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'Icy' Plunge Nearly 200 souls braved the frigid waters of Long Island Sound as participants in the 18th annual "Icy Plunge for a Cure" to benefit breast cancer research. While air temperatures hit above-freezing marks for the first time in days before plummeting again, the water temperature was a brisk 42. After a relaxing dip, swimmers headed for drier clothes and cozy environs.



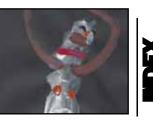


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Rob Fumiatti number retired

West Haven High School officially retired No. 8 in honor of the late Blue Devil Robert Vincent Fumiatti. A New Haven Police office, Fumiatti was shot in the line of duty and died of complications from that incident in 2007. A star defensemen for the Blue Devils, he played on the 1988 state championship team and was an assistant captain his senior year, 1989. Pictured left to right, is Jim Perno, Rob's wife, Stacey Fumiatti, son Vinny, retired Amity hockey coach Gary Lindgren, daughter Madelyn, sister, Debbie Fumiatti Powers, Rob's mother, Marguerite, daughter Caitlin, and brother Michael.

Madison Hotchkiss, age 4, student at the West Haven Child Development Center sees more snow in the forecast.



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Assistant City Clerk Sharon Recchia swears in new tree warden Leo Kelly on Dec. 20 at City Hall as Mayor Nancy R. Rossi looks on. Kelly previously held the post in 2013-14.



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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.

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Leo Kelly returns as tree warden

By Michael P. Walsh Special to the Voice

A familiar face has returned as the city's tree warden.

Leo Kelly, who served as tree warden from Jan. 28, 2013, to Dec. 1. 2014. was sworn in by Assistant City Clerk Sharon Recchia as Mayor Nancy R. Rossi stood by during a brief ceremony Dec. 20 at City Hall. Kelly, a licensed arborist since 1979 and certified tree warden since 2010, was appointed by Rossi for the parttime position, which was formerly held by Bob Herrington, also a licensed arborist and certified tree warden.

Kelly, a lifelong city resident, will receive a \$4,999 stipend



for the job, which is under the aegis of the Department of Public Works and acting Commissioner Louis P. Esposito Jr.

Kelly, 65, is a former firefighter and paramedic of the West Shore Fire Department. He retired in 2009 after a 28year career.

As tree warden, Kelly's responsibilities include overseeing the maintenance, removal and replacement of public trees. However, only city trees that are deemed hazardous are removed, he clarified.

Kelly, who sits on the board of directors of the Tree Wardens Association of Connecticut, said he will work with city departments, tree contractors and utility companies to ensure that public trees are made safe and future tree planting is done under the "right species, right site" practices.

Anyone with questions or complaints about city trees and shrubs can call Kelly at (203) 937-3585.

Bulk trash pickup, e-waste drop-off schedule is listed

The 2018 bulk trash pickup schedule is March 5-9, June 4-8, Aug. 6-10 and Oct. 8-12.

Residents are reminded that bulk pickup is on their scheduled curbside collection days in the second calendar week of the four designated months. They are also reminded to separate metals and recyclables from regular trash and to put out trash no more than 24 hours before pickup.

Violations carry a \$100 fine per daily offense.

Bulk items include couches. chairs, mattresses, tables, carpeting, padding, fencing and small amounts of bundled lumber, which may not exceed 6 feet in length.

The amount of bulk trash per collection is limited to 6 cubic yards, which is equal to a pile of trash 6 feet long, 6 feet

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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wide and 4.5 feet high.

Along with tires, the city also picks up such white goods as refrigerators, washing machines and stoves on residents' weekly collection days.

To prevent a potential fine, property owners should familiarize themselves with the city's trash guidelines, which are posted on the Department of Public Works page at www. cityofwesthaven.com.

To report a complaint, call the department at (203) 937-3585. Complaints are kept confidential.

Also, the 2018 e-waste dropoff days are March 10, June 9, Aug. 11 and Oct. 13.



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The faces on these youngsters tell the tale. They were part of the contingent of about 200 that took part in the 18th "Icy Plunge for a Cure" in Long Island Sound, Saturday.



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Registration is required.

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Registration is required.

Please call the Reference Desk at (203) 937-4233 to sign up, or visit



Dear Felicia

Well sweets, here we are past the halfway pernt of the month, and as Iyam scribing this week's missive to you, I see that our January Thaw was short-lived and that snow is in the forecast again - not much, but enuff. We had a couple o' nice days, but the cold has come back and with it dampness that gits into the bones. Cobina's bones have been creaking for weeks, and when my lumbago kicks up, it makes for a very trying day.

Tennyrate, yew didn't wanna hear about my travails with the weather. Yew wanted to hear what was going on in the realm of politics and life here in the Asylum by the Sea. Effen yew thought the new year would mean things around here would git less addlepainted, yew lose that bet.

Sammy Bluejay informed me that the Democratic Town Committee had its caucus last week, and jest when they thought it would be smooth sailing with no primary, only

one districk put a damper on the evening's events. For the record, Sammy sez that nine of the ten districks went unopposed during the caucus.

The Fourth Districk, however, had a few glitches in that people moved, decided to get on with their lives or, generally, wanted a respite from politics, and that's where the night got interesting. There is gonna be a primary in the Fourth, and I guess that takes place in March.

And the interesting thing about this is Sammy sez the balance of power on the Town Committee will be determined by the outcome of this vote.

As yew know, there is an intramural battle going on for control of the committee, and the circumstances around what was going on in the fourth make it ripe for a primary and a battle betwixt those poised against the new administration and those poised for it. In other words, the Demmies are doing what they seem to do best: fight amongst themselves.

That means primary petitions will be circulated by the candidates and those will hafta be certified and the usual rumors will go around as to whether what happened was kosher or not. Like I said, it'll be a usual Demmie affair.

I'll keep yew posted on it, honey bunch, but I hear the phone lines are burning (or whatever they do nowadays) with each side trying to structure up their fight.

By the way, one of the reasons that seems to prompt this fight is that the 116th District is up for grabs in November in the biennial General Assembly elections. The current incumbent, despite the fack he might be doing a good job – Michael DiMassa - is seen as too cozy with the former leadership, and there are rumbles that the new leadership has a person it wants to ensconce in that seat.

So, leadership on the Town Committee and a possible assembly seat: those are reasons to continue the battle within the party, I guess.

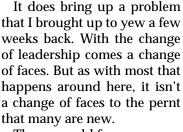
Meanwhile, the GOP Town Committee ain't been telling much of a story. They, too, have a restructuring to do and one hopes that the restructuring will mean something. Dave Riccio didn't poll the votes that people thought – or hoped – he would, but he did give a new impetus to the party faithful, who seemed a bit more

engaged in the fight than in past vears.

Things in this berg ain't gonna git any better until a real opposition party gets structured up. Maybe they are on their way. One hopes that's the case. Despite the disappointing numbers, the GOP did mount a perty good campaign, and did bring up some isshews.

It's been more than a quartercentury since the GOP ruled this roost, and a city ain't doing well when one party has all the power – and for so long. Effen it wasn't for the fack that the ruling party is split into three different factions there'd be very little to excite a body. Still, the rearranging of the deck chairs doesn't make for an exciting time.

Nelly Nuthatch made mention of the fack that Leo Kelly was re-hired as Tree Warden in our fair berg. Kelly held the post up until a few years ago, when he and the former hizzoner had a dust-up over the removal of a tree on the Green. After a bit of a back-and-forth, hizzoner decided to rid himself of the meddlesome tree expert (think Henry II). With the new administration comes a new appointment and Leo is back in his familiar position. One doesn't know if this is a finger in the eye of the former administration or seen as the righting of a wrong. With politics around here, it could be one or t'other, seldom both. Maybe in this case it is both.



The same-old faces are coming back. That's got a few people a bit down on the change of leadership. Listen they're fishing outta the same pond, and they're gonna go with the people they know. Though, it would be nice to see a new face or two around here.

Iva Lootey came in t'other afternoon and said that a new assault has been made on a member of the teaching profession who asked too many questions regarding union finances and expenditures. Remember, the last person to do that - Vic Hogfeldt - had a case put up against him and is now suing the school system.

The pattern is the same: A teacher who has good reviews and then ventures into questions all of a sudden has its good review go south. A case is made for doing "remedial work" with the underlying storyline being questions should never have been asked.

Teachers are keeping an eye on this cuz this is the latest in a series of happenings that seem to be planned and dangerous to the professional lives of those in the classroom. And when is the superintendent's contract up for extension?

Meanwhile, I hear-tell that things are percolating on the Hogfeldt front. Iva tells me that whilst there are more than a few members of the profession who didn't like Vic's methods they are hoping that he wins and wins big before the bar of justice. Sometimes the only way to bring a renegade administration down is through the pocketbook. It's the only time people pay attention.

Finally, I haven't mentioned it in a while, but wonder what in blazes is going on over on Beach Street. Yeah, the former Captain's Galley was torn down, and there is a plan for a new emporium over there more toward the back of the lot. The former Debonair Motel is still lying fallow and deteriorating under the harsh New England weather. It's been nearly four years since it was bought and the new owners were "looking for ideas from the neighborhood." The neighborhood has changed since that happened. Then there is the former Chick's. It is still unsold and it's been two years since it shut its doors. I find it hard to believe that two prime pieces of property aren't attractive to someone. Mitt luff und kizzes,





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Snowstorm preparation

From back left, Emergency Management Director Robert S. Schwartz, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and mayoral Executive Assistant Louis P. Esposito Jr., the acting commissioner of public works, convene a meeting of city and public safety officials Jan. 3 in the third-floor conference room of City Hall to discuss West Haven's emergency operations plan for the Jan. 4 storm, which produced heavy snow and high wind, on top of already frigid temperatures, in the area. City officials were on the job earlier this week as another storm was bearing down on the area.

Tax help offered in West Haven

The West Haven Senior Center is offering a free tax preparation service to help low- to middle-income taxpayers.

The AARP Tax-Aide program is available by appointment from 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, starting Feb. 7, at the Johnson Community Center, 201 Noble St. Special attention is given to help those 50 and older fill out federal tax forms.

The service, which includes tax counseling, is offered by trained volunteer tax preparers from AARP, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.

For an appointment, call the senior center at (203) 937-3507.

City issues snow rules for parking

To help expedite snow removal, the Department of Public Works is reminding residents and businesses to observe parking regulations during and after snowstorms.

Under normal snow conditions, 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 snowstorm. Residents are urged to park in driveways or designated private lots. During an official snow emergency declared by Mayor Nancy R. 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 parking ordinance at the owner's expense.

Per city ordinance, residents and businesses are responsible for removing snow from sidewalks on and bordering their properties. Also, per ordinance, plowing or blowing snow into city streets is prohibited, and violators are subject to fines.

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.

Call the Public Works

Department at (203) 937-3585. WHEAT open third Saturday of month

The West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce Food Pantry (674 Washington Ave.) is now open the third Saturday of each month from 9-noon. The next date is Saturday, Jan. 20. Volunteers also accept donations during this time.

To get food requests must be from West Haven residents. They must bring a valid photo ID, two pieces of current mail, and proof of household income. Call (203) 931-9877 or email wheatcharity@ sbcglobal.net with questions. Separate metals and recyclables from regular trash. details, call For the Department of Public Works at (203) 937-3585.

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

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Call Fed scandals a lesson in Progressive governance If the country ever wanted an abject lesson in the essence

of "Progressive" governance, it has been living one for the past few years, and continues to see – exactly – what Progressives had hoped would happen. First, though, a history lesson.

At its simplest, the Progressive movement, which had its beginnings at the turn of the 20th Century, was the confluence of various strains of thought fashionable at the time. It sought to make government more efficient for the voters and run by those who are expert in the various operations undertaken. In short, it sought to build a "benevolent bureaucracy" that would keep government moving, efficient and benign.

At the heart of the movement in its theoretical outline was a pragmatism that was supposed to make life for the governed better. Severed from the vagaries of the electoral system, the professional state would work for the good of all.

The operative word to describe the professional class that would operate the government was and is "benign." This benignity would stretch through all facets of the government, and be, to use a modern-day term, "user-friendly." It is based on the belief that human nature would always work toward an agreed-to general welfare shared by all.

In the last few years, we have seen the entrenchment of the professional state, especially since the election of Donald J. Trump as President. But the inherent problems with such a bureaucratic class came to the fore four years ago. In fact, that benignity with which the professional state was to operate is a myth.

Human nature being what it is, we found that the professional state, unencumbered by the electoral bodies that produced them, become self-contained, self-absorbed, self-righteous entities that forget for whom they operate, and begin to belief they, rather than the electorate, know what is best for the nation. In other words, they operate just as intended. But rather than being unattached, disinterested agencies only doing the job they were intended to perform, they became infected with politics of a certain kind. That politics was elitist, condescending and frowned upon the very people paying the taxes to keep the agencies operating.

From the IRS scandal that broke in 2013 we found that entrenched professionals in that agency determined their fellow Americans were ignorant and dangerous if they opposed the policies of a Progressive administration. Tea Party organizations and other conservative organizations were slowwalked through the tax exempt process, and it was done in Washington by the professional class.

Most recently, we see the politicization of the Department of Justice and FBI to the point that a: a) professionals worked against the nomination, election and post-election of a candidate, and then worked against a sitting president. The memos of former upper-echelon operative Peter Strzok show the contempt help by members of the professional state, now called the "deep state."

But it doesn't stop there. For decades Presidents and politicians of both parties have complained the intelligence agencies and the State Department have worked against elected leaders, believing they, not the leaders, know what is best in things like foreign policy. These entrenched bodies have become a "government within a government."



The reality of an Oprah run

By Rich Lowry

Syndicated Columnist

If Hillary Clinton could deliver a political speech half as effectively as Oprah Winfrey, she might be president today.

The actress, media mogul and erstwhile queen of daytime TV gave what, if she ever becomes president, will be known to history as the Golden Globes Address. The first de facto convention speech ever delivered at an awards show, it brought down the house and predictably stoked talk of Oprah 2020.

In the era Before Trump, this would have been risible. Once upon a time, military service, political experience, a policy portfolio and national-security chops were mandatory to plausibly run for president. That time feels like a long time ago.

Donald Trump What proved is that a celebrity with charisma, performative ability and gobs of free media can, in the right circumstances, stomp conventional politicians who lack all three. People who were merely governors and senators, who had never really performed on a big stage or truly mastered the media (they were just politicians, after all), stood at a distinct disadvantage. A common cold-water argument against Oprah running is that Democrats will want the opposite of Trump in 2020, an experienced, boring politico who's well-versed in the issues and a reliably competent executive. This line works on paper. Republicans said the same thing about Barack Obama, who prior to 2008

had come as close to genuine celebrityhood as a working politician can get. Yet Donald Trump succeeded where the worthy, earnest, managerial Mitt Romney failed.

On the current trajectory, what Democrats will most need in 2020 is someone with a big enough personality that Trump can't diminish and negatively brand him or her. This is what he did with the rest of the Republican field and Hillary Clinton in 2016, and he easily could do the same against "Pocahontas." aka Elizabeth Warren, and "Crazy Bernie" Sanders.

Oprah, used to commanding a massive microphone and managing a matchless brand, might be relatively immune to this treatment. She'd be the empathetic healer, the advocate of abused women, running to make history in the shadow of the civil-rights movement.

If, that is, she's truly interested. Even the best campaigns have down cycles and bring humiliations of the sort celebrities usually avoid. Why would Oprah, who at the moment never has to encounter anyone who isn't in awe of her, want to sign up for that?

Half the country would, by definition, begin to dislike her. She would have to fight with that part of the Democratic base committed to Bernie Sanders and suspicious of her as a Hollywood billionaire. She'd experience something that she's never truly had to encounter: negative press.

For the first time, she See Lowry, page 7



Add to that mix the Environmental Protection Agency, which epitomizes for many the zealotry that can infect an agency when allowed to move under its own power. Thankfully, this renegade arm of government has been lanced of the infection and is coming back under control of the Executive Branch. It should serve as a prototype of what should happen throughout the government.

Under the previous administration of Barack Obama, agencies that should have been monitored were left to their own devices. Contempt for voters and for Congress, always under the surface, erupted and showed itself.

"Draining the Swamp" is more than ridding Washington of entrenched politicians who forgot their people at home. It is cutting government bureaucracy down to size, ridding it of those who believe they know better than taxpayers.

Over the last several years, we have learned what the Progressive idea of governance is. As with most things, the theoretical clashes with the reality. All federal agencies need to be brought to heel.

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Local 681 shows spirit

From left, Local 681 President Eric Peterson and Forest Elementary School Principal Thomas Hunt look on as Local 681 Chief Steward Rosa Richardson presents a gift-wrapped box of new hats, gloves and scarves Dec. 20 to school psychologist Nikkole Dye and social worker Karen Wyskiel for students in need. Members held a collection for the winter clothing items for at-risk and low-income students of West Haven's three Title I elementary schools: Forest, Savin Rock and Washington.

Community House thanks holiday donors

The true meaning of the holiday spirit is to give back. Here in West Haven, that spirit is alive and well as evidenced by a variety of donations made to the Community House this holiday season.

Each year, the West Haven Community House board members, friends and staff participate in an annual giving tree where donations of toys and gifts are collected and given out to families and adults

Lowry: *Oprah needs* to be ready for fight

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wouldn't be completely in control of her own image. She'd have to answer for her promotion of kooky products and theories over the years, and open up more about a private life that has been almost entirely shielded from public view. If Oprah ran and lost, she'd become a failed presidential candidate and could presumably never quite return to being Oprah Winfrey again.

In short, there are compelling reasons for her not to make the plunge. The inherent absurdity of the idea is not one of them.

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in the agency's programs. In addition, many businesses and organizations conducted holiday drives collecting hundreds of toys, games, coats, hats, gloves and more making this holiday season a little merrier for many local families.

"The children in our programs had a very special holiday season thanks to the many individuals who make it a part of their holiday tradition to think of the Community House and the families we serve", said Patricia Stevens, Executive Director of the Community House. "A heartfelt thank you to our board of directors, staff and everyone who donated items, and a very special thanks to the businesses and organizations that conduct holiday drives including Oyster River Energy, Shoreline Dental, Arti Dixson from JA Music LLC, Eder Bros, Beacon on the Hill (community outreach center for Our Lady of Victory and St. John Vianney), Italian American Club Women's Guild, West Haven Housing Authority, West Haven Vietnam Veteran's Association, West Haven Police Department and Z's Corner Café", she continued.

The Community House is the cornerstone social service agency of West Haven providing services to thousands of families for more than 76 years by giving preschoolers from low-income families a 'Head Start' in life and the educational foundation they need to be successful in school, ensuring that school-aged children have a safe, affordable place to be during the before and afterschool hours and providing people with intellectual disabilities opportunities to gain skills needed to increase independence and integrate into the community.

"In this season of giving, we are reminded that we could not succeed without the support of the hundreds of kindhearted people of West Haven and beyond.

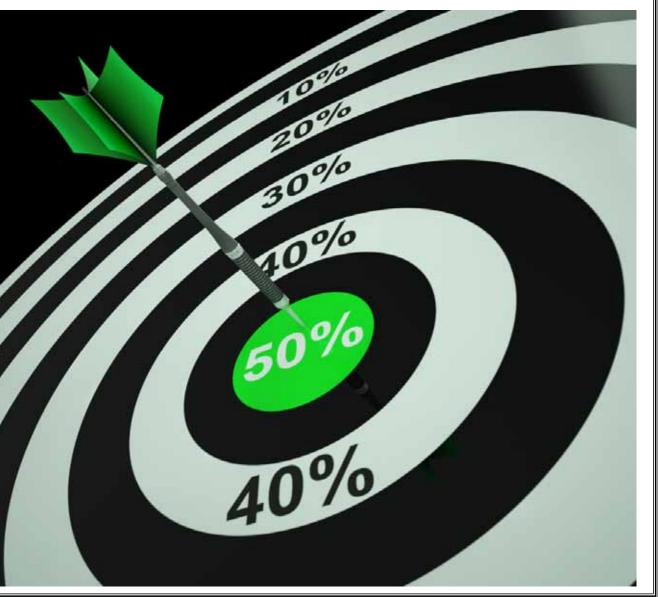
"We cannot express enough how much we appreciate the support and generosity throughout the year, especially during the holiday season." Stevens said. "From all of us at the Community House and the families we serve, we wish you all a wonderful and safe new year".

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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

The sale fell through because

the rules had changed. The

original plan was off the table

for the redevelopment, but

we had already purchased

another house. We rented our

house for two years until we

could finally sell it to make

way for the beautiful park that

never came. The high-rise for

the elderly sits where my little white house sat. The apple

tree in the back yard is gone,

although I still look for it every

I think in earlier times, at the

turn of the century, the park

-a lot had changed, but it was

For me, walking past when the buildings started coming down--that was the toughest. The food stands, the Midway, the rides my dad would let me enjoy every single night,

many memories came flooding back until it was hard

to breathe. I couldn't sleep nights without the sound of the Sky Blazer clicking its cars

to the very top of the rickety structure and the screams of delight on the way down.

The sound of the stock cars

on Saturday night were so loud, they would rattle our

windows Those sounds were our bedtime sounds, not the

soft music other kids in other neighborhoods went to sleep

still the best place to be!

SO

time I drive through.

Savin Rock's Transition Part II

Savin Rock brought both pleasure and pain--Rosalie DeFeo remembers it this way:

During the 1940s, my mother and father lived in New Haven, near Wooster Square when they got married; but they were intrigued by the thought of living by this beautiful amusement park in West Haven rather than being in the city.

My little white house on Oak Street was all I ever knew. My neighbors--who all spoke with different accents, French, Irish, Swedish, some didn>t speak English at all--were my family. After the park closed, Lenny the Indian had left. When I was growing up, every day he would come home to his apartment next door and call me over to the fence, looking at me under the wide brimmed hat he wore. He always had a little toy or trinket in his pocket for me.

The people who lived upstairs from him barely spoke English while the couple downstairs, Knoxie and Myr-

tle often told me stories of when they lived in an institution and had shock treatments that were so painful. They both walked with a limp and so did their little black dog. I can still see them walking down Oak Street and doing maintenance in the park and whatever they could to make a few dollars. I often wondered what became of them afterwards, as it had to be so difficult for them to adjust to a new environment and blend in with people they didn>t know-people who couldn>t understand who and what they were, just kind souls trying to survive. It was one big eclectic family. As strange as their ways were, everyone accepted everyone else without question, for it was a true melting pot, filled with uncon-

ventional people. As I walked through the rides almost daily when the park was finally closed to the public, especially that fall when they were covered with dry leaves and I could hear them crunching under each footstep, stirred up so many

memories. The acorns would drop from all of the oak trees and hit what remained of the metal structures of the rides. It seemed so eerie.

In my mind I could still hear the calliope of the Flying Horses, the sound of the motors from all of the kiddie rides that my dad would help run. The smell of the grease they used on the rides was still in the air. Total silence, everything so still--just the rustle of leaves as a fond remembrance of my growing up in this play land. That winter, just when the snowfall ended, I would walk by the beach, the sound of walking on freshly fallen snow was mesmerizing, like a rhythm of a favorite song. Before I knew it, I had walked so far it seemed like forever to get back home. Walking those streets, hearing those sounds for the last time was Childhood bittersweet. was gone but the memories are still so vivid. It was an unconventional place.

I remember when we moved from our house after selling it to the redevelopment in 1965.



Margie Burke (mother of Sue Burke Hutchinson); Marie Smith (aunt of Sue Burke Hutchinson), in their stand at Savin Rock.



Dentistry, that's it

to. We all mourn the loss of our coming of age at Savin Rock, nowhere to look back on to see our initials carved in a tree or where we had our first kiss. Everyone was just trying to survive among unconvention-

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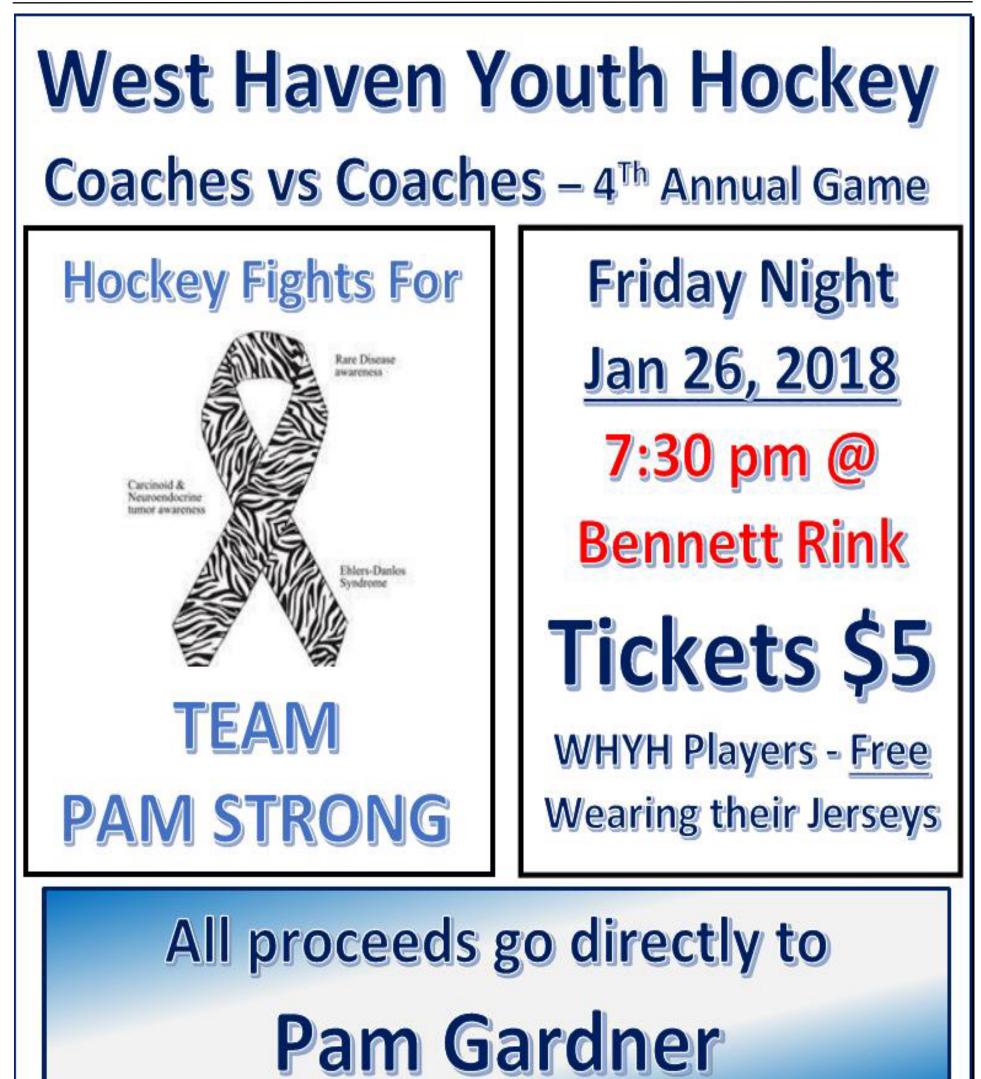


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Sports Sports Sports Sports Sharks off to best-ever start at 8-1

The West Haven/Sacred Heart girls hockey team continues to impress, winning its seventh and eighth, straight games last week to improve to 8-1 before dropping only its second contest of the year in Hamden on Monday afternoon. On Tuesday evening, the Westie Sharks jumped on the Guilford Indians 1:42 into the game on a goal by Taylor Nowak on the way to building a 6-0 lead before allowing goals with 3:32 and 1.6 seconds left for a 6-2 final. Nowak finished with two goals and three assists, Mia Celentano scored two goals and added an assist. Megan Froehlich had a goal and an assist, Zoe DeFalco had a goal and Mackenzie Gardner contributed with two assists. Tatum Courtmanche held the Indians scoreless until the final minutes while making 16 saves between the pipes.

On Saturday night, the Westie Sharks traveled to take on the Amity/North Haven/ Cheshire Blades. After a scoreless first period, the Westie Sharks got on the board first 4:05 into the second period when Brooke McNabola set up C.C. Condon, who found the back of the net for a 1-0 lead. The Blades would even things up with a goal with 5:46 left in the game to send the game into overtime. Taylor Nowak scored with 2:06 left in OT, assisted by Jenna Hunt to send the girls home with a 2-1 victory. Tatum Courtmanche made 28 saves in goal for the Westie Sharks.

On Monday afternoon, the

girls visited perennial powerhouse Hamden Green Dragons. Hamden scored at 5:39 of the first period to take the early 1-0 lead. Taylor Nowak tied the game up with 51.3 seconds left in the period, assisted by Megan Froehlich and Mia Celentano. The Green Dragons scored twice in the second period to take a 3-1 lead. Jianna Cohrs would get the Westie Sharks to within one when she netted a goal 3:55 into the third period but Hamden responded with a goal on the power play 1:38 later to seal the 4-2 victory. Kyleen Crowe made 25 saves to keep the girls in the game with the Green Dragons applying pressure most of the game.

This week, the girls travel to Cromwell to face the Northwest Catholic/Mercy co-op team on Friday at 7:40 and then host the Amity/North Haven/Cheshire Blades on Sunday at 6 in a rematch of last week's overtime classic.

The boys hockey team hosted the Amity Spartans on Wednesday evening at the Bennett Rink before a large crowd that came to see the Blue Devils retire the No. 8 jersey of Rob Fumiatti before the contest. Fumiatti was a member of the 1988 State Championship team and graduated in 1989. Fumiatti went on to join the New Haven Police Department and was wounded in a drug raid in 2002. He died unexpectedly in 2007 as a result of complications of the incident. It was fitting that the ceremony took



Devils' match with the East Haven-Coop sextet last Saturday. The Westies lost, 2-1, in overtime at the Bennett Rink and the loss dropped their overall record to 2-6 heading into Wednesday's meeting with top-ranked Fairfield Prep.

place on the 11th anniversary of Fumiatti's passing against the team, he was serving as an assistant coach at the time of his passing.

On this emotional night for both teams, the Spartans drew first blood on a Jamie Blum goal with 3:57 left in the first period. The Westies drew even when Kevin Moriarty snapped off a shot from the high slot that beat Tyler Cole just 1:27 into the second period. Amity got a goal from Connor Bath with 6:16 left in the period to take a 2-1 lead. The Blue Devils continued to put pressure on the Spartans in the third

period but were stymied by the play of Tyler Cole in net for the Spartans, who finished with 35 saves. The Spartans sealed the victory with an empty net goal by Blum with eight seconds left for the 3-1 final. Logan Cole made 30 saves between the pipes for West Haven, keeping the boys in the game.

On Saturday morning, the boys were looking to get back into the win column when the East Haven/Old Lyme/Old Saybrook/East Hampton Yellow Jackets visited the Bennett Rink. After battling for two, scoreless periods, the Yellow

Jackets took a 1-0 lead 2:39 into the third period. The Westies responded on the power play at 7:41 when EJ Pacapelli shoveled the puck past the sprawling East Haven goaltender to even the game. Both teams had several chances over the final seven minutes but this game would need overtime to determine a victor.

In overtime, the Blue Devils stormed the Yellow Jackets zone in the opening minute and came within an inch of victory when Collin Braziel's wrap around attempt went straight through the crease but See Westies, page 13







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Westie Blue In Touch By Mike Madera

The West Haven boys hockey team has had its share of struggles this season. Putting games away has been one of them.

Failing to capitalize on its scoring opportunities, the Westies had to settle for a 2-2 tie against the Harvey School (New York) Monday afternoon at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven. With the tie, West Haven saw its record move to 2-6-1 on the year.

"We have not capitalized in three games," West Haven coach Joe Morrell said. "We are getting chances, but are not scoring. We have only given up two, two, and two goals, not including an empty net goal, in the last three games and we have no wins out of that."

West Haven looked as if it was going to snap the skid, holding a 2-1 lead in the final two minutes. That lead never held up as Luke Baumgartner scored off a scramble in front with 1 minute, 23 seconds to go in the third period to tie the game for the Cavaliers.

"It is hugely disappointing," Morrell said. "The game should have been over a lot earlier than that. We just didn't capitalize."

West Haven had its share of opportunities to put the game away before the equalizer, but could not get the insurance goal it needed.

Robbie Forleo was stopped coming down the left wing with 9:19 remaining, Richie Greene had his point shot denied 15 seconds later, and E.J. Pacapelli could not tuck the puck home with 8:12 to go.

Still on the man advantage, the Westies could not convert when Niko Kyle was stopped from the point with 6:58 to go, and at even strength from the wing with 3:01 remaining.

The Cavaliers took a 1-0 lead with 50 seconds left in the opening period when Cian Keohane scored off an assist from James Mettler.

West Haven took a 2-1 lead with two goals in the middle period. Freshman Michael Kelly scored his first goal in front off assists from Kaden Morgillo and Sean Dupre with 7:21 to go in the period, and Kyle scored off assists from Greene and Forleo with 47 seconds left in the middle period for a 2-1 advantage.

"We have to keep working," Morrell said. "The longer it goes, the tighter the hands get."

Logan Cole made 26 saves in the tie for West Haven. The Westies held a 34-28 shot advantage in the game.

Squirt A wins pair

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team won both games over the weekend to improve their overall record to 26-8-2. The Westies knocked off the Northwestern Icehawks A, 6-1, and then trounced the Southern Stars A, 6-0.

On Saturday morning at Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Westies took down the Icehawks, 6-1, behind 25 saves from Jacob Silva and a hat trick by Zach Goetze.

Goetze opened the scoring 1:28 into the opening period when he tapped in Thomas Porto's feed left right on the doorstep.

The Icehawks tied it at 1-1 two minutes later, but with only 18 seconds left in the period, Porto won a faceoff to defenseman Dylan Bosworth who fired through a screen for a 2-1 West Haven advantage.

Goetze made it 3-1 midway through the second when he picked the pocket of a defenseman and jammed the puck home for a short-handed tally. Later in the period, Bosworth had a nice keep-in at the blue line and found Brady Price. Price showed some nifty stick handling through traffic and wristed one in for a 4-1 lead. In the final minute of the second, once again short-handed, Dylan Link poke checked the puck away, raced the length of the ice, and fired a wrist shot to make it 5-1. The Westies finished off the game in the third period with solid defense and outstanding goaltending from Silva, who made two slick glove saves and also thwarted a breakaway. The final goal came when Connor Moriarty chipped ahead to Goetze, who See Youth Hockey, page 14

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Raines leads Knights over Xavier

Connor Raines paved way for three basketball wins, hockey got shutout from Nick Piselli in win at Xavier, Nick Petruzzelli tied school record in pole vault, swimming fell in lone meet of week and wrestling fared well in weekend invitational.

Basketball -- Connor Raines was leading scorer in all three games as ND basketball beat Amity (78-77), Shelton (74-53) and West Haven (66-53) to sweep the week. With the three wins, ND improved record to 7-3 as season reached halfway point. Michael Brooks and Alec Kinder had big weeks. Kinder had 11 points and 11 rebounds against Shelton and was one rebound shy of second straight doubledouble with 11 points and nine rebounds against West Haven.

Hockey -- Coach Belcher's crew split their two games last week, falling 6-2 to Springfield's Pope Francis on Thursday before beating Xavier 1-0 on Saturday night. Nick Piselli made 26 saves to record the shutout in his first varsity start for the Green Knights between the pipes. Chris Hibson's power-play goal late in second period was game-winner against Xavier. Kyle Stober and Mike Card scored in loss at Pope Francis.

Swimming -- After a lengthy break between meets due to the Christmas recess, the Green Knights returned to the pool and fell in a close meet to Xavier 100-83 on January 10. North Hansen, Cameron Jurzyk , and David Albright led Notre Dame.

Hansen took home a pair of first-place finishes touching the wall first in the 200 free-style in 1:44.83.

He also won the 100 butterfly in 55.19. Jurzyk won the 50 free in 23.91 while Albright captured the diving portion of the meet.

Track -- Nick Petruzzelli tied the school record clearing 13-6 in the pole vault to lead a solid day of competition for the Notre Dame winter track team at the SCC Coaches Invitational on Saturday at the New Haven Athletic Center. Petruzzelli, who tied the mark of Joe Sikorsky ('03) finished second in the event to Southington's Zachary Burleigh. Warren Murphy was the only other Green Knight to place in
the top six with his 37.68 run
in the 300-meter dash.rick Pommills, Jr., and Alex
Barbour all advanced to the
final stages of their respective

Wrestling -- Chalk it up as another successful invitation for Coach Belanger and the 2017-18 wrestling team at the Colton Abely Invitation held at Mercy HS in Middletown on Saturday.

Four wrestlers - Christian Fillion, Connor Massey, Der-



Nick Petruzzelli tied the school record clearing 13-6 in the pole vault at the SCC Coaches Invitational on Saturday.

Warren Murphy was the only **urday**. Westies: *Skaters eye rebound*

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stayed out. The Yellow Jackets were able to gather in the puck and scored on a breakaway 1:04 into the OT and hand the Westies a 2-1 loss. Logan Cole turned aside 22 shots in goal for West Haven. Niko Kyle and Collin Braziel picked up assists on Pacapelli's goal.

On Monday afternoon, the Blue Devils hosted the Harvey School (NY) Cavaliers at the Bennett Rink. The Cavaliers took a 1-0 lead with 50.3 seconds left in the first period. In the second period, Michael Kelly scored his first, career goal 7:39 into the period, assisted by Kaden Morgillo and Sean Dupre to pull the Westies even and then Niko Kyle picked the top corner through a crowd in front, assisted by Richie Greene with 47.4 secDevils cut the lead to 30-27 at halftime and then dominated the second half, outscoring Branford 44-13 to grab a 71-43 victory. Josiah Steinman led the Westies with 27 points, six assists and seven rebounds while Josh Moncrieffe added 13 points in the win. Saban Richardson contributed with eight points and Jordan Berrios had seven points.

s at On Friday night, the Blue vabevils hosted cross-town rival Notre Dame and the teams battled with the Green Knights taking a 28-25 halftime lead. Notre Dame increased the lead to 43-37 and pulled away in the fourth quarter after the Blue Devils made a run at the Knights to claim a 66-53 victory. Josh Moncrieffe led West Haven with 15 points while Josecsiah Steinman added 13 points in the loss. with a trip to face the Shelton Gaels on Friday evening. After an even first quarter and with the Gaels holding a 9-8 lead, they held the Westies to two points in the second quarter to grab a 19-10 halftime lead on the way to a 40-25 victory over West Haven. Diamond Dixon led the Blue Devils with six points while Amanda Carr and Ebonie Jones added five points each.

This week, the girls hosted Sheehan on Tuesday and then entertain the Cheshire Rams on Friday 7. rick Pommills, Jr., and Alex Barbour all advanced to the final stages of their respective brackets in their weight class. Fillion, Massey, and Pommills all finished second while Barbour took home fourth. Get all the latest athletic news, scores, and more by following @NDWHAthletics on Twitter, Instagram, and Periscope while frieNDing the @ NDWHAthletics Facebook group





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onds left in the period to give the boys a 2-1 lead.

The Westies tried to hold on in a penalty-filled third period but the Cavaliers were able to get one past Logan Cole with just 1:23 left in the game to force overtime. Both teams had chances in the extra session but this game would end in a 2-2 deadlock. Logan Cole finished with 26 saves in goal for the Blue Devils.

This week, the Westies traveled to play the Fairfield Prep Jesuits on Wednesday.

The boys basketball team visited the Branford Hornets on Monday night and after spotting the Hornets a 23-16 first quarter lead, the Blue This week, the Westies head to New Haven on Friday to take on the Career Panthers at 7.

The girls basketball team hosted the Branford Hornets on Monday evening and grabbed a 12-10 first quarter lead but watched the Hornets take a 24-21 halftime lead and hang on for a 47-42 defeat of the Westies. Amanda Carr led the Westies with 13 points while Ny'Aire Serrano added 10 points and Brianna Sebastian had six points in a losing effort.

On Wednesday night, the girls lost to the Foran Lions 62-50 and finished the week

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Page 14 West Haven Voice, January 18, 2018 Youth Hockey: Peevee again. Porto capped the scor-Silva made five save the shutout between t splits contests

Continued from page 12 slid the puck under the pads for the 6-1 end result.

On Sunday, at the Milford Ice Pavilion, the Blue Devils dominated the Southern Stars A, winning 6-0 in convincing fashion. Sean Studley and Porto led the way with two goals apiece.

Studley opened the scoring 4:04 into the first period when he knocked in Ryan Pniewski's pass with Ethan Kelly also assisting. Studley then made it 2-0 when he backhanded his own rebound off the far post and in with Kelly assisting ing in the first when he stole the puck at the blue line and deposited the biscuit in the basket with 2:33 remaining.

Midway through the second period, Porto converted another breakaway with a laser that made it 4-0.

Studley passed to Moriarty, who fired off the goalie's pads, but Matthew Kelly swept in the rebound for a power play goal and a 5-0 lead. In the third period, Bosworth beat a defender and then ripped one to the far post to cap the scoring.

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Silva made five saves to earn the shutout between the pipes.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team moved to 24-11-4 with a split of its two games this past weekend. The Westies opened the weekend with a road victory over Darien, but fell to Simsbury at home Sunday morning.

Against Darien, Michael Madera led the way with a pair of goals, Bruno Martone added two assists. and Kyle Droney and Cade Simone each finished with a goal and an assist in a 6-5 victory.

Madera gave the Wessties a 1-0 lead 5:44 into the game when he scored off an assist from Martone. West Haven increased the lead to 2-0 1:38 later when Droney scored off an assist from Simone. before Droney set up Simone 5:26 later for a 3-0 advantage.

Leading 3-1, Madera increased the margin to three goals when he broke in to score on an unassisted breakaway.

Darien rallied to score the next three goals, to even the game at four after two periods of play, but Sean Bosworth scored off an assist from Martone 2:26 into the third for a 5-4 advantage.

Darien evened the game 1:42 later, but Colin Deane scored an unassisted goal with 9:46 to go to give the Westies a 6-5 lead.

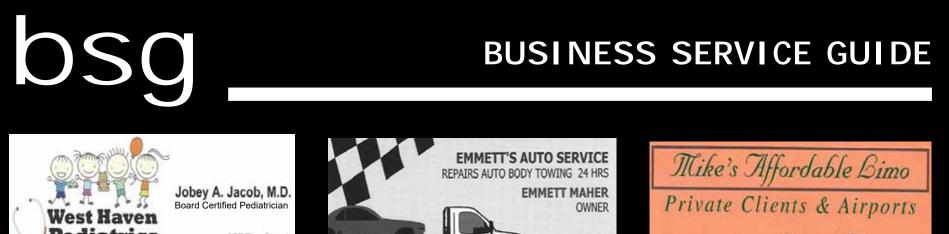
On Sunday, the Westies got off to a good start, but could not hang on in a 5-1 loss to Simsbury. West Haven scored its lone goal 3:19 into the game when Jayden Spreyer scored off an assist from Madera, but more in the second, and an-Simsbury scored the next two goals of the period, added two

other in the third to top the Westies.



Player of the Week

West Haven sophomore girls hockey player Taylor Nowak (11) is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. Nowak had three goals and three assists in a pair of games this past week, including the game-winning tally against Amity/North Haven/Cheshire. Read about Taylor Nowak on the Player of the Week page at www.westieblue.com.





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