

Review panel must OK city budget plans

For the second time in recent history, the City of West Haven finds itself under the scrutiny of a financial review board with supernumerary powers over most issues that deal with the budget and revenue. The Municipal Accountability Review Board was established under Section 376 of Public Act 17-2 last year by the General Assembly.

The states purpose is for "providing technical, financial and other assistance and related accountability for municipalities experiencing various levels of fiscal distress." But its decision last year to bond \$25 million to pay off the more than \$17 million operating deficit, the city was put under the board by Office of Policy and Management Secretary Benjamin Barnes. Only two cities are under the new board, Hartford being the other.

The city was notified of the decision on the second day Mayor Nancy R. Rossi had in office, and has already taken up the city's situation in a meeting Jan. 11. The next meeting is today in Hartford. Mayor Rossi plans to attend.

The board, made of 11 members, including Barnes as chairman and State Treasurer Denise Nappier as co-chairman, has, according to its website, "a municipal finance director, a municipal bond or bankruptcy attorney, a town manager, a member having significant experience representing organized labor from a list of three recommendations by AFSCME, a member having significant experience as a teacher or representing a teacher's organization selected from a list of three joint recommendations by CEA and AFT-CT, one member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate and one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the house of Representatives, each of whom shall have experience in business, finance or municipal management."

The review board comes just as the city is preparing its budget for Fiscal Year 2019 that begins July 1. Rossi must present the

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Marking 100 days

Students at Alma Pagels School on Benham Hill Road celebrated the 100th day of the school year this week, and had a bit of a dress-up. Students were asked to come in dressed as if they were centenarians. That's the vocabulary word of the day. They came up with some interesting renditions. See page 3 for more.

Photo courtesy of WHHS



Children's Theatre

The West Haven High School Children's Theatre Proudly presents the Adventures of Rose Red (Snow White's less famous sister), by Sean Abley, on Saturday, Feb 10 at 10 and 11:30 a.m. at the high school. Children 12 and under are free with tickets for all others at \$5. Children are urged to bring a pillow or blanket to sit upon, adults get chairs. This student run production is directed by David O'Brien, with costumes by Courtney Skeens, props by Hannah Casman, choreography by Stephanie Soto and Mya Ginsberg and set design by Shelby Gagne. Stage Manager is Selena Melillo.

Attention Art Instructors!

The West Haven Voice is in need of late summer and fall weather pictures. Instructors can drop off or email color and black-and-white pictures to: info@westhavenvoice.com.

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proposal to the City Council in a special session on March 15 under city charter requirements.

Under the current status, while the City Council will pass the final budget ordinance May while doing its annual review following Rossi's budget address, the reality is the MARB will have control of the process by looking over the proposal, offering changes and approving the mill rate. The council's vote to approve the budget will be pro forma.

Asked if the new layer of scrutiny has made the process any more difficult, Rossi said things might have to be moved up a bit.

"The budget will have to be completed a couple weeks earlier than usual so it can be presented to the MARB on March 1, and then presented to the City Council by March 15 as outlined in the charter," she said.

As far as the budget is concerned, in her column this week (see page 7), Rossi said taxpayers should expect a no-frills spending plan.

"I plan on presenting an honest and bare bones budget to the MARB and City Council that will fund the city's essential services for our residents while making some very tough but necessary and long overdue reductions — all without raising taxes on our

already overtaxed residents," she wrote.

In a statement two weeks ago, Rossi said she welcomes the oversight of the MARB as it will give her the guidance she needs to make the tough decisions necessary this year. That didn't mean she didn't miss the opportunity to place the blame squarely on her predecessor.

In a follow-up questions sent to her via email this week, Rossi said blame the city is under the state review panel should be placed on former Mayor Edward M. O'Brien.

"The MARB oversight in West Haven was a direct result of the former mayor mismanaging his budgets, running an-

nual deficits and the bonding in November in his last month in office," she said. "Not only did he borrow \$17 million for cumulative deficits through 2016, he ran another deficit (\$1 million) in fiscal year 2017 that ended on June 30, 2017. Fiscal year 2017 is currently being audited and the deficit could rise. Being under the MARB oversight will give West Haven a temporary opportunity to apply for \$8 million for two years until the budget issues are corrected.

"Former Mayor O'Brien brags that he fought for the extra \$8 million that we can apply for but the problem is he had to take the city to the brink of bankruptcy to quali-

fy—it's really sad."

This is the second time Rossi has blamed O'Brien for fiscal mismanagement. He responded last week in a column to the Voice, saying that Rossi's decisions concerning the budget and the removal of the deficit are hers alone.

Should she decide not to take the \$8 million from the state, the budget gap is on her and is hers to fix, he said.

City to honor couples married for 50 years

The city will honor couples married for at least 50 years during the city's 28th annual Valentine's Day party from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Savin Rock Conference Center, 6 Rock St.

The couples will receive chocolates and roses from the mayor's office.

The party, featuring music by the Clam Diggers, will include hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi will recognize the oldest and youngest couples.

For reservations, call Elderly Services Director Sharon R. Mancini at (203) 937-3507 by Friday.

Taxpayers can appeal property assessments

The Board of Assessment Appeals will hear appeals of real estate and personal property assessments on the 2017 grand list by appointment during March in the assessor's office at City Hall.

The board will also hear appeals of motor vehicle assessments on the 2016 supplemental motor vehicle grand list that received a tax bill due Jan. 1.

Any property owner who wants to appeal an assessment must submit a written application to the board. The assessor's office must receive the completed form to have it stamped in by 5 p.m. Feb. 20.

Applications are available in the assessor's office on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St., or by calling the office at (203) 937-3515. To download an application, go to the assessor's office page at www.cityofwesthaven.com and click on Forms at the top of the left column.

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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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Following directions

It was an unusual day at Alma Pagels School this week as the student body marked the 100th day of class. For the record a school year has 180. As part of the celebrations, the kids were asked to dress up as if they were 100 years old. As you can see, they took it seriously.

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Dear Felicia

Howdy-do, honey bunch. It's been quite the week here in the Asylum by the Sea, and things don't promise to get any less zany as far as the political classes in this berg are concerned. Luckily, some storms that have pelted us haven't been of the white, shoveling variety, and that has been a good thing for ole gals like m'self.

As far as the political classes, effen yew thought the contentious relationship betwixt the former hizzoner and the current herroner were gonna git any nicer. Fuhggetaboutit, as they say in Brooklyn. The missive writ by Ed O'Brien concerning the city's finances and possibility of an \$8 million gap was something less than conciliatory. In fack, much like the backs-and-forths that those two had during the primary and general election campaigns, it was downright nasty.

Let's jest face facks, they don't like each other. O'Brien

thinks that Rossi is a bit of a know-it-all with no experience in making real decisions, and Rossi thinks O'Brien is a non-comp, not capable of making any real decisions. When you have people who think that of each other, there's gonna be little common ground.

His missive, however, did create somewhat of a stir amongst the supporters of the current occupant of the thoid floor. One local yokel who shall remain nameless had a bunch of things to say, but he thought the word "delusion-al" kind of summed it up concerning the former mayor's rationales on the city's finances.

Cobina had to admit, she had a difficult time figgering out the logic of the O'Brien rebuttal as a couple of very important questions were left out. The biggest one was did he or did he not know the review board was a possibility when he determined to bond to fund the deficit? That's a big question cuz the empaneling

of the board seemed to take more than a few people by surprise, not the least of which was the new mayor.

This is probably gonna continue over the next little while. The woid on the street is O'Brien has told more than one or two people (Remember: a secret is something you tell one person at a time) that he's hoping to run again in 2019. Some of his supporters are relating the same info. Sooooo, I expeck that rebuttals are gonna be a staple should his administration or moniker come up.

