

'Forgotten' Westies gain honors *1951 Champions raised to rafters*

A forgotten team will finally get its just reward. The 1951 West Haven High School hockey team will be recognized as a State Championship on the banner that hangs at the Edward L. Bennett Rink. The addition gives the Blue Devils eight state titles over the storied history of the program.

The team will be honored during a pre-game ceremony on Saturday afternoon when the Blue Devils take on cross-town rivals, the Notre Dame Green Knights. A big crowd is expected.

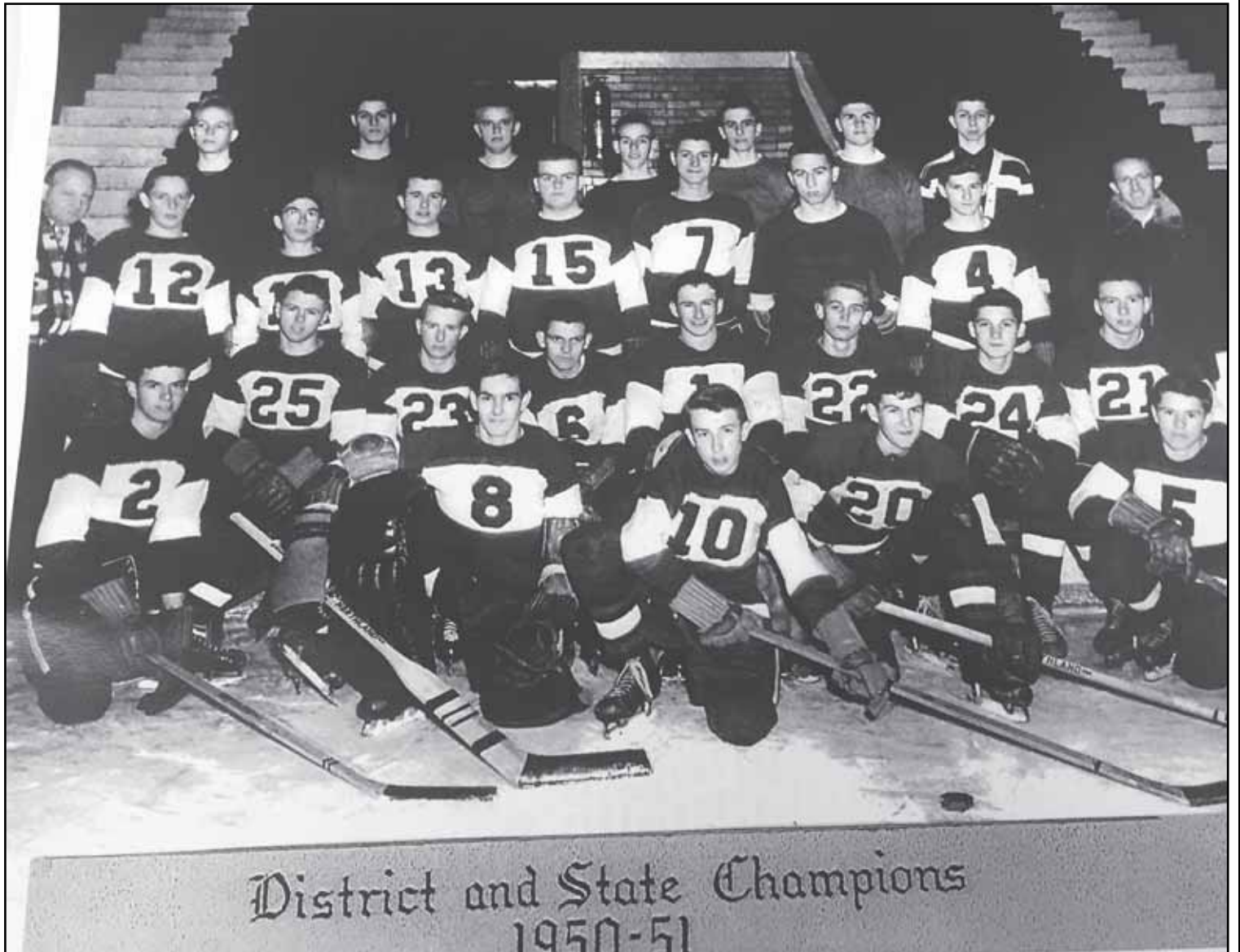
Team members Tom Lawson and Jim McKeon will be on hand to raise the banner at the rink.

"Banner hangs below the scoreboard and I took it down to have the team included," said WHHS Athletic Director Jonathan Capone said this week.

The omission was part of an effort that saw family members of the team's players try to rectify the mistake.

"One of those family members, Bill Meaney, son of Jack Meaney, who played on the team was instrumental in putting the team on

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The 1951 West Haven High School Hockey team is shown in the traditional team photo at the venerable New Haven Arena. The team was virtually forgotten until some team family members jogged memories.

O'Brien: Don't blame me for shortfall

The animus that characterized the relationship between Mayor Nancy Rossi and her predecessor, Edward M. O'Brien, during last fall's campaign was well documented. The personal dislike carried over from the September primary, was fueled through a general election campaign that featured almost weekly back-and-forth charges between the two, and has not ended now that the election has been decided.

The former mayor took issue with a statement made by Rossi last week regarding the empaneling of the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) by the state's Office of Police and Management in the aftermath of the city's bonding of more than \$25 million last year, primarily for the elimination of a \$17 million budget gap.

"The idea that my administration budgeted \$8 million that we were not sure we were getting is ludicrous," O'Brien said in a reply this week (See page 7).

