and it wasn't quite as light as they said it might be. And the wind, lawdy the wind, Cobina. It was quite something. Even our pet feline, who likes to venture out even in the cold found a warm spot and stayed there.

I hafta say though, what I really was worried about was the gassamobuggy. She made some very rude noises and on one morning objected strenuously, but still started.

As far as the city plowing was concerned. One could always find something to complain about, but considering the fack that forecasters didn't really have a handle on the thing until they declared it a blizzard the very morning of the storm, the plows did a good job trying to stay ahead of it. At one pernt it was coming down at about 3 inches an hour. So, no amount of tooling about town was gonna keep all the streets clear. Overall not bad.

Herroner has to be wonder-

ing what she signed up for. Since she took the oath we've had to snowstorms with the promise of more to come. Those things can be a real trial with all the time and effort. But, that's why they pay her the big bucks.

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Nelly Nuthatch tells me that one of the things the people in the know are looking at is what herroner will do to hire a new Finance Director. Kevin McNabola was kept on, but that is supposedly temporary until a replacement can be found. Much like former administrations, who the new mayor is able to hire in that key position is gonna be a critical thing.

Over the years we've had good ones, bad ones, and sneaky ones. Some would say that the reason we're in the situation we're in is cuz of some of the decisions put forward by Finance Directors. Maybe, but they are still under the control of the person sitting in the third floor office in the southwest corner. The buck - literally our bucks - stop with the decisions made by the thoid floor.

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As mentioned before the budget-making process is getting started. This is gonna be a tough couple o' months to git through, methinks. Even the wag was in t'other afternoon and sez that the inability of other administrations to make hard decisions might mean the reckoning we're all expecting might be coming in 2018. This budget might be the biggest one in our history. We'll soon find out.

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Meanwhile, Iva Lootey tells me that work is apace at the high school, and the bad old G-wing is getting abated as we speak and looks like a giant loaf of bread with all the plastic surrounding it. Still, the problem with that part of the building is what it represents - the failure of the school leaders to git what they want - that's why they really, truly can't wait for the thing to come down.

Meanwhile, the idea that the high school reconstruction is gonna be a smooth transition over the next few months is shrinking as we speak.

One of the things that might be a real hurdle now that I think of it is the method of reconstruction and the fack that the building is filled with asbestos.

There are some parents who are chomping at the bit, saying things aren't being done according to the Marquis of Queensbury rules and they might make life very difficult over the next little while.

Think about it. Do we really need that?

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

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Budget-making for FY '19 is crossroad for city future

West Haven is at a crossroad that is going to determine not only its future, but its future viability and capability to prosper at some time in the future. Sound like an exaggeration? It is not.

Mayor Nancy Rossi has a big job on her plate, and it is one that, given her own assessments of her financial abilities she is aptly capable of completing successfully.

Beginning this month, the annual process of budget making gets underway with the Board of Finance looking at the wish list each department presents as what it would like for the new fiscal year beginning July 1. Like a child's letter to Santa Claus, these lists are whittled down to a few necessities and, it is hoped, will not face the future slicing of the mayor's budget team.

The process works through meetings and hearings and memos until March, when the city charter prescribes the mayor should present her recommended budget to the City Council. The council then takes the budget and does a six-week review, culminating in the passage of a budget ordinance in the best of circumstances. That ordinance will either be similar to what the mayor envisaged or will have tweaks and shifts of funds as determined by a super-majority (nine votes) of the council.

One way or the other, a budget will be enshrined for the coming fiscal year. In the best case scenario it will be by a majority vote of the council and signature by the mayor. In the worst, the council will have no consensus on the plan and cannot agree on any alterations. The charter prescribes the budget presented by the mayor will then default into law for the coming year.

This New Year and the new budget now in the political sausage grinder promise to be the most important action taken by the nascent administration in decades. Rossi, a numbers woman with CPA after her name, is expected to be prone to the foibles that have dogged city budgets for the better part of three decades.

Unlike her predecessors who consistently over-estimated revenues while under-estimating expenditures in some cases, it is expected Rossi will be coloring within the lines and mapping out a spending plan that actually reflects not only the city's ability to spend, but the taxpayers' ability to pay. If that sounds ominous, it is.

The State of Connecticut's continuing saga of trying to tweak its own ill-fated budget plan will continue into the next year, and we expect that Rossi will be niggardly in her posting of state grants and aid. That will probably mean the city's homeowners and personal property taxpayers will be asked to foot more of the bill – something that is going to happen in every one of the state's 169 towns and cities.