It seems to me, about 27 years ago a certain faction of Demmies (yeah, they had 'em back then, too) thought that H. Richard Borer, Jr. had doomed any chance he had for re-election when he asked for state help. The thought was the state was gonna raise taxes and cut workers, and Borer would be blamed. Didn't happen.

Effen some Demmies think that might happen this time, they might be in need of some new thoughts. Taxes might be raised, and people might lose their jobs, but Mrs. Rossi has some political cover...just like Borer did.

Whilst that is going on, Cobina happened to be traversing by the high school recently, and looked over and saw that the former G-wing of the building - that metaphor for all the problems with

the high school plan since it was announced - was down to a roof and girders. It looked like a big bus stop or train ramp. The only thing it was good for now is keeping the rain off teachers and students. Well, I went by there again, and the girders were being dismantled with a backhoe or some gadget like it. And the noise! I bet the members of the teaching staff down that end of the campus are really happy about now.

Of course, now that it has been dismantled brick by brick, the rest of it has to be removed. One thinks it's going to happen in short order. But it does bring into question the building of the new school.

With the focus on fiscal problems, one sees the Catch-22 the city finds itself. The review board now has the ability to say yay or nay on the bond issue for the school, which is around \$123 million, methinks. But now I hear that more changes have been made to the plans insofar as the number of classrooms. They've been increased. Remember the kerfuffle that happened when 14 classrooms were removed. Word is about half are back.

The Catch-22, of course, is the longer the city waits to get the bond, the higher the costs go. Building costs never go down from year to year, that's for sure. But, will the review board be in favor of the bonding - and can the city afford the bond with the other problems it has on the budget.

Methinks we're not gonna know that one until the new

budget comes out with all the decisions and cuts and goodness knows what else might be in it. The city might hafta wait longer before it goes along that route...if at all. We shall see.

Taking the discussion a bit further, Sammy Bluejay tells me that some members of the City Council are a bit miffed about the review board simply because it makes their job somewhat useless. Let's face it hon, the council is supposed to be the legislative body of the city, but now any and all decisions made by it will be under the scrutiny of non-elected officials imposed by the city.

Twenty-odd years ago everyone knew the dire straits the city was in and went along, but his time it hit like a shot in the dark and no one signed up to be a puppet of outsiders. To understand it, you hafta understand one thing: the council has all the responsibility, but it has none of the authority.

As I told yew last week, the boys and girls of the Democratic Party are at it again with the primary schtick. I thought the fourth district was gonna be the only one in play a couple weeks back, but I've since been told that petitions were taken out in all but the fifth. Honey bunch, these people really like to mix it up with the voting.

Sooooooo, that means some advertising for the primary to determine who will be the chairman of the Democratic Town Committee. That is really what this entire exercise is all about. Like I said above, the former and current mayor really don't like each other. Well, the supporters on either side don't like each other either. You'd think that being in the town committee was something really important. But that's politics in this burg. Has been since anyone can remember.

Sammy Bluejay came by t'other afternoon and said that by the time yew git this week's missive the petitions should be in and the verification process - always a fun time - will have begun. We might even know who's in and who didn't make the cut. Ten-n-yrate, we got another trek to the polls in the future.

Meanwhile, city's GOP is letting everyone know that they're still here at least Michelle Gregorio the head honchess of the Republican Town Committee wanted people to know that. The RTC had its caucuses recently as well, and it empaneled its 60-member crew.

Michelle sez there is new interest in the party, let's hope so.

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WHFD to rejuvenate brick walkway

Looking to spruce up a 10-year-old project, and honor more firefighters and residents, new masonry is planned for an Elm Street landmark.

The West Haven Fire Department is selling bricks for its Memorial Walkway. The walkway is located in front of Fire Headquarters on Elm Street. This will be the department's fifth installment.

The project was started in 1996 by Former Chief William "Wiggy" Johnson and now-retired Fire Marshal Richard Spreyer. Over the ensuing years the walkway has evolved and been reconfigured to include a few personal touches

such as a footstone commemorating those firemen who have served the department in the past and a bench in honor of Firefighter/Paramedic James Woodman who was critically injured in the line of duty in 1999.

It has been 10 years since the last installment and the department has seen many changes in that time. Although many of the bricks are in memory of firefighters and other residents who have passed away through the years, a good number of them also commemorate happier events. Many firefighters have bought bricks with their

date of hire and many with their promotional dates.

"We have many of our employees as well as residents who buy bricks and include the names of their husbands or wives as well as their children," said Walkway Committee member Frank Paine. "Over the past ten years we have had many new members join the department and some of our members have had additional children and even grandchildren who they would like to have represented on a brick."

The cost of each brick is \$100 and order forms are available at Elm Street headquarters.

You can also order bricks online and use a credit card or PayPal account at the department website: www.westhavenfiredept.com.

The Department plans on installing the new bricks in the spring or early summer when the warm weather returns.

"The installation is done by

the firefighters and the men take a great deal of pride in their work," said Lt. Bill Hefernan of the WHFD. "The committee has been hard at work setting up this latest brick drive and is looking forward to sprucing up the walkway and the surrounding area."



Photo courtesy of WHFD

Begun two decades ago by then-chief William "Wiggy" Johnson, Jr., and worked on by former Fire Marshal Richard Spreyer, the brick walkway in front of the Elm Street fire headquarters is due for a facelift.



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Back-and-forth not helpful

A back-and forth between the current and former mayor concerning the empaneling of a state review board and an \$8 million gap in the city's budget is perplexing for us, so we are not surprised if city taxpayers are questioning as well. Let us review: In the budget-making sausage factory that led up to the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018, former Mayor Edward M. O'Brien had to make some difficult decisions on the revenue side. Though the State of Connecticut gave every indication the city would receive as much as \$12 million in aid, there was already a rumbling from Hartford that its own fiscal house was in disorder and the state's own budget plan could be in jeopardy.

Taking this into consideration, O'Brien opted to put \$8 million into the budget in anticipated aid, figuring, along with indications in Hartford, that it was a somewhat safe middle ground. The administration had every reason to believe the money would be coming.

As events played out, however, the state's own budget gaps resulted in a protracted budget debate not seen since the days before the income tax was imposed on state residents in 1992. Finally, last fall the state finalized - it thought - its budget (they are still fine-tuning). State money to municipalities was not coming to West Haven or any other town.

The state did send a lifeline, telling the administration it could petition for the funding as of the end of the fiscal year (June 1, 2018), but it would have to submit to a state review board. All then-Mayor O'Brien had to do was sign on the dotted line, and the state would get its funds, and its oversight. O'Brien never signed the paper, leaving it to the next administration.

But he didn't do something else - he didn't make any cuts to the city's budget, either. He wasn't going to pull the trigger on the state's offer, leaving it to his successor to make the decision - and take the political heat. That is where we stand now on that \$8 million.

The story doesn't end there, however. While all the talk centered on a review board if the city took the state's funds, another scenario was playing out. One of the major components of O'Brien's fiscal restructuring plan was the elimination of the city's 12-year-old operating deficit. That deficit, found in 2006 and ebbing and flowing over more than a decade, now stood at more than \$17 million, in part thanks to the former administration's inability to project revenues. Each of his four budgets was written in red ink.

In the last year of his administration, O'Brien was able to cobble together enough votes to have the City Council approve his bond issues for both West Haven High School and the deficit-elimination package. While the former is still unresolved, a \$25 million bond was sold and the city's deficit paid off.