At issue is revenue included in the budget passed in May 2017 that was to come from the State of Connecticut in form of various grants. Each year, the state gives municipalities a general idea as to what they can expect in the new fiscal year. West Haven originally was told to expect \$12 million. O'Brien said during the campaign his administration decided to low-ball the amount and put only two-thirds of what was planned.

"In fact, it probably was the firmest number we had from the state at the time we were putting the budget together," O'Brien wrote.

Unfortunately for the state's 169 towns and cities, the budget battle over the summer brewed for months and resulted in most state grants getting eliminated. The city faces a gap because of the snafu.

In her discussion of the MARB empanelment, Rossi made mention of the \$8 million gap and how during the campaign she and newly elected City Treasurer Mike Last urged the city not to put any anticipated funds into the budget.

"City Treasurer Michael Last and I asked the previous mayor and city council not to include that \$8 million of wishful revenue at budget hearings and city council meetings, however our pleas fell on deaf ears," she wrote.

The city can get the \$8 million, but not until next summer under guide-

lines set up by the state. It came with strings attached, such as a state review board, which was a point of contention between the two when the campaign was raging. O'Brien didn't accept the deal when he was in office, and now Rossi faces the choice to accept or reject the funds.

O'Brien, meanwhile, was not apologetic for working a deal with the state, and took the opportunity to take a swipe at Rossi's contention her CPA status gives her a handle on municipal finance, a big issue during the campaign.

"West Haven also gets \$45 million for our students' education from the state, an amount that has increased due to my lobbying on behalf of our residents. If the CPA does not accept

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Aubree Fernandez, age 3, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center is predicting more snow in the forecast.



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the championship banner," according to Capone.

He credits Meaney and other family members

The 1951 Blue Devils played at a time when a Connecticut State Champion was chosen differently, and when the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) did not recognize the sport.

"The team played during a 12-year period when the CIAC did not conduct a post-season tournament and the State Champion was determined by the team with the best overall record and a consensus vote of the coaches," according to a statement to be read at the ceremony Saturday

The 1950-51 season saw a

Blue Devils team that ran the table and finished the regular season undefeated – with a record 10-0-1. It is the school's second state hockey championships.

To show their dominance, they outscored their opponents 55-13 for an average of 5.0 goals scored per game and 1.2 goals allowed.

The team was considered a perfect blend of experience seniors, talented goal scorers, disciplined defense and shut down goaltending. The offense was led by Bill Frank, Tom Knudsen and Bill Cooper who was voted the most outstanding player in the area.

They had a core group of hustling forwards, including George Hotchkiss and Jack

Meaney who dug pucks out of the corners and where relentless back-checkers. Between the pipes was Tom Lawson. He was the top goalie in the state who only gave up 6 goals in the 10 games he played.

The blue line was led by one of the best defensive four-somes in Westie history, led by Lloyd Bauer, Duane Shepard, and Jim McKeon. Coach Hal Smullen called them the best in the state.

This was a team that featured players who went on after high school to play for big-time programs. Bill Cooper went on to play college hockey at Brown University, Lloyd Bauer went on to play at RPI and was a member of the 1954 NCAA National Champion-

ship Team and Tom Lawson played baseball and football as a walk-on at the University of Pennsylvania.

It was a time of conflict, and the players who didn't go on to higher education had their military service to fulfill. Most of the players served during the Korean War. Many of them returned to West Haven, raised families and gave back to the community.

Hockey remained in their blood, and they served as founders and supporters of the West Haven Youth Hockey program following the opening of the Bennett Rink in 1971. Duane Shephard, George Hotchkiss, Jim McKeon, Bob Brill and Jack Meaney all played important roles in

establishing youth hockey in West Haven. Tom Lawson became a City Council member and was instrumental in getting the rink built and named after the late Edward L. Bennett, who coached the squad in the 1940s before becoming Superintendent of Schools. Bennett coached West Haven to its first State Championship in 1949.

There were no organized youth hockey programs back in the 1940s players learned their skills where ever they could find ice. The popular venues for playing hockey were the pond on Lake Street with bone-chilling winds howling in from Long Island Sound and the salt water marsh Mud Flats along the West River behind First Avenue and Elm Street.

Hockey at West Haven High goes back to the post-World War I era, when teams around the New Haven area were formed. The loose connection of teams was formalized following the opening of the New Haven Arena in 1927. The 4,000-seat Arena was the locus of high school hockey for more than 40 years before the era of local rinks.

Twice weekly triple-headers were the norm with teams playing 10-minute periods.

Prior to the 1970s, when the sport took off, only 12 teams in the state played, with West Haven as one of the founding member schools. Finally, in 1964 the CIAC re-recognized the sport and conducted the state tournament at the Arena, a custom that continued until the building was closed in 1972.

Ferraro sets office hours for Saturday

State Rep. Charles Ferraro will be hosting Office Hours in West Haven on Saturday, February 3, from 11 to noon at the West Haven Library Main Branch to talk about the upcoming 2018 legislative session with residents.

Contractors sought by city CDA office

The Community Development Administration is seeking licensed contractors who are interested in becoming vendors for CDA-approved home improvement projects in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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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.



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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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Jordan Page, a 1st grader at Haley school, proudly shows off her Christmas cards for the veterans.

Haley students make holidays joyful for vets

Patients at the West Haven Veterans Administration Medical Center had a bit of the Christmas spirit sent their way via city school children

For the third year in a row Seth Haley School students in grades 1-4 made handmade Christmas cards for the veterans. The school social worker, Jamene Farrell, directed this project as she has since its inception.

This year, though there was a change of plan, and it made the effort more local.

Instead of mailing the cards to the Red Cross, the cards were donated to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in West Haven.