If 2017 proved nothing, it proved that the long-expected bottom of the money well has been reached by the General Assembly. That means municipalities have to expect less from Hartford, while putting more on residents. The supplemental bills for car taxes are a good example of what to expect.

There is no way to sugar-coat what to expect in the next quarter year. The city has run an operating deficit in at least three of the last four fiscal years, and as of this writing the audit for last fiscal year has not yet been released. It would not be surprising to see yet another shortfall.

Rossi has set the stage by taking steps to cut costs and limit hiring. We may see more in the coming months with cutting staff by attrition or eliminating positions.

The point is the coming months will see the city take a dramatic step that has to deal with the financial realities of the here and now. Expecting windfalls from future developments has helped put us in the position we are, and has forced officials to take a heavy-handed approach.

What we hope will happen is Mrs. Rossi's effort will stem the bleeding that has occurred over the last several years. Only when we have an accurate – and painful – reflection of the city's true fiscal status can we make moves toward future prosperity.



Churchill saved civilization

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

This year's best movie about a spirited band of resisters fighting an empire of evil isn't the latest entry in the "Star Wars" franchise, but "Darkest Hour," an extraordinarily deft and moving depiction of the outset of Winston Churchill's prime ministership during World War II.

Cabinet meetings and political intrigue aren't the most natural cinematic material, although the underlying event in "Darkest Hour" is one of the most dramatic in modern history: One man standing defiant before the onslaught of an enemy army, rallying his nation with his willpower and words.

Discounting for Hollywood embellishments, the movie is worthy of this story, which is high praise indeed. In particular, Gary Oldman's portrayal of Churchill is so compelling that the Academy Award for best actor should be signed, sealed and delivered to him right now.

Upon taking power, Churchill faced disaster on every front in the war, yet bucked internal political pressure to explore a deal with Adolf Hitler. In his marvelous history of this crucial interlude, "Five Days in London: May 1940," the great historian John Lukacs writes, "Then and there he saved Britain and Europe, and Western civilization."

In 1937, Churchill's reputation had been at a low ebb, but he recovered on the strength of his acuteness about Hitler. When Neville Chamberlain returned from Munich,

Churchill gave a speech in the House of Commons declaring "we have sustained a total and unmitigated defeat." Britain's position slid downward from there.

The same day that Churchill became prime minister, Hitler's army invaded Western Europe in earnest, sweeping all before it and eventually trapping the British at Dunkirk.

Given the circumstances, the desire of Viscount Halifax, Churchill's inherited foreign secretary, to explore peace terms wasn't unreasonable, just profoundly wrong.

Churchill opposed any deal. He was convinced, Lukacs notes, "that such a settlement, under any conditions, could not be counter-balanced by a maintenance, let alone a guar-

antee, of British liberty and independence." Churchill bent a little toward Halifax when he initially felt it politically necessary, but ground him down and ultimately outmaneuvered him.

In a key episode, Churchill went to the larger Cabinet and won overwhelming approval for his stalwartness. Here, he made his famous statement, "We shall go and we shall fight it out, here or elsewhere, and if at last the long story is to end, it were better it should end, not through surrender, but only when we are rolling senseless on the ground."

The so-called Great Man theory of history might be overly simplistic, but history indisputably has its great men. "Darkest Hour" does justice to one of them.

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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

Savin Rock's Transition Part I

Those of us of a certain age have fond and romanticized memories of Old Savin Rock. It was a wonderful, magical place, and maybe it could have been rehabilitated and retained, but this was not to be.

The Boy can still recall the magic of the Rock; but he can also recall a Savin Rock of broken sidewalks, broken glass, weeds, bums and poor sanitation. And he remembers Saturday and Sunday mornings on Kelsey Avenue during the warmer months, when he and father would have the regular

task of picking up garbage, leftover food and drink containers, and other assorted objects which had been flung from car windows, and onto their lawn, as the evening's revelers drove home. Dinnertime talk became more and more frequent as to "what should be done" about all of this.

Apparently, they weren't alone--West Haven taxpayers expressed their will by referendum in 1963, and in 1967 the various structures of Old Savin Rock were demol-

ished, one-by-one.

However, every story has more than one side to it, and this one is no exception. Below, we share the words of Sue Burke Hutchinson, daughter of longtime Savin Rock Concessionaire Maggie Burke:

It's October, 1965, dreary, chilly and gray. It's the day we are to empty our stand in Savin Rock's old Midway. It's over.