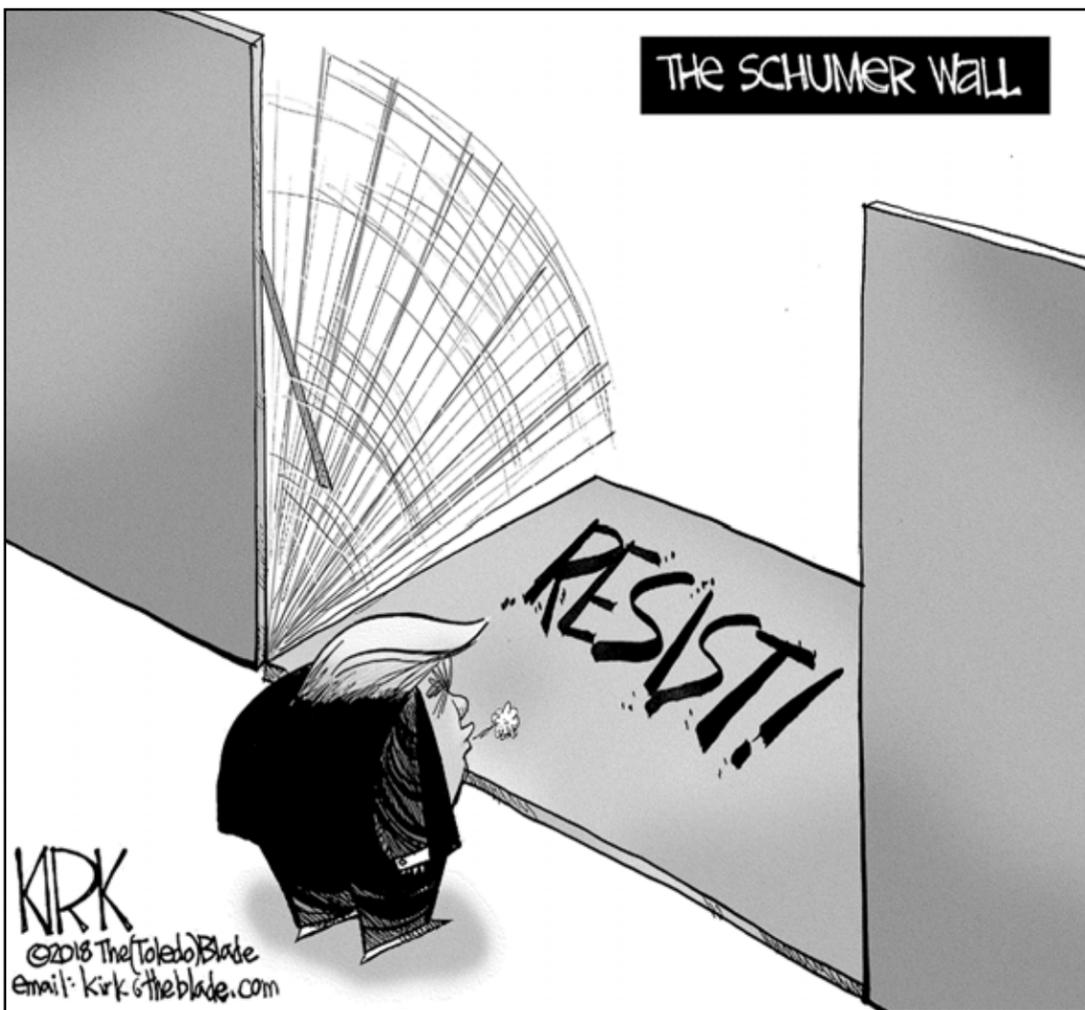
Enter Mayor Rossi. On the day after her inauguration, she receives a letter from Office of Policy and Management Secretary Benjamin Barnes saying the city had been put under a Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) in light of its bonding to pay off the debt. This was a recent action of the General Assembly, and gave the OMB the power to impose a panel if it saw fit. It did.

To our recollection, and that of several elected officials and political personae at no time was there ever an inkling such a decision would be made, and that the city would be, in effect, run by the State of Connecticut.

Rossi, two weeks ago, accused her predecessor of creating a fiscal situation that led to the review board, and, parenthetically, not alerting city officials that a bonding for the city debt would mean loss of local control. O'Brien rebutted last week, defending his actions and saying if the city were not to take the state's \$8 million offer, the gap would be Rossi's not his. Meanwhile, there is the little problem of last year's budget that seems to be written in red ink as well.

There are two problems here. O'Brien had to have known or should have known that bonding for the debt would put the review board in place. If he knew, he kept it from the public, if he didn't? The taxpayers can make their own assessment. We find it hard to believe he didn't know. He had to be talking and was talking with state officials.

So, we have two dilemmas both of O'Brien's making: the city is under review for a bond deficit, and must face a budget gap of \$8 million. That is the truth of the matter, and no excuse-making or attacks on the financial prowess of the current incumbent (as was done last week) changes that.



Now notions are actionable

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

President Donald Trump has had impure thoughts about special counsel Robert Mueller.

That much, we know. The New York Times reported that Trump asked White House counsel Don McGahn to fire the special counsel. When McGahn resisted, Trump backed off and left Mueller in place.

Talking their clients out of bad ideas -- especially impulsive clients likely to blunder into gross mistakes -- is what lawyers are supposed to do.

The Trump-Mueller episode is like the "Saturday Night Massacre" if Richard Nixon had merely thought about firing Archibald Cox, then got dissuaded by his advisers and, under advice of counsel, began cooperating with the Watergate special counsel.

Is it more meaningful that Trump wanted to fire Mueller, or that the special counsel's work has continued apace for the past six months, with indictments, guilty pleas and extensive interviews of White House officials? Surely it is the latter, but Trump's critics argue that his withdrawn directive establishes motive in a prospective obstruction-of-justice case.

What it establishes is what we already knew: Trump hates the investigation and everyone associated with it. He considers the FBI officials who have been central to the probe politically compromised hatchet men. He disdains his own attorney general, Jeff Sessions, for recusing himself from the matter, and has no

use for Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, either.

We don't need an investigation to know any of this, because Trump advertises it all the time. What else is his Twitter feed for?

What we don't know, at least with certainty, is what's behind Trump's animus? It's one thing if he hatched a high-level conspiracy with the Russians during the election that he's ham-handedly trying to cover up; it is another if he knows there was no such conspiracy and believes the investigation is, as he repeatedly says, "a witch hunt."

This is why it makes no sense for Democrats and the press to blow right by collusion -- compelling evidence of which has not yet emerged -- to obsess with alleged ob-

struction instead. If there was no collusion, it is doubtful that Trump has the corrupt motive necessary to make an impeachable obstruction-of-justice case against him.

Absent collusion (or some other sinister secret), Trump is guilty of raging against an investigation that, at the end of the day, really is built on sand. In which case, it'd be better if Trump, secure in his ultimate vindication, lowered the temperature around the investigation. But the scorpion is going to sting the frog -- especially if the frog is getting round-the-clock cable coverage.

It is certainly true that Trump has not, if he ever will, made the transition from thinking like the owner of a family business to thinking

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The Spot opens

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, holding a pair of over-size scissors, cuts the ceremonial ribbon Friday with Russell Rivera and Lonnie Edwards, owners of The Spot Bar and Grill, to mark the restaurant's grand opening at 555 Campbell Ave., formerly Stevie B's. Joining the celebration are, from left, state Rep. Michael A. DiMassa, D-116; City Clerk Deborah Collins; state Rep. Charles J. Ferraro, R-117; mayoral Executive Assistant Louis P. Esposito, Jr.; The Spot General Manager Richelle Virzi; state Rep. Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven; Councilwoman Bridgette J. Hoskie, D-1; and City Council Chairman Ronald M. Quagliani, D-at large.



Budget process and the MARB oversight

By Nancy R. Rossi
Mayor of West Haven

My administration has begun the annual budget process and I will present my first budget for fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019) to

the city council by March 15, as required by the city charter.

I have already requested and received budget requests from the department heads along with significant budget reduction options.

Making the budget process even more challenging this year is my inheritance of former Mayor Edward M. O'Brien's \$1 million-dollar deficit (still being audited) from fiscal year 2017 (ended June 30) and his inclusion of \$8 million of wishful revenue in the current fiscal year that never materialized, leaving the city with an \$8 million current year deficit to address.

On top of that, there will be an extra approval needed this year with the city being assigned to the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB).

As you may remember the city was assigned to the MARB state control board after Mayor O'Brien and the previous

city council deficit bonded for \$17 million five days before I took office.

The state oversight does allow West Haven to apply for up to \$8 million in temporary grants for two years to correct its fiscal problems.

This will give West Haven a little time and flexibility to deal with the mishandling of prior budgets.

I plan on presenting an honest and bare bones budget to the MARB and city council that will fund the city's essential services for our residents while making some very tough but necessary and long overdue reductions—all without raising taxes on our already overtaxed residents. This budget will be step one in

eliminating the deficits left by the prior administration and implementing much-needed fiscal responsibility and accountability for our taxpayers.

I understood the many financial challenges and the total mismanagement that preceded me -- but please know that I will deal with the issues quickly, honestly and professionally.

I look forward to working with the MARB and all our City Council members to present and execute an honest budget that will be good for our residents and business community and show the regional and national business leaders that West Haven is finally open for business and wants to prosper!

Lowry: Trump notion causes a meltdown

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like a president entrusted with the care of our institutions. If Trump had his druthers, he'd probably appoint his personal fixer Michael Cohen his attorney general and run the Department of Justice like an arm of The Trump Organization. But there are all sorts of political and institutional constraints to acting on these impulses, including a White House counsel willing to say "No."

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Eligible contractors must have a certification from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and a lead-based paint certification.

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The West Haven High School Industrial Arts wing ended a 55-year run of training young men and women in various trade skills. Eliminated as part of the rebuilding of the campus, crews first dismantled the structure down to the girders. Last week, heavy machinery was brought in to begin the task of taking down the superstructure. Industrial Arts classes have been moved to the former "small gym," which was retro-fitted over the summer.

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Gripevine

By Eleanore Turkington



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Gripe Vine Readers:

In the past, I had been fortunate to receive superior assistance from Francis Withington; the past Information Officer for the City of West Haven provided solutions to my reader's complaints. His responses were prompt, accurate and effectual. However, because of a change in the city's procedures, there is no longer an information officer who can provide the public with such support.

Gripe Vine has sent an introductory request to Mayor Nancy Rossi's office seeking similar help with city wide problems, including blight, trash, speeders, traffic stop violations, building codes, etc. I received a response indicating that when a reader has problems, and writes to Gripe Vine, I should contact each city department head for cooperation in resolving the reader's gripes. I requested a list of department heads and have not, to date, received it. The mayor's office indicated that if I was unsuccessful in receiving department heads cooperation to contact her office.

There can be valuable time wasted with this procedure. Before the city, hired an information officer, I had experienced, few and no answers from department heads and long periods of wait time. Many of these gripes were related to dangerous situations.

Within the past say 5 to 10 years a great deal of satisfaction went to my readers through this column because

a representative from the city worked hand in hand with this columnist. West Haven taxpayers and residents should have complete cooperation from the city when it comes to making West Haven a safe, clean, progressive place to live.

So, readers, I will try to help you solve your gripes and questions anticipating a Mayoral information representative who will continue to provide answers and solutions to your problems.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I live on Hillside Avenue in West Shore. I think years ago, snow storm parking in streets alternated (even-odd) every year here. Yeah, that was confusing, I guess. So, they made odd side permanent here.

I am on the odd side and I do not park in the street, but everybody else does. That mean the odd side is poorly plowed, but it's not the fault of the Department of Public Works.

Here's the thing: All the fire hydrants are on the odd side. Why not make the even side ok to park permanently instead.

I am tired of making a path from the middle of the street to the hydrant. I have one at the corner of my lot.

DPI

Dear DPJ:

Well, speaking of fire hydrants and I have received inquiries about fire hydrants and who should shovel around them. I figured this would be a good opportunity

to state that "All residents are asked to clean a path from a fire hydrant to the street and a three foot perimeter around the hydrant as well.

Now, to get to your question about alternate side parking, this might be just the right opportunity to publish the city's information on plowing.

"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.

Per the 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."

And, readers, a frequent question to Gripe Vine, who should shovel the snow

around mailboxes? The answer, the property owner's responsibility.

COMING UP: Speeding on New Street...bulk trash pickup...more on snow plowing...speeders on Benham Hill Road...catch basins clean-

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Historian's corner By Dan Shlne

Savin Rock's Transition Part IV

The following is presented as submitted by Steve Hildrich from news clippings and his personal recollections:

During 1978, Mayor Robert Johnson tried to get the developers to agree to his "Compromise Plan" to save 25 acres. To some he seemed to betray his commitment to save the 40 acres, but he did not. The Supreme Court had to be obeyed.

By early January, 1979, the Harbor Mist Restaurant, successor to Phyllis's, said "no" to any compromise. The other six developers agreed to the compromise. Mayor Johnson declared a "development deadline" of Feb. 5, 1979, the next Redevelopment Agency meeting.

Inspired by a friend, Steve Hildrich with Rev. Ernest

Bodenweber of the "Earth Stewardship" of the First Congregational Church formed a coalition with Tom Gallagher and the Jaycees and Carol and Bob Altvater and the West Shore Garden Club. IMPACT was invited but did not partake. Called the Concerned Citizens for Bradley Point, they petitioned, not the city, but a private restaurant, Harbor Mist (previously Phyllis's and later the Casino). They gathered 1,600 signatures in four days, and presented their petition to the owners Sainis and Lazaris on Saturday. When resisted, Hildrich said, "I doubt your 1,600 customers will be happy to learn you refused to receive their representatives." The owners agreed to talk with Hildrich and Gallagher, and finally they agreed to compromise if they could



Bradley Point, seen here prior to redevelopment, became a spark plug for backlash.



Demolition of the popular Sky Blazer, which stood at the end of Savin Avenue served as a stark reminder that things in the city were changing.

get something in return. Bill Riccio, Jr. of the West Haven Town Voice and the West Haven News (now of the Voice) was there when the four came out and announced their compromise. Two days later the Redevelopment Agency meeting was raucous. Finally Mayor Johnson realized there was a basis for compromise, and asked the agency extend the deadline to March and it voted to do so. Two more postponements of development finally led the Compromise Plan being signed in May 17, 1979. A 20-acre Bradley Point Park was to be created (including separated Parcel J2).

As part of the compromise, Harbor Mist got a "right of first refusal" on Parcel M, meaning they could develop the property between the Rock and Capt. Thomas Blvd. (where kites fly today). However, Hildrich, who participated in negotiations, got included wording that said whatever was built on Parcel M "could not obscure the view of Savin Rock from Capt. Thomas Boulevard."

This was key to a 1988 Superior Court decision in which Harbor Mist and the Casino received \$0 in their suit for damages, upholding the city

(and agency) decision to stop the 12-story high-rise development on Parcel M because it "obscured the view of Savin Rock." (Jimmies v. West Haven, et al., Dorsey, J. 7-12-1988, pp. 23-24, 28)

IMPACT had opposed the Compromise Plan of 1979, calling it a "fraud" (Journal-Courier, 5-22-79, p.12), insisting they wanted all 40 acres then and there, ignoring that the Supreme Court had given the developers the right to agree to any significant change. The Concerned Citizens for Bradley Point wanted 40 acres of park, too, but realized that the Compromise was the best possibility at the time: 20 ACRES WAS BETTER THAN NOTHING. IMPACT continued to resist the Compromise. Finally in the Nov. 20, 1980, issue, the "West Haven Town Voice" admitted that the compromise was better than nothing and supported the plan. Attorney Brian Fisher (later Judge) chaired the committee that got public input into what kind of park they wanted and oversaw the planning. The city succeeded in securing federal funds for walkways, lighting, landscaping, parking, and the flagpole.

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Sharks back in form; take two big wins

The West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy girls hockey team rebounded nicely from a couple of tough losses the previous week with two, big wins last week. On Tuesday evening, the Westie Sharks got two goals from sophomore Taylor Nowak and stellar goaltending from Tatum Courtmanche in a 2-0 win over Hand/Coginchaug/Old Lyme. Nowak returning after missing the game against Hall/Conard was put on defense to bolster the back line with the absence of Brooke McNabola. That wasn't a problem for Nowak, who scored at 2:30 of the first period when she took a pass from C.C. Condon and rifled a shot from the slot past the Tigers' goaltender for a 1-0 lead. Nowak made it 2-0 with 4:55 left in the second period, when on the power play, she took a tough angle shot that found the short side for the only offense the girls would need.

On Friday afternoon, the Westie Sharks traveled to Shelton to face Masuk/Barlow/Newtown/Oxford/Bethel. The girls jumped on Masuk for three goals in the first period on the way to a 6-0 shutout victory. Shannon Siclari scored just 51 seconds into the game, assisted by Mia Celentano then the Westie Sharks got unassisted goals from Taylor Nowak at 7:57 and Veronica Lynn at 11:45 to put the girls up 3-0.

The Westie Sharks would add three, more goals in the third period. Grace Plunkett scored at 2:52 of the period assisted by Celentano, Megan Froehlich scored 56 seconds later unassisted and Makenna White added a goal at 10:28, assisted by Siclari and Nowak for the 6-0 final. Kyleen Crowe made three saves to record the shutout between the pipes.

This week, the girls faced Branford/East Haven/North Branford on Wednesday and host the Notre Dame of Fairfield Lancers on Saturday at 3.

The West Haven boys basketball team got a couple of big wins last week to improve its playoff chances before falling to Notre Dame. On Monday night, the Blue Devils defeated the Branford Hornets, 78-64, to get their fifth win and then were victorious over the Foran Lions 48-37 on Wednesday night in Milford. The Westies shut down the Lions' offense in the first half and got 12 points each from Marquel Bookert and Josiah Steinman while Jamal Pate picked up 10 points in the win.

On Friday evening the Blue Devils took on cross-town rival Notre Dame and after falling behind early were not able to recover in a 74-57 loss. Josh Moncrieffe led the Westies with 20 points, Josiah Steinman had 13 points and Marquel Bookert added 12 points in the loss.

This week, the boys hosted Jonathan Law on Tuesday and finish the week hosting the Career Panthers on Friday at 7.

The girls basketball team lost to the Branford Hornets, 55-41, on Monday evening with Ny'Aire Serrano leading the way with
See Westies, page 13



On a mission

Tylen Rivas drives around the Starzz' Kassidy Carrano in Girls Fundamental League play Saturday. The league is heading into its final weeks of the season with playoff action on the horizon.

Knights' cagers sweep; skaters top WH

Basketball sweeps the week, hockey splits a pair of games, swimming falls to Amity, wrestling competes twice, and indoor track places 14th at SCC Championship Meet.

Basketball -- Facing its second three game week in a row, the Green Knights used the solid play of Alec Kinder to a three-game winning streak. All Kinder did was record three double-doubles, including setting career-highs with 22 points and 15 rebounds in a mid-week game at Shelton. He then added a dozen points and rebounds in win over West Haven on Friday.

Heading into Tuesday's game at East Haven, Coach Shea's squad had carved out a 12-5 record heading into homestretch of season.

Hockey -- Four different players scored as the Notre Dame hockey team won its lone showdown with city rival West Haven on Saturday. Michael Bencivengo and Ian Hayden had a goal and an assist as ND won 4-1. Logan Cole played superb in net for West Haven making 52 saves.

Earlier in the week, the Green Knights couldn't hold onto a 2-0 lead surrendering the last four goals in a 4-2 loss to Northwest Catholic.

Wrestling -- Korbin Kern had three pins and Alex Barbour also won three times as wrestling competed in the Foran Duals Saturday. ND beat Oxford but fell to Killingly, Amity, and host Foran. In a dual-met with Amity earlier in the week, the Green Knights fell,

53-21. Barbour, Tyler Hughes, Christian Fillion, and Connor Massey won their matches against Amity.

Indoor Track -- Nick Petruzzelli's senior indoor track season just got a whole lot better and it's not like he hasn't accomplished a lot already. Earlier this year, he tied the school record in the pole vault, only to break it in the SCC West Championship Meet.

Petruzzelli then won the event at the Championship Meet clearing 13-6. His effort scored 10 of the 13 points for the Green Knights, who totaled 13 as a team to finish 14th.

Warren Murphy finished 5th in the 300-meter dash and Johan Klein-Robbenhaar took 6th in the shot put.

Swimming -- UConn-bound North

Hansen had a stellar senior night for the Green Knights in his final swim in a meet at the Albertus Magnus Pool. He was part of three of the four Notre Dame wins during the meet.

He won the 200 freestyle in 1:44.46 before returning to the pool to capture the 500 freestyle in 4:41.50. He then swam the final leg in the 400 freestyle relay that Notre Dame won in a time of 3:45.34.

He teamed with William Hinckley, fellow co-captain Shawn Parrott, and Chris Olt in the relay.

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Wrap-around
 Notre Dame's Liam Ireland is aiming at a wrap-around shot on West Haven's Logan Cole in the opening period of Saturday's game at the Edward Bennett Rink. Notre Dame topped the Westies, 4-1.

Westies: *Swimmers pick up big victory*

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 points. Natalia Frazier picked up nine points and Amanda Carr added seven points in the loss.

On Friday evening, the Blue Devils hosted the Shelton Gaels. The girls kept things close in the first quarter, trailing only 16-14 after one. Unfortunately for the Westies, the Gaels extended the lead to 31-19 by halftime before cruising to a 54-34 victory. Amanda Carr and Natalia Frazier each had nine points while Ebonie Jones added eight points in the loss.

This week, the Blue Devils traveled to Sacred Heart on Monday, went to Sheehan on Tuesday and travel to Cheshire on Friday at 7.

The boys hockey team hosted cross-town rival Notre Dame on Saturday afternoon at the Bennett Rink. Before the game, the teams paid tribute to first responders in their annual Police and Fire Appreciation game and West Haven recognized the 1950-51 State Championship team.

Once the game started it was all Green Knights. Notre Dame took a 1-0 lead with 6:45 left in the first period, then added goals 52 seconds into the second period and with 6:14 left in the period to extend the lead to 3-0.

The Blue Devils got on the board with 7.1 seconds left in the second period when Niko Kyle scored off a faceoff, firing the puck under the cross-

bar to cut the lead to 3-1. The Knights would ice the game with a goal in the third period for the 4-1 final. Logan Cole stood on his head, making 52 saves between the pipes to keep the Westies in the game.

This week, the Blue Devils hosted North Rockland, NY on Wednesday and host the Xavier Falcons on Saturday at 1.

The West Haven/Platt Tech boys swim team picked up another win this week with a 91-85 victory over the Foran Lions in Milford on Tuesday. Jacob Fairheart won the 200 individual medley, Luis Lopez took the 100 breaststroke and the 200 freestyle relay team of Heli Estrada, Julian Thomas, Chris

Olsen and Chris D'Inzio were victorious.

On Friday evening, the Westies were defeated by the Amity Spartans, 87-72. The Blue Devils picked up victories from Luis Lopez in the 500 freestyle, Bryan Barrington in the 100 backstroke, Chris D'Inzio in the 100 breaststroke in individual races. The boys also got wins from the 200 freestyle relay team of Heli Estrada, Chris Olsen, Tabish Butt and Julian Thomas and the 400 freestyle relay team of Isaac Gorske, Shane Taulty, Luis Lopez and Chris D'Inzio.

This week, the Westies head to Milford on Friday for a meet with Jonathan Law at 4.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

Player of the Week

West Haven senior boys hockey player Logan Cole (31) is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. Cole was outstanding in a pair of losses for the Westies, turning aside 82 of 88 shots, including 52 against Notre Dame-West Haven. Read about Logan Cole on the Player of the Week page at www.westieblue.com.

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Westie Blue In Touch *By Mike Madera*

When cross-town rivals Notre Dame and West Haven meet on the ice, nothing extra is needed to add to the intensity. Add a pre-game ceremony which honors First Responders, and a state championship team from over 60 years ago, and you have the makings of a special day.

When 45 minutes were completed on the ice, the Green Knights, ranked third in the Register/GameTimeCt Top 10 poll, dominated the Westies, 4-1, in a Division I contest at the Edward L. Bennett Rink Saturday afternoon.

"We are getting better," Notre Dame coach Tim Belcher said. "We had plenty of chances today. Any time you put 56 shots on goal, you want to score more goals. But, you have to give a lot of credit to Logan (Cole). He played a fan-

tastic game."

West Haven goaltender Logan Cole was the lone bright spot on the day for the Westies, turning aside 52 shots as the Westies were outshot 56-6 in the game. The Green Knights dominated in every facet of the game, but Cole kept his team within striking distance until late in the third period.

"Logan was unbelievable today," West Haven coach Joe Morrell said of Cole. "He showed up to play. They just beat us to every puck. They won every battle."

Prior to the contest with the city rivals, there was a ceremony honoring the 1950-1951 West Haven hockey team, which won the state championship, but was never included on the state championship banner which has been displayed at the Edward L. Ben-

nett Rink for several decades.

Three members of that championship team of 67 years ago - Tom Lawson, Jim McKeon, and Tom Knudsen - were on hand to see the team recognized with the other West Haven hockey state championship seasons. The 1950-1951 team finished the regular season 8-0-1, outscoring its opponents 48-12 and averaging 5.3 goals scored and 1.3 goals allowed per game.

"This means everything to them," Bill Meaney, whose father Jack played on the 1950-1951 championship team, said. "They are very proud of what they accomplished. They are now placed with all the great West Haven High School hockey teams. They were a pretty dominant team."

Bill Meaney actually noticed the team was not recognized on the banner when he went to a fall league game at the rink to see his daughter play. After confirming the team was a state championship squad, Meaney contacted West Haven Athletic Director Jon Capone, and worked with West Haven Superintendent of Schools Neil C. Cavallaro, and the Board of Education to make everything happen so quickly.

"Jon Capone was very gracious," Meaney said. "He made numerous phone calls and got verification. We picked out a date quickly, and we coordinated with the Board of Education. I want to thank Neil Cavallaro for meeting."

Michael Bencivengo led the Green Knights with a goal and an assist, including the lone goal of the first period to give the Green Knights a 1-0 lead after 15 minutes of play. The opening period also saw Notre Dame hold a 14-1 shot advantage in the period.

Bencivengo then set up Zack Dumas just 52 seconds into the second period for a 2-0 lead. When Kevin Millea's blast from the point beat Cole with 6:14 left in the middle period, Notre Dame held a 3-0 advantage.

"We wanted to put a lot of shots on net," Bencivengo said. "We moved the puck well. We made it easier on ourselves by not allowing them a lot of shots. We are playing well right now."

West Haven, which struggled to generate any offense in the game and is 0-7-1 in its last eight games, finally got on the scoreboard with 7.1 seconds left in the middle period. Off a faceoff, Niko Kyle roofed a shot under the crossbar to get West Haven within two goals.

The Westies (2-10-1) never got closer as a stifling Notre Dame pressure, held West Haven. See Westie Blue, page 15

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Taking advantage

West Haven's Kevin Moriarty gets a rare chance in the Notre Dame zone in Saturday's game. The Blue Devils are trying to make a late-season comeback after capturing only two wins so far. Action took place last Saturday following a ceremony honoring the 1951 State Championship team.

Squirt A squad works out tie vs. Wizards

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team came back to force a 3-3 tie against the Wonderland Wizards A1 at the Wonderland of Ice on Saturday. Zach Goetze redirected in a Dylan Link shot from the point with just 1:25 left in the game for the tying tally. West Haven is now 27-10-3 on the season.

Down 1-0 in the first period, Thomas Porto passed to Brady Price who found Goetze on the doorstep for a tap-in. The score knotted it at 1-1 with 38 seconds left in the period.

Four minutes into the second period, Goetze picked the pocket of a defender and crashed the net to make it 2-1 in favor of the Westies.

The Wizards scored a pair of third period goals within two minutes of each other to regain the lead. Ethan Kelly then drew a penalty with 1:30 left in the game to set up the Blue Devils.

After a timeout, the Westies pulled the goalie for a 6-on-4 advantage. Porto won the faceoff to Link, and Goetze finished off his hat trick with

some nice stick work. Jacob Silva had 13 saves in net for the Westies.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team moved to 25-13-5 with a split of two road games this weekend. West Haven opened with a win over Greater New Haven before falling to Northwestern.

The Westies opened the week on Saturday with a hard fought 6-1 victory over Greater New Haven at the Northford Ice Pavilion.

Brendan Smith was the story of the game as he made 33 saves, including 15 in the first period.

Dante Hardt led the offense with two goals, while Jayden Spreyer and Nolan Cole each had a goal and an assist.

Spreyer gave the Westies a 1-0 lead 5:02 into the game when he scored off assists from Bruno Martone and Michael Madera. Greater New Haven evened the game 2:33 later, but the Westies took over in the second period.

Hardt scored the first of his two goals with an unassisted tally for a 2-1 lead with 9:50 re-

maining in the middle period, before West Haven's special teams took over in the third period.

Killing off a penalty, the Westies scored two goals for a 4-1 advantage. Mickey Dowd came off the left wing and scored 6:46 into the third, and Dave Brown followed with a laser 35 seconds later off an assist from Smith.

West Haven put the game away with two goals in the final 5:57. Cole scored off an assist from Kyle Dronney, and

Hardt capped the scoring off assists from Spreyer and Cole.

The Westies traveled to the Gunnery Sunday morning to take on the fifth-ranked team in the state. In what was a tight contest until the final eight minutes, West Haven fell, 7-2.

After a scoreless first period, Cole gave West Haven a 1-0 lead 5:48 into the second when he forced a turnover and raced in for an unassisted goal. Northwestern evened the game 2:47 later, then took a 2-1 lead on a two-man advantage

with 4:19 left in the second.

The game remained a one-goal contest until Northwestern scored another power play goal early in the third. West Haven again got within a goal as Dowd sent in Brown on a breakaway to get within 3-2 with 10:20 to go.

Any momentum West Haven had quickly faded when Northwestern scored 26 seconds later for a 4-2 lead. Northwestern put the game away with three goals in the final five minutes.



Photo by Russ McCreven

Westie Blue

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ven scoreless on five power play opportunities.

The Green Knights (9-5) put the game away with six minutes to go in the game as Ian Hayden scored off assists from Devin Napoli and Thomas Ashmore.

Cole made several outstanding saves in the victory, with his best coming in a sequence of the second period in which the Westies were down by a pair of goals. Cole denied Micahel Ansaldo with a pad save, then followed with a tremendous pad save off Bencivengo on the rebound. Cole also denied Bencivengo on a breakaway in the third.

Napoli and Christopher Hibson each finished with a pair of assists, while Hayden also had a goal and an assist. Nicholas Piselli finished with six saves in the win for the Green Knights.

Hands aplenty

Everybody gets into the play as action heats up in the Girls Fundamental League play Saturday at the Edith Machrille gym.



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Drive to the hoop

Blue Devils guard Elijah Acevedo drives to the bucket while Seon Vernon Lora helps with a block on Jayden Doyle. The action took place at the Red Bailey gym Saturday morning in Fundamental League play.

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Sporting View
 by Mark Vasto

A few weeks ago at Torrey Pines, Tiger Woods may have accomplished his greatest feat as a golfer: missing a birdie putt. Woods probably would have made the shot if some [expletive deleted] hadn't taken the moment of his backswing to yell out, "GET IN THE HOLE!" The backlash among those in attendance toward the offender was swift. They were able to track the guy down and shame him on social media, and one hopes, got him kicked out and banned from the venue for life. Now if this had happened to a lesser golfer -- say, someone at the back end of the draw or someone like John Daly

(who people probably just assume likes that sort of thing) -- we'd still have to put up with hearing that at golf tournaments. But one hopes that Torrey Pines became that stupid, obnoxious, brainless, unsportsmanlike shout's Waterloo. Let it end there. Like the fall of the Berlin Wall, and more recently the #MeToo movement, significant social change has a way of creeping up on us until all of a sudden, it reaches a crescendo that is too strong to be stopped. In sports, we remember the day that Jackie Robinson first took to the field in Brooklyn as such a moment. Shortly after, the color barrier broke all across the country. Years later, kids reading a sports almanac could only furrow their brows and ask if such a day really existed ... a time when a black guy couldn't play big-league sports. And we remember the day Billie Jean King said she wasn't going to play without equal pay -- that she wasn't going to be penalized for being a woman. Sports mirrors society, but often it is a step ahead when it comes to morals and judgment. Every time sports is faced with some ridiculous set of discriminatory rules or off-base judgments, a core group of leaders pay attention to what sports is supposed to be -- competition among your peers utilizing a universal and equal set of rules -- and make changes. It doesn't always happen as quickly as we'd like or deserve, but in general, it happens. Last month it happened

in Cleveland. Since 1932, the Cleveland Indians have employed a stereotype as their "logo" (even though it also was clearly marketed or implied to be serving as a "mascot" for decades). Never mind that "Indians" in North America were never "Indians" to begin with, the fact that too many sports fans couldn't see the ridiculous use of "Chief Wahoo" as a logo for a team that had just moved into "Progressive Field" is a real scalp scratcher. And now we turn the tide toward Washington, D.C.'s professional football franchise and its abysmally tone-deaf and dictionary-defined racist slur "Redskin" moniker. Dan Snyder, owner of the Redskins, has vowed NEVER to change the team's name. But Snyder is on the wrong side of history, and like his team of late, he will lose. The Washington football team will change its name with or without him -- preferably without. Anyone who thinks otherwise is not only on the wrong side of history, but needs to seriously consider crawling back into the hole they came from. Time's up, Snyder ... let's see how long it takes for you to get the message everyone else seems to have gotten but you. Mark Vasto is a veteran sports-writer who lives in New Jersey. (c) 2018 King Features Synd.,

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WHGBL heads to playoffs

West Haven Girls Basketball had teams gearing for the playoffs with a full slate of games on Friday night at Seth Haley. The defending champion M & S Lawncare Panthers have steamrolled through the league and have remained unbeaten this year.

On Friday, the Panthers rallied to upend the Louise's Bakery Cardinals, 22-13. Summer Krajcir hit for 11 points and Ciera Harp added nine for the Panthers.

They also received strong play from Camryn Howard, Michelle Tompkins and Rylie Boynton. The Cardinals' offense was led by Jocelyn Avardo, Aniah Glover, Lily Granata and Jasmyn Dagraca.

The Gunning Law Huskies upended the Lacobelle Law Bruins, 21-13. Ariaya Smith,

Molly Gunning, Samira Hickaby and Daniella Parisi combined for the 17 Husky points. Taryn Walker, Chloe Whelan and Sophie McFarland also scored for the Huskies.

The Bruins were led by seven points from Michaela Pribnow and points from Jaylyn Powell and Nevaeh Stegall.

The TBNG Eagles used the play of Angelina Messina, Kaylee Sellner, Madyson Ortiz to upend the Prospect Beach Club Blue Devils, 12-9. Natalia Washington and Justice Butler starred for the Eagles. The Blue Devils' scoring was led by Ella Morgan, Courtney Gorske and Jessica Heaven.

The league has one more week of regular season games with playoff starting the following week.

Photo courtesy of SLS

Students of the Month

St. Lawrence School recently celebrated its students of the month for January, in a ceremony held at the school. The students were honored for their academics and achievements in the classroom. Each student was awarded a pin and certificate, and the students, along with their parents, were invited to have breakfast with the pastor, the Rev/ Jose Mercado and Principal Paul DeFonzo. Pictured are: --Front row -- Michael Giannotti, Grade 1; and Sam Grestini, Kindergarten; (middle row) Luke Miklos, Grade 4; Giana Mainor, Grade 5; and Jason Dong, Grade 6. Back row -- Sarah Reynolds, Grade 7; Principal Paul DeFonzo; and Giana Perricone, Grade 8.



Photo courtesy of NDWH

Paces win

West Haven native Alec Kinder had big week to lead ND basketball to three wins, including 74-57 win over cross town rival West Haven on Friday.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF THE 14TH DAY BEFORE PRIMARY DAY ENROLLMENT SESSION

REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE DISTRICT 3

An enrollment session will be held on February 8, 2018 between 12 noon and 2P.M. for the purpose of registration, and/or enrollment of electors entitled to vote in the Republican Town Committee District 3 Primary on March 6, 2018. Registrars will, at such time, hear requests for adding names to the registry list by person removed. (CGS Sec 9-37 and 9-53)

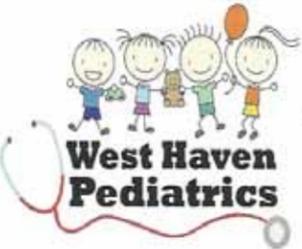
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DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE DISTRICT 1 THRU 10

An enrollment session will be held on February 15th 2018 between 3pm to 5pm for the purpose of registration, and/or enrollment of electors entitled to vote in the Democratic Town Committee District 1 thru 10 Primary on March 6, 2018. Registrars will, at such time, hear request for adding names to the registry list by person removed. (CGS sec 9-37and 9-53)

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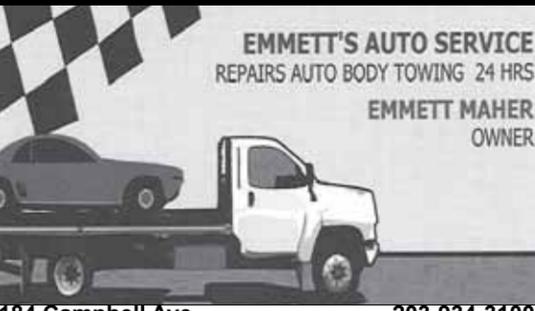


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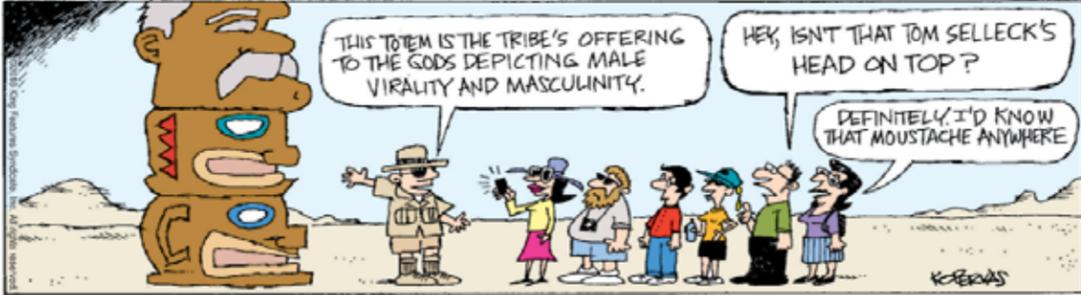
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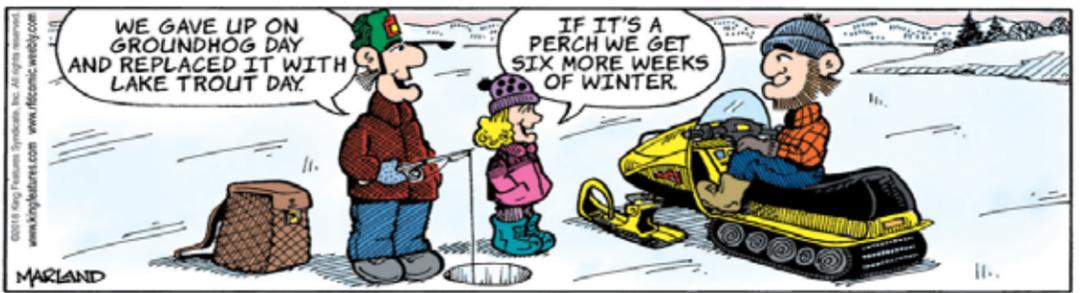
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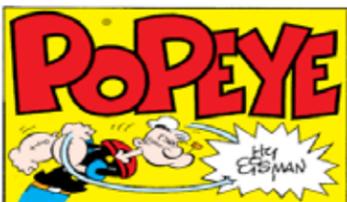
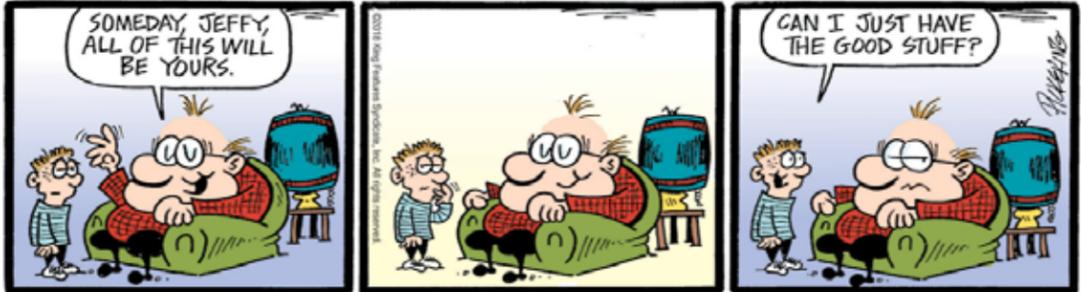
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Around Town

Vendors wanted

First Congregational Church on the Green will host an Easter Festival and Craft Fair on Saturday, March 17 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Vendors are sought for the event. As a nod to St Patrick's Day, lunch will include corned beef sandwiches, beef stew, and creamy potato soup. Along with our vendors, this year's festival includes a silent auction, raffles, a bake sale, kids' egg tree and crafts, our multi-room book sale, the White Elephant sale, the SERRV Shop, and pictures with Easter Bunny. Contact the First Congregational Church of West Haven for an application, (203) 933-6291.

Bradley Point Garden Club plans confab

The Bradley Point Garden Club will luncheon followed by workshop at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 20, in West Haven City Hall-lower level, 355 Main St.. New members are welcome. Call Marie at (203) 878-8428.

Lions Club plans ADA benefit

The Lions Club of West Haven will be hosting its first painting event on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 3 p.m., 727 Campbell Ave., to benefit the American Diabetes Association. Anyone can create a piece of art to proudly display in their home or gift to someone! No previous artistic skill is required. Step-by-step instructions by a fun and engaging artist in a low key, no pressure environment. Price of \$35 per person (covers the cost of all materials and appetizers) BYOB - Bottled water & soda will be available. Limited Seating - RSVP Only. For Tickets call (203) 933-2812 or email maryann.voss@gmail.com

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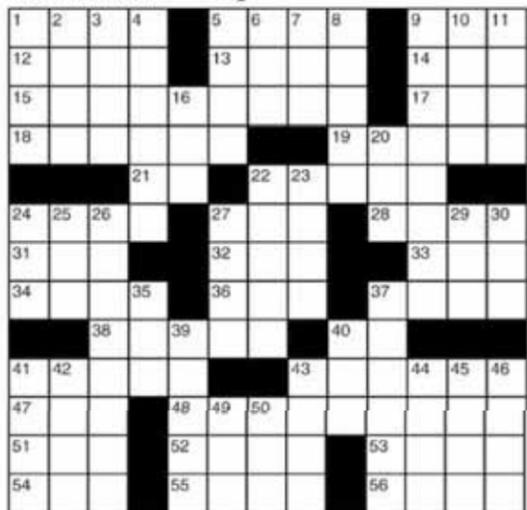
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 - 14 Rocks
 - 15 Teeny
 - 17 Gun lobby org.
 - 18 Thwarts
 - 19 Bad lighting?
 - 21 Conversation starter
 - 22 "Olympia" artist
 - 24 Knighted woman
 - 27 Stashed
 - 28 Carey or Barrymore
 - 31 — Baba
 - 32 Literary collection
 - 33 Before
 - 34 Carte
 - 36 Doctrine
 - 37 Exercise target
 - 38 Bygone airline
 - 40 On the other
- DOWN**
- 14 Top story
 - 43 Critter
 - 47 Slithery
 - 48 Twins' home
 - 51 Flightless bird
 - 52 Tied
 - 53 It's tied
 - 54 Aachen article
 - 55 — good example
 - 56 Former frosh
 - 1 Barbershop item
 - 2 Seed coat
 - 3 Nevada city
 - 4 Fencer's call
 - 5 Campaign-funding grps.
 - 6 Tulsa sch.
 - 7 Blanc or Brooks
 - 8 Song of praise
 - 9 Troubadour
 - 10 High (Pref.)
 - 11 Campus big-wig
 - 16 Schuss
 - 20 Crimson
 - 22 Capital of Belarus
 - 23 Leading man
 - 24 Weir
 - 25 Hearty quaff
 - 26 Labyrinth beast
 - 27 Groundbreak-ing musical
 - 29 Historic time
 - 30 Charlotte's creation
 - 35 Submachine gun
 - 37 Pats down
 - 39 Pinnacles
 - 40 Inseparable
 - 41 Sleeping
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 - 50 Profit



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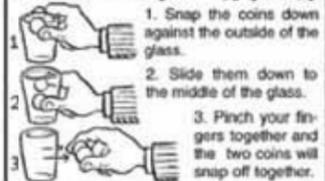
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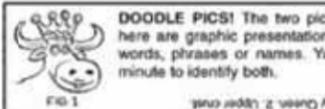
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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



Illustrated by David Coulton

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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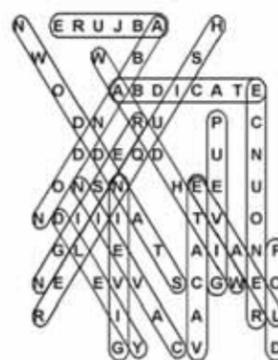
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