"The children were not even aware that we had a VA hospital here, so they were excited about it being kept local," said Farrell.

She was able to invite Dr. Shaukat Khan from the hospital to come to school in person to pick-up the 350 cards. He held a question-and-answer forum with all 4th graders, who were interested in what he does with the veterans, (he is a psychiatrist), and how do you become a doctor.

"One student wanted to know, 'How do wars start?'" said Farrell.

A display board of the students waving to the vets and working on their cards was presented to Dr. Khan as well. He distributed the cards to the in-patients, to out-patients, and to a newly formed Veterans Lions Club.

"All veterans were very surprised by the cheerful cards made by such young students," according to Farrell.



Children at the school made Christmas cards to be distributed to the patients. Dr. Khan is shown with with coordinator of the project, Jamene Farrell

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Dear Felicia

Jest when yew think Ole Man Winter decided to take a powder early this year, there are three, count 'em, three storms on schedule this month with varying amounts of the white stuff coming down. By the time yew git this missive, one o' those storms will have arrived, but the second will be coming by Friday night, then I hear-tell there might be one "later in the weekend" whatever that means.

Just an update, sweetie pie. Cobina got a visit from Sammy Bluejay over the weekend, and hiz nibs informed me that the little battle betwixt the Demmies for the Town Committee ain't jest a small battle as I was foist led to believe.

Nope. Sammy told me that although there was only one districk that was challenged on the night of the Demmy caucus earlier this month - that being the fourth - in reality petitions were taken out for all the districks excep' the fifth. That means a citywide

battle royale is gonna happen in March between the various rivals in the city's majority party.

Cobina thought the year 2018 was gonna start with a whimper. It looks like it's gonna be a knock 'em down, drag 'em out that we're used to in these parts. I knew the Demmies wouldn't let the city down. Effen there was one more thing we needed here it was another reason to git a fraction of the voting public out to the polls.

How this is gonna turn out? Who knows? Sammy sez some o' the petitions got out rather late, and that might affeck whether they get the requisite votes or not. We shall see.

As far as we're concerned, we hope both sides have plenty o' fire power and plenty o' kopecks to thrown our way.

When Sammy told me a couple weeks back that the fourth was gonna be the balance of power in who gits the run the party, I thought it was

a bit odd that more petitions weren't gonna be taken out. After all, would you want to have one districk do all the heavy lifting?

Now that we know the factions are gonna be opening up the primary process, one side or t'other will probably win a workable majority. And, no, they still don't like each other, which probably has something to do with why we have a primary in the foist place.

Keep you posted.

To say that the story last week about the city under a review board hit much of the populace like a ton of bricks would not be understating it, honey bunch. Iva Lootey came in and said that there were some incredulous looks from people when the story was read, but most seemed to think it was shocking but not surprising. It's a shock when something happens, even if in the end, yore not surprised.

But Iva brought up whot a lotta people are thinking - at least those who make it their business to be involved in the dark world of city politics.

It's very well figgered out that herroner is gonna have some big and unpopular decisions when it comes to the next budget, due in March. Right now, the groundwork is being laid for putting that budget together. This is supposed to be herroner's strong suit.

With the missive from the Office of Policy and Management that announced the review board,

Mrs. Rossi gits something that hasn't been seen in these parts in quite some time: political cover. Big decisions and big cuts will be made in the budget, we figger. These will bring a hue and cry from workers in the Actors Colony as well as taxpayers.

Those decisions might include staff cuts and tax hikes. That's something that will make the pain felt all the way around.

With the review board in place, herroner can have a bit of shield. The review board is gonna have say as to what is done and whether the budget document that comes out is in balance. No matter how painful the cut or the tax hike, she's got the panel to point her finger at and say, "It wasn't me, it was them."

Still there will be political flak, but the retort is that she's been asked to make the decisions that those who sat in the thoid floor before her were unwilling to make.

It'll be interesting to see how this all plays out.

Meanwhile, we ain't hoid anything from the GOP as to how the biennial reorganization went over there. As I've been telling yew over the last little while, with the problems in the Democratic Party and the horrible way the state's been run, now is the time to try to rebuild the Republican brand.

Get with it local GOP, put new faces on the Town Committee and then start making those faces known. It worked

in the 1980s and it can work again.

So Freddie Messoro is en-sconced as the new Director of City Planning and Development. As I told yew last week, Freddie's roots are in the Actors Colony, so it'll be fascinating to see how things play out up there. His predecessor was liked by some, not liked by others. Freddie seems to be liked by everyone. Let's hope some of that charisma can translate into helping the city get back on its feet.

We're interested in what's gonna happen on Water Street, especially. One of the problems that helped herroner win and Ed O'Brien lose was the delays concerning the Haven. Heck one o' those deficit budgets the former administration put together was hoping for permit fees and other fees that come with getting a project started. Those things never came about. That put the administration right behind the eight-ball.

Things seem to be percolating over there cuz there seems to be legal notices put out and some other stuff being done that point to work getting started.

We shall see, but until they are as far gone on Water Street as they are in that Norwalk development right off the highway, there are gonna be people who won't believe it until they see something...Cobina is one o' them.

Nelly Nuthatch tells me that the infamous (in some school administrator's eyes) G-wing at the high school is nearly down to the cement slab and steel girders. She sez that the wing was wrapped up like a loaf of bread for weeks cuz they had to take down the building brick by painstaking brick. The reason: asbestos. It was either in the bricks or in the walls behind the bricks. Either way, they had to folly protocol.