I remember walking the back way with Aunt Marie; Hill Street, across Ward Street,

through the parking lot to Palace Street. Down the Midway, and past Ihne's bar.

I remember the silence. Hers, mine, the empty streets, echoing with its emptiness. The destruction all around, houses being demolished, Tiernans half gone, all the heavy equipment sitting in the parking lot, waiting for the next day.

Sadness deep in our souls, knowing even at my age of 16, life was changing big time. Our house was going down soon, Aunt Marie's also. Our livelihood had been taken away, and everything I knew for sixteen years was being destroyed. I didn't understand it then, I do now, but still hold bitterness somewhere deep inside.

Walking down the Midway, I saw that other concessionaires were doing the same, some had signs of merchandise for sale, pickup trucks in the Midway filling up with the prizes people coveted and came from miles around to win, tossed around like the junk they were.

At our stand, Lenny was already there, taking down the wooden shutters to open up for the last time. His face said it all.

No one spoke, no greeting, no chatter, just the sounds of people emptying their stands. No rides open, no food stands open, except Cameron's, the flying horses, the arcade and fascination. Nobody was around, it was as though they knew to stay away; to let us grieve and work privately; to respect this day for what it was.

So we packed prizes in boxes for hours. Bill Cameron came by with coffee and rolls and to hug and say goodbye. As we worked, the tears just kept flowing, silently, just kept coming, mine mostly for my Aunt and for Mom, for their sadness.

I remember thinking for the first time, how dirty and shabby it all was. Maybe it was time? Was there a better plan for my family?



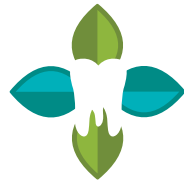
Sue Burke Hutchinson (left) at the Savin Rock stand.

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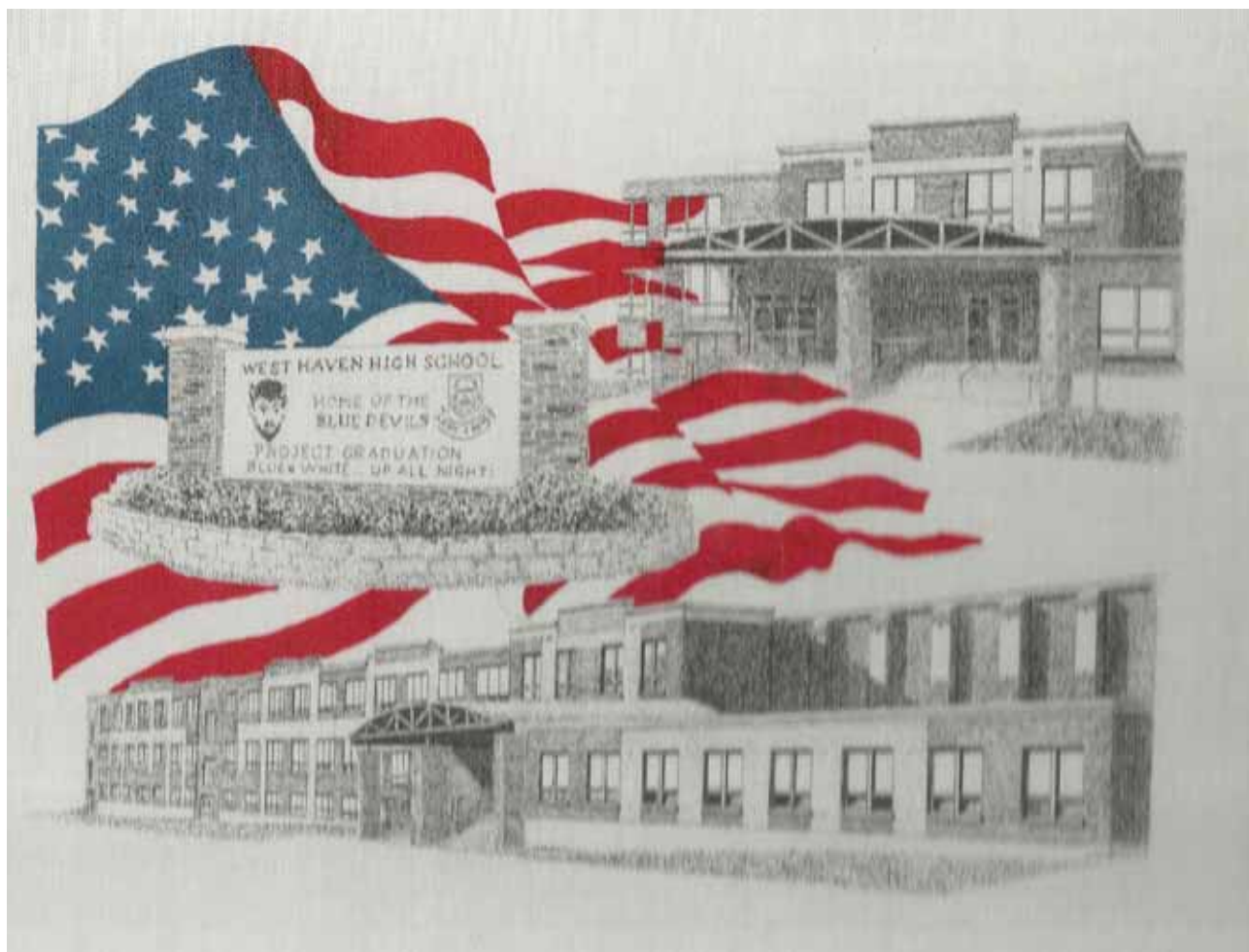
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Westie skaters back on track

After starting the season with three, tough losses, the West Haven hockey team got things back on track. After defeating the St. Joseph Cadets 7-5, the Westies hosted the Simsbury Trojans on Wednesday night at the Bennett Rink. After spotting the Trojans a 1-0 lead on a short-handed goal just 3:16 into the game, the Blue Devil offense kicked it into gear. EJ Pacapelli snapped off a shot from the high slot to beat the Trojans' goaltender with 8:53 left in the first period to knot the game at 1-1 and then Colin Braziel picked the corner 23 seconds later to give the Westies a 2-1 lead. The Trojans were able to even the game up before the end of the first period.

The Westies took a 3-2 lead when Kevin Moriarty, camped in front of the Simsbury net, took a rebound of an E.J. Pacapelli shot and found the back of the net 4:56 into the second period. Just over a minute later, after a couple of golden, goalmouth opportunities, Nico Kyle gathered in a rebound, spun around and found the short side to beat the Trojan keeper to increase the lead to 4-2. The back-breaker for the Trojans came with 2.5 seconds left in the period when Nico Kyle scored again on a rebound from a Rob Forleo point shot and gave the Westies a 5-2 lead.

Moriarty scored his second of the game with 2:53 left in the game while the Trojans picked up a late goal with 32 seconds left for the 6-3 final. Logan Cole stopped 38 shots, many, spectacular in nature, to preserve the victory.

On Saturday afternoon, the Blue Devils hosted the Guilford Indians and saw their two game win streak come to an end in an 8-3 loss. The Indians jumped out to an early 3-0 lead just 9:42 into the contest before Robbie Forleo's point shot found the back of the net at 10:31, assisted by EJ Pacapelli to get the Westies on the board. Unfortunately for West Haven, any momentum was stopped with another Indian tally with 29 seconds left in the period that sent the teams to the locker room at 4-1.

Pacapelli cut the lead to 4-2 just 1:45 into the second period but the Indians had the answer one minute later and another at 4:10 to extend the lead to 6-2. Pacapelli would score again with 5:38 left in the period to get the Westies within 6-3 but that would be as close as they would get. Guilford tacked on two, more goals in

the third period for the 8-3 final. Logan Cole finished with 16 saves while Jared Pliszka made two saves in relief between the pipes.

This week, the Blue Devils hosted the Amity Spartans on Wednesday and then will play host the East Haven/Old Lyme/Old Saybrook/East Hampton Yellow Jackets on Saturday at 11:30am.

The West Haven/Sacred Heart girls hockey team continued to roll, picking up its sixth, straight victory with a 7-0 win over the Lauralton Hall Crusaders. Shannon Siclari got the Westie Sharks on the board just 29 seconds into the contest assisted by Makena White. T

aylor Nowak then made it 2-0 assisted by Mia Celentano at 6:40 of the first period. The girls increased the lead to 3-0 when Jianna Cohrs scored 1:05 later with Megan Froehlich getting an assist.

Cohrs scored her second of the game 4:18 into the second period, then Celentano scored at 6:55 before Cohrs finished her hat trick with a tally 47 seconds later to increase the lead to 6-0. Mackenzie Gardner scored on a point shot 8:32 into the third period for the 7-0 final. Kyleen Crowe stopped all 10 shots she faced to post the shutout between the pipes.

This week, Westie Sharks hosted Guilford on Tuesday and then finish the week with a trip to the Shelton Rinks to battle the Amity/North Haven/Cheshire Blades on Saturday at 8.

The girls basketball team picked up its second win of the season with a 67-41 victory over the Harding Presidents on Tuesday night. With the teams battling in the first half, Amanda Carr hit a huge three-pointer as time expired to put the Westies up 31-19. Carr would finish with 12 points to lead the Blue Devil offense while Dynastee Francis and Diamond Dixon each picked up 11 points in the win. Also contributing in the victory were Natalia Frazer with nine points and Keegan Riccio with seven points and ten rebounds.

The Westies traveled to North Haven on Saturday afternoon and held a 9-8 lead after the first quarter but that would be their last lead of the day in a 39-30 loss to the Indians. Amanda Carr led the Blue Devils with 15 points while Ebonie Jones contributed with nine points.

This week, the Westies hosted Branford on Monday, trav-

eled to Foran on Wednesday and travel to Shelton for a contest with the Gaels on Friday at 5:15.

The boys basketball team visited the Hamden Green

Dragons on Tuesday evening. Despite 22 points by Josh Moncrieffe, the Westies were defeated 72-55. Josiah Steinman added 15 points and Marquel Bookert had nine points

in the loss.

This week, the boys traveled to Branford on Monday, hosted the Foran Lions on Wednesday and will finish the week hosting Notre Dame.



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West Haven's Natalia Frazier drives around Branford's Victoria Raffone in Monday's game at the Westies' gym. The Hornets topped the Blue Devils by a 47-42 margin.

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Squirt A sextet splits

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team split a pair of close games this weekend. The Blue Devils lost, 5-4, to the Riverhawks A on Saturday, before rebounding to defeat Greater New Haven Warriors A1, 6-4, on Sunday. The Westies are now 24-8-2 on the season.

On Saturday, the Blue Devils traveled to the Rinks at Shelton to face the Riverhawks A squad. West Haven trailed 4-0 in the first period, came back to make it a one-goal game in the third, but eventually lost 5-4. Brady Price scored two goals and Sean Studley added a goal and an assist to lead the Westies offense.

Trailing 4-0, Ryan Pniewski got the Westies on the board when his wrist shot went five-hole. Studley passed ahead to Ethan Kelly who found Pniewski in the right circle. In the second period, the Westies defense clamped down and Blue Devils goaltender Jacob Silva made some quality saves. Ethan Kelly and Studley combined for the only tally midway through the period as Kelly dug the puck off the boards and centered to the slot. Studley outthrustled a defender to the puck and swept a one-timer inside the far post to make it 4-2.

With 6:28 to go in the game, Zach Goetze found Price streaking down the right side and Price roofed his wrist shot for a power play goal that cut

the Riverhawk lead to 4-3. The Riverhawks scored their own man-advantage goal with just over three minutes to play to regain the two-goal lead. With 1:35 on the clock, Matthew Kelly passed ahead to Goetze who found Price again. Price's wrister went five-hole to make the final score 5-4. Silva was solid in between the pipes with 22 saves.

On Sunday morning, at Edward L Bennett Rink, the Westies scored three third period goals to pull away from the Warriors and post a 6-4 victory. Zach Goetze recorded a hat trick and Jacob Silva made 24 saves.

Goetze tapped in a loose puck, with assists from Price and Thomas Porto, to score the only goal of the opening period and give West Haven a 1-0 lead. The Warriors tied it early in the second period, but Goetze carried the puck the length of the ice, deked right, and scored left to make it 2-1. Greater New Haven later scored a power play goal to tie it again at 2-2.

Price scored with 31 seconds left in the period, with assists to Porto and Goetze, after they applied heavy pressure throughout their shift. Pniewski slid one five-hole just 25 seconds into the third period with assists to Ethan Kelly and Studley.

Midway through the period, Porto fed Goetze for a short-handed breakaway making it

5-2. GNH scored off the next puck drop just 15 seconds later, but Studley scored on a spinning back-hand shot from Ethan Kelly 21 seconds after that to regain the three-goal lead. The Warriors scored once more, but Silva was clutch down the stretch to finish off the win.

The West Haven Peeewe A travel hockey team improved to 23-10-4 with a sweep of weekend action. The Westies opened with a victory over the Huskies and followed with another win over the Western Massachusetts Wizards.

Against the Huskies Saturday afternoon at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven, the Westies took a 1-0 lead 23 seconds into the game when Dante Hardt scored off an assist from Jayden Spreyer. The Huskies evened the contest 47 seconds later, and took the lead nine seconds after the equalizer.

The lead held up for the Huskies until the third period when Nolan Cole scored off assists from Mickey Dowd and Dave Brown with 11:38 remaining. West Haven scored the go-ahead goal when Cade Simone tallied with 5:48 left in the game.

The Westies capped the sweep with a 2-0 victory over the Wizards Sunday at home. West Haven took a 1-0 lead in the second period when Spreyer scored. Colin Deane scored off an assist from Brown.



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Knights win three in Disney tourney

Winter sports are in full swing for the five Notre Dame winter sports teams. Here is a quick update of each through the first part of the season.

Basketball

The basketball team is off to a 4-3 start highlighted by winning three games in the KSA Tournament held at the Disney Wide World of Sports in Orlando over Christmas Recess.

The Green Knights beat Beckman HS from California, Cathedral Prep from Pennsylvania, and Oxbridge Academy from Florida over four days while also enjoying all the Disney Parks in their down time. Connor Raines has led the way as the Green Knights

leading scorer in six of the seven games to open the season.

Hockey

The hockey team is off to a solid start winning four of its first six games. Coach Belcher's team has defeated New Canaan, Simsbury, Ridgefield, and Darien while falling to Hamden and Fairfield Prep. The team has gotten solid goaltending from Brendan Crowley. Offensively, the Green Knights have been led by Michael Bencivengo, Ian Hayden, Chris Hibson, and Mike Ansaldo.

Swimming

UConn-commit North Hansen has led the way for the 2-0 Notre Dame swim team. He won

won six different events in two meets as ND beat both Sheehan and Hamden to open season. He won all freestyle events against Hamden while against Sheehan he won 200 IM, 100 backstroke, and 200 medley relay.

Billy Hinckley won a pair of events (200 IM and 100 butterfly) against Sheehan while David Albright won the diving event for the second match in a row. Albright also took home the diving portion against Sheehan earning 175.90 points, qualifying him for the CIAC Class M Meet.

Track

The winter track team has participated in three events. Notre Dame had six athletes

qualify for states via their performance at the season-opening SCC Developmental Meet on Dec. 18.

Nicholas Petruzzelli took first place in the pole vault clearing 12 feet. He also cleared 6 feet to take second place in the high jump. Also qualifying for states was the 4x800 relay team of Brad Doyle, Jon Katz, Reuben Reyes, and Andrew Marinelli ran in a time of 9:09.56.

Joe Mascari was the other Green Knight to qualify for states in the shot put.

In its second meet, the Wintergreen Invitational, Matthew Bracale took third and cleared 10 feet in pole vault while Jason Sawicki qualified

in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.95.

Wrestling

The wrestling team has had success right out of the gate in their second varsity season. They have a 2-1 dual meet record with wins over Portland and Fairfield Prep.

They also finished third at the Shelton Invitational Meet and fared well winning three of its five dual meets at the Law Invitational on Dec. 27. Derrick Pommills, Jr., Connor Massey, Matt Peters, Jason Kern, and Christian Fillion have fared well in the early season meets. Pommills just won the 222-pound weight class at the Warde Invitational on Jan. 6.

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HOLD THE LETTUCE AND TOMATO! Can you find the four five-letter words for the Word Square that match the definitions below? All words must read the same both across and down.

1. He runs a monastery.	2. A destructive fire.
3. Part of a BLT (given).	4. Found high above Earth.
5. A true principle.	



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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 PACK OF "CURS"




Don't "bark" up the wrong tree looking for these words. The grid to the left has room for nine words, and they all contain the word "cur." We also give you plenty of hints to help you fill in the missing letters.

- Rudely, brief in speech.
- To swear at.
- Specific time to be home by.
- A museum director.
- To cut short; abbreviate.
- Spilled milk.
- A hasty performance.
- A fancy flourish made with a pen.
- Part of a paved road.

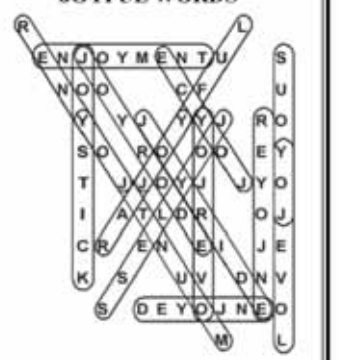
Answers to last week's puzzles

— King Crossword —

Answers
 Solution time: 21 mins.



JOYFUL WORDS



— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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

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