Tennyrate, the thing is almost down, and whot happens next is anyone's guess. I know they wanted that part down, but Nelly brought up a query that was a good one: effen there was asbestos in the building and it had to be wrapped in plastic, how are they gonna do that cut-and-replace technique for the entire building. Effen there was asbestos in the G-wing, we gotta figger it's gonna be all over. Can yew imagine putting three stories of plastic up and then building a retaining wall on either side of the section of building that's gonna hafta be torn down? I don't even wanna think about it. I'm sure those in charge know what they're doing.

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O'Brien: *City woes are at Rossi's doorstep*

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the \$45 million from the state then is that to say I created a 45-million-dollar deficit?" wrote O'Brien. "I fought hard to get the \$8 million to flow back to West Haven, money our residents paid in state taxes and I would contend that if the current mayor doesn't accept it then she and she alone created an \$8 million deficit."

O'Brien gave Rossi warning that he will not be the scapegoat if the new administration looks to raise taxes.

"If her plan is to blame me and my administration and/or hide behind the state and in-

stitute a large tax increase, that is not leadership and it does nothing to solve the problems facing West Haven," he wrote. "During the campaign, after she told everyone she was a CPA, she would tell everyone if I was re-elected, I was going to raise taxes, and as a CPA she knew more than any other finance professional, and my efforts to raise revenues by increased economic development were wrong. Standing firm in your beliefs and doing the right thing is hard but it is what is expected of our mayor."

He pointed out most of the economic team he had in place

has yet to be altered by the new administration.

"It also must be pointed out that my entire financial team, the people I trusted to make every financial decision is still her entire team, so how bad were they really? The only difference is the old mayor took their advice and the new one knows more than them," he wrote.

A final contention is the size of the deficit for Fiscal Year 2018 that ended June 30.

Rossi wrote last week the still-to-be-published audit will have more bad news for city taxpayers.

"Fiscal year 2017 is under

audit and we recently learned that the estimated deficit for 2017 is between \$1 and \$1.5 million. Although this news was disappointing it was not a surprise," she wrote.

O'Brien is having none of it. He writes this week auditors gave him an entirely different picture before he left office, and believes the new incumbent may be fudging.

"The Tuesday before my term ended, we had a deficit of \$100,000 projected for FY17. The rating agencies even noted our financial improvement under my leadership, what changed? She is using the same auditor, finance director, finance advisor and bond counsel. Were they lying to me or is she lying to the people she was elected to serve?"

Bulk trash reminders issued by city

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 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 drop-off days are March 10, June 9, Aug. 11 and Oct. 13.

Anything that has refrigerant, including air conditioners and dehumidifiers, is not accepted.

Those items are considered white goods, and residents are asked to put them out for pickup on their curbside collection days.



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MARB oversight is latest chapter in money woes

It was not announced, just implied. It was the result of cause and effect, but not really discussed as a possibility when the issue was brought up by city officials. It was one of those things that falls under the category of "concerning," but honest observers could not be surprised by it.

"IT" was the confirmation, last week, by Mayor Nancy Rossi that the city is now under the supervision of a review board empaneled by the State of Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management. That decision, made the day after Rossi was sworn into office, means the financial dealings of the city are really not decided by elected officials, but only with the "imprimatur" of unelected overseers.

For the second time in a little more than a quarter-century the City of West Haven finds itself in a financial bind that puts it under state control. One can quibble about the amount of influence/power the board will have, but the material effect is the same: decisions made must have the approbation of others.

The first time the city came under state control was the city nearly bankrupt following the passage by default of a city budget that was woefully underfunded. Then-Mayor H. Richard Borer, Jr. saw the city was more than \$17 million in debt and on the verge of defaulting on its payroll. A special act of the General Assembly gave the city the money it needed, but we were under a state review board for at least three years.

In fact, it was three years later the city, after posting three balanced budgets, was given its autonomy again. But the structural problems that were present in the early 1990s remained over the ensuing years and, in many ways, got worse: an eroding tax base with little development or industry continued to erode with development stagnant. The major problem was over-estimating revenues to balance out expected debits. We never attained the rates of revenue upon which the budgets were based.

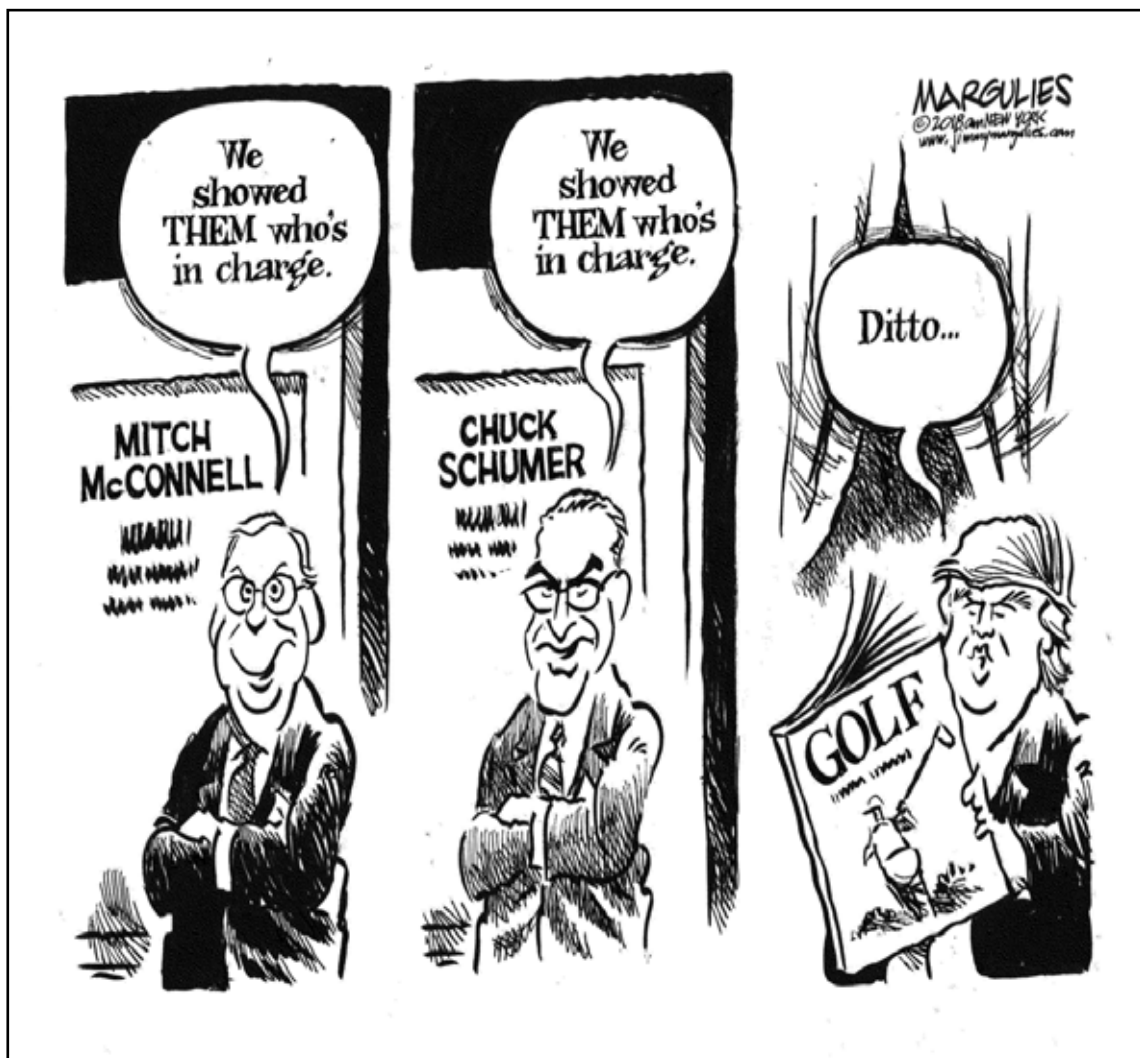
In 2006, then-Mayor John Picard found the city was more than \$10 million in arrears in its operating budget, but determined to bring it down by means other than bonding or tax increases. In fits and starts the deficit was whittled down; however, the financial crisis of 2008-2009, along with a limp recovery saw the deficit go from a low of more than \$4 million back up to more than \$10 million.

With the election of Edward M. O'Brien in 2012, a new administration came in with the desire to bond the deficit away to aid cash flow and progress in economic development. Unfortunately, the budget-making problems of the past continued. Revenues expectations were never attained and each year of the O'Brien administration saw the city run further than further in the red.

The trigger of this most recent monitoring by the state was O'Brien's decision to bond for the deficit. Under a new act by the General Assembly, OMB had the option to put the city under review. A letter from Barnes to Mayor Rossi announced the decision. The state's own fiscal woes come into play for us and all municipalities as the summer's budget debacle pulled back expected funds. In West Haven's case, \$8 million in anticipated revenue is not coming. Also, the audit for the past fiscal year promises more red ink. So, instead of entering with a clean slate, the city will be in the red to the tune of an estimated \$1 million to \$1.5 million.

Rossi, who campaigned as a fiscal hawk, now has to design a budget that takes these realities into consideration, while still providing essential city services. She sees the review board as a positive in that it will be there review and, arguably, give a nod to, decisions she must make. Cynics will say it gives her political cover. Regardless of the political ramifications, the empaneling of a state review board puts into focus those structural problems in the city's finances that have never really been addressed. The most pressing and immediate remedy is an accurate assessment of revenues. The taxpayers may see a double-whammy: services cut and taxes increased.

For too long, the city has kicked down the road the problems with the budget, hoping state funding or a big commercial development would provide extra cash. That never panned out. What's coming in the next few weeks is going to be painful, but we can't say in all honesty, we didn't see it coming.



Schumer's DACA showdown

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

Chuck Schumer started a government shutdown he couldn't finish.

The New York Democrat, among the shrewdest operators in national politics, stumbled badly because he succumbed to the siren song of the anti-Trump resistance. He believed that any charge could be made to stick to President Donald Trump, no matter how implausible, and chose the dictates of an inflamed Democratic base over common sense.

His embarrassing climb-down after a short, mostly weekend shutdown shows the limits of the resistance. Yes, an anti-Trump midterm wave appears to be building, and Democratic activists -- marching in the streets by the tens of thousands and badgering Republicans at town hall meetings -- are energized. But this doesn't mean that Democrats can act with impunity so long as they are fighting under an anti-Trump banner.

Schumer sought to attach an extraneous matter, an amnesty for so-called Dreamers, on a must-pass government funding bill and, when Democrats inevitably didn't get what they wanted, blame President Trump for the ensuing government shutdown. This effort depended on gravity-defying spin that proved sustainable for less than three days.

The fact is that the Republican House handily passed a bill to keep the government open, with the support of the Republican president. Almost every Republican in the Senate

voted to pass that bill through the upper chamber -- where it required a supermajority of 60 and therefore some Democratic votes -- while almost every Democrat in the Senate opposed it.

Schumer forgot that the rest of the country doesn't regard Trump with the deep disdain and abiding alarm of the coasts and the major metropolitan areas. The party still has senators in red states that the president won handily who can't afford to indulge in anti-Trump flights of fancy. Five of them defected on the initial shutdown vote, and more would have broken with Schumer if the shutdown had endured.

When Schumer was forced to buckle, it outraged a base that believes Trump needs to

be resisted on all fronts and chased from office as soon as possible, and considers anything less the work of quillings.

Nancy Pelosi didn't back the deal to reopen the government, and the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus said of Senate Democrats: "They are getting their butts kicked." The political director of CREDO, a progressive advocacy group, called Schumer "the worst negotiator in Washington."

He's not the worst negotiator, but he acted in flagrant disregard of the first and most important rule for winning a government shutdown -- don't be the one to shut down the government -- and paid a price.

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O'Brien defends financial decisions

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Former Mayor of West Haven

As State of Connecticut residents, we all pay taxes to the state. As the mayor, my job was, and I hope Nancy agrees, is to fight for a larger piece of the pie and to get as much state tax revenue to flow back to West Haven as humanly possible. The idea that my administration budgeted \$8 million that we were not sure we were getting is ludicrous!

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West Haven also gets \$45 million for our students' education from the state, an amount that has increased due to my lobbying on behalf of

our residents. If the CPA does not accept the \$45 million from the state then is that to say I created a 45-million-dollar deficit? I fought hard to get the \$8 million to flow back to West Haven, money our residents paid in state taxes and I would contend that if the current mayor doesn't accept it then she and she alone created an \$8 million deficit.

If her plan is to blame me and my administration and/or hide behind the state and institute a large tax increase, that is not leadership and it does nothing to solve the problems facing West Haven. During the campaign, after she told everyone she was a CPA, she would tell everyone if I was

re-elected, I was going to raise taxes, and as a CPA she knew more than any other finance professional, and my efforts to raise revenues by increased economic development was wrong.

Standing firm in your beliefs and doing the right thing is hard but it is what is expected of our mayor.

It also must be pointed out that my entire financial team, the people I trusted to make every financial decision is still her entire team, so how bad were they really? The only difference is the old mayor took their advice and the new one knows more than them.

On another note, the Tuesday before my term ended,

we had a deficit of \$100,000 projected for FY17. The rating agencies even noted our financial improvement under my leadership, what changed? She is using the same auditor, finance director, finance advisor and bond counsel.

Were they lying to me or is she lying to the people she was elected to serve?

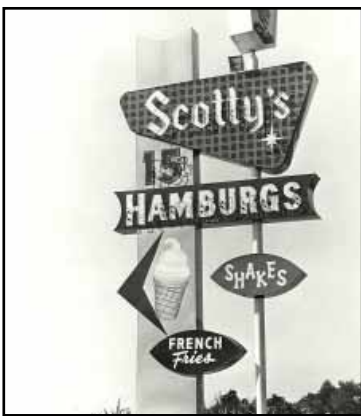
Lowry: Schumer blinked on DACA

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It's only a tactical defeat, and perhaps a temporary one. In exchange for Democratic votes for a temporary funding measure, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell promised to hold votes in coming weeks on DACA and other immigration measures. There's still a good chance that Democrats can force a bad DACA deal, given that the GOP is divided on immigration and President Trump might be tempted to sign up for anything as long as there's notional funding for a wall.

So, Schumer lives to fight another day, but can only do it shrewdly if he's more realistic than the resistance.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Popular hangout

While much of the food trade was centered around "Restaurant Row" in the area around Savin Rock in the 1960s, just down the road near Prospect Beach was "Scotty's" a hamburger joint that attracted the bobby sox and penny loafer crowd. A popular hangout for city teens, the restaurant was dealt the fate of them all when over-the-counter sales were banned along the beach as part of the urban renewal project. It is fondly remembered by many residents and former residents. These pictures were sent in by former city resident and WHHS baseball and football star Jim Brennan.

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Gripe Vine returns!

**Eleanore Turkington comes back after a short hiatus
Look for her popular column in next week's issue**

Longtime married couples honored on Valentine's Day

City couples married at least 50 years will be honored during the city's 28th annual Valentine's Day party from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Feb. 14 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 (203) 937-3507 by Feb. 9.

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Quilting exhibit

Ward-Heitmann House Museum Board Member, Elaine Goodson, explained to the children of the West Haven Child Development Center about the history of family quilts. Elaine, a former social studies teacher, read the *Quilt Story* by Tony Johnston and Tommie dePaola and shared the story of her own family quilt. The children also toured the house and viewed the quilts on display inside the WHHM. Jad, one of the students, took an interest in the exhibit.



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Historian's corner By Dan Shino

Sermons in Stone

Take a moment to consider the labors of your workday—of all that you do, what evidence of it will remain in two or three hundred years? Needless to say, there will be very little. By contrast, the old Yankee farmers of New England will be long remembered for their diligent, honest work ethic, thanks to the stone walls they have left to us.

Those walls are symbolic of our region; in fact, it can be said that the history of New England is written in stone. Pick any two places on a map and drive from one to the other; along the way you're likely to see miles upon miles of stone walls surrounding the planting-fields of yesteryear. They crisscross the landscape, traveling over streams, through swamps, over large stone outcrops, down hills and forested countryside. This is all pretty remarkable when you consider that two men and a team of oxen could only build about ten feet of stone wall per day! In 1871, roughly one-third of Connecticut's

fences were made of stone, and they totaled over 20,000 miles; indeed, at that time, all the stone walls in New England, placed end-to-end, would have reached all the way from the earth to the moon!

But the farmers of New England didn't build those stone walls as monuments to themselves; rather they built them as demarcation lines and linear landfills. Rock-picking was every New England farmer's springtime misery. During the winter as the earth froze and thawed, rocks would rise to the surface of the fields; it was a practical necessity to remove them before plowing could proceed. And as a result of the advancing deforestation of New England, it was impossible to make use of wooden fences anyway.

Removal of these stones was performed with the help of a device called a stone boat and a yoke of oxen (an ox is a neutered bull). Each stone would be levered onto the stone boat and skidded to the edge of the field, there to become part of the wall. The

hidden secret to these walls' longevity is this: the broad, stabilizing foundation of the wall extended a full two feet below the surface of the field! This protected the walls from being thrown down by frost heaves.

The evolution of "dry" (mortarless) walls, as they are known, went in stages:

--The first and most primitive walls were known as "thrown walls" or "dumped walls"; they consisted merely of rocks heaped one on top of another in a haphazard fashion.

--Next came "stacked walls";

these reflected advanced farm development in the region, and had a more orderly appearance.

--Later came "laid walls", which emphasized stability and beauty; these are often found near town centers, public buildings, and the homes of yesterday's wealthy landholders. They feature a tightly fitted mix of large and small stones, and are topped by tablet-shaped stones known as capstones. Entryways are marked by long, angular grayish slabs, set on end, and extending above the level of the

wall itself.

These stone walls are still important for marking property lines, but they also remind us of our region's past; for this reason they must be preserved. However, a growing demand exists for the harvesting of fieldstones from stone walls, to then be used to mark the boundaries of new tracts of land, in neighborhood subdivisions. It is sad indeed to see history being removed in service of such needs; let's hope this trend doesn't continue.



Stone fences became an art form in New England and as the saying goes, made "good neighbors."

Our Lady of Victory school to close in June

It came in the form of an announcement to the parish, and it wasn't a big surprise. After a few years of struggle, Our Lady of Victory School will close at the end of the current academic year. The announcement ends a run that began under the Rev. Thomas J. McMahon, the pastor responsible for the current plant on Jones Hill Road.

The Rev. Kevin Dillon made the announcement, and parish

meeting was conducted last week answer question.

"It is with a heavy heart that I made this difficult decision," Dillon said in his announcement. "But sadly the school's financial reserves have been depleted over the years due to declining enrollment, escalating costs of operation, and diminishment of parish subsidies. The bottom line is that the school can no longer sustain itself."

According to current enrollment figures given by the school, only 94 students attended this year, well down from the almost 300 that attended in the 1960s and 1970s. Enrollment has been a problem for the school before and prompted a change in 1990s.

Originally founded as a junior high school, Our Lady of Victory was built to house sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. That model

became unsustainable and a decision was made to begin including earlier grades.

The current tuition is about \$5,000, and that is the main source of funding as it was one of the few remaining "parochial schools" in the Archdiocese of Hartford that went to a regional plan several years ago.

Students can attend St. Lawrence on Main Street, which can accommodate the new influx of students.

At issue for most parish schools is the rising cost of operation and the declining enrollment due to smaller families.

Originally staffed by the Ursuline Sisters, the declining numbers of teaching sisters and closing of convents has been a major problem in keeping parochial schools open. Fewer sisters meant schools


had to hire lay teachers with larger financial needs.

The closure comes as the second step in a reorganization of the entire parish structure in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

On June 29, two churches in the city were closed as part of a diocesan-wide restructuring. St. Paul's and St. John Vianney were closed to regular Sunday services, but remain open for funerals and weddings. Our Lady of Victory became one larger parish, while St. Lawrence and St. Louis Parish along with the closed parishes form St. John XXIII parish, with the churches of both remaining open.

It was expected the Archdiocesan Office of Education would implement a wide-ranging restructuring as well. The announcement last week was part of that overall restructuring plan.

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Around Town

Elm City Choir date

The Elm City Girls' Choir will perform on Wednesday, Feb. 7 (snow date Feb. 28) at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of West Haven, 464 Campbell Ave. Proceeds will benefit the West Haven Public Library. Advance tickets are available at the library or online at westhavenlibrary.org at a cost of \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (55-and-over). Tickets will be available on the day of the concert for \$12. Please call the library at (203) 937-4233 for more information.

Super Bowl party

The Harugari German-American Club of West Haven (203-933-9930) is hosting a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, Feb. 4, at the club's campus, 66 Highland St.. Doors will open at 5 p.m. until the conclusion of the game. There is a \$5 admission that will include snacks, dessert, and coffee. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Football attire is welcome! RSVP to Don Heinig at (475) 238-1475 or donaldheinig@yahoo.com.

ADA-Lions 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 mary-ann.voss@gmail.com

WH Garden Club

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8 at St. Louis Church on Bull Hill Road at 11:30 a.m. After the meeting, a soup luncheon and dessert will follow and our program will be making bird house feeders.

Senior trips offered

F. Seniors and Friends offers the following trips to the public. All trips leave First Avenue commuter lot:

Trip to Atlantic City - May 14-16. Two nights, slot play, four meals, show. \$229 per person, must be paid in full by March 20.

To get a flyer or book trips, call Fred Mongillo, (203) 389-5808 or (203) 927-4249.

Coin Show

The Liberty Coin Show is back at the Elks Club, 265 Main St., on the third Sunday of the month. Buy and sell your coins. The organizers invite hobbyists to be part of the many displays. Food and beverages are on the menu. This year's dates are: Jan. 21, March 18, May 20, June 17, Aug. 19, Oct. 21, and December 16. For more information, call Parry Carpinella, (203) 248-1053.

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Sharks drop pair on the ice

The West Haven/Sacred Heart girls hockey experienced something they had not experienced all year – two, straight losses.

After dropping a tough game to Amity/North Haven/Cheshire the previous week, the Westie Sharks came up short in a 2-1 loss to Simsbury on Wednesday night.

The Trojans took the lead 10:49 into the first period. The Westie Sharks would get even when Taylor Nowak scored at 7:18 of the second period assisted by Mia Celentano and Mackenzie Gardner. Simsbury got the game winner 3:57 into the third period for the 2-1 final.

Kyleen Crowe stopped 31 Trojan shots to keep things close.

On Saturday afternoon, the girls hosted the tough Hall/Conard Warriors. The Westie Sharks were without the services of two of their top players with Brooke McNabola and Taylor Nowak both sidelined but the defense and strong goaltending of Kyleen Crowe made sure the girls would not lose in a 0-0 tie.

This week, the girls hosted the Hand/Coginchaug/Old Lyme Tigers on Tuesday and finish the week with a trip to the Rinks at Shelton to face Masuk/Barlow/Newtown/Oxford/Bethel on Friday at 4.

The West Haven boys hockey team was looking for some answers and some offense when the Hamden Green Dragons came to town on Wednesday evening to renew the rivalry. Colin Braziel got the Blue Devils on the board just 4:49 into the game when from his

knee, he roofed a shot just under the crossbar from a bad angle, past the sprawling Hamden goaltender. Unfortunately for West Haven that would be the only offense on the night. Although Logan Cole did his best in making 30 saves, the Dragons were able to get the equalizer 2:24 into the second, cash in again a little over three minutes later to take the lead and then iced the game with goals late in the period and midway through the third period for a 4-1 final.

On Saturday, the Westies hosted the Notre Dame of Fairfield Lancers at the Bennett Rink. The Blue Devils drew first blood with a goal by E.J. Pacapelli from the slot 8:20 into the game, assisted by Richie Greene. The Lancers responded 3:02 later to knot the game at 1-1. The teams would battle for the next, two periods with neither able to find the back of the net, necessitating an extra session. In overtime, the Lancers capitalized at 4:17 on a rebound to defeat the Westies 2-1. Logan Cole made 30 saves between the pipes for West Haven.

This week, the Blue Devils will host Notre Dame of West Haven at 1.

The boys basketball team faced the strong Hamden Green Dragons on Monday night in West Haven. The Dragons came into the game ranked 5 in the state with a 9-1 record, just coming off their only loss of the year to Hillhouse last week. The Westies tried to keep things close early and battled for the first quarter but, watched Hamden start to pull away in the second quarter on its way to a 90-60 victory

over the Blue Devils. Josh Moncrieffe led the Westies with 16 points while Josiah Steinman and Jordan Berrios picked up 12 points each in the loss.

After three, straight losses, the Blue Devils were looking to get back on track with a trip to Milford to battle Jonathan Law on Wednesday. Things did not look promising in the first half with the Blue Devils falling behind 41-25 as the teams headed to the locker room.

Fortunately for West Haven, the second half was a different story. The boys played inspired defense and were able to narrow the lead in the third quarter and then outscored the Eagles, 24-12, in the fourth quarter to rally for a 70-63 victory. Josiah Steinman led West Haven with 26 points while Josh Moncrieffe added 14 points and Marquel Bookert had nine points in the win.

The Westies were back on the road on Friday with a trip to Middletown to face SCC rival Xavier. The Falcons were able to jump out to a 20-point halftime lead and maintained that margin in a 69-49 defeat of the Blue Devils. Jordan Berrios and Jamal Pate led the Westies with 12 points each while Josh Moncrieffe had nine points and Marquel Bookert added six points in the loss.

The Blue Devils had to come right back the next afternoon and host the Wilbur Cross Governors on Saturday. The Westies held an early first quarter lead but, didn't have an answer for the Governor's high-powered offense in an 85-62 loss.

This week, the boys hosted Branford on Monday, visited Foran on Wednes-

day and finish the week with a trip up the hill for a matchup with cross-town rival Notre Dame at 7.

The girls basketball team continued to struggle last week with losses the Cross and Career but rebounded in a big way with a 57-38 victory over the North Haven Indians on Friday evening. On Monday evening, the Westies dug a hole in the first half, falling behind 29-16 at halftime on the way to a 60-32 loss to the Governors. Amanda Carr led the Blue Devils with nine points while Ny'Aire Serrano contributed with seven points in a losing effort.

On Wednesday, the girls battled for the first quarter but started to watch Career pull away in the second quarter extending its lead to 12 by the half and defeat the Westies, 59-39. Carr again led the Blue Devils with eight points, Natalia Frazier had six points and Ebonie Jones and Keegan Riccio each picked up five points in the loss.

On Friday evening, the Westies headed to North Haven to take on the Indians and got a much-needed 57-38 victory to snap their losing streak. Amanda Carr scored 16 points and pulled down 13 rebounds to lead the Blue Devils. Ebonie Jones and Ny'Aire Serrano both contributed with 13 points each in the win.

The girls used a strong second quarter to pull away from the Indians, going up 26-13 on their way to the victory.

This week, the girls traveled to Branford on Monday evening and host the Shelton Gaels on Friday at 7.



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Leading the way

Joe Steinman leads a break up court in the Westies' battle with Branford Monday night. The Blue Devils took an early lead and rolled to a 78-64 victory over the Hornets. Steinman and his Westies then had to meet high-powered Wilbur Cross the next afternoon and took it on the chin, 85-62.

Photo by Russ McCreven

Gangway

West Haven Forward Collin Braziel muscled his way for a rebound shot on the stick of Notre Dame (Fairfield) goaltender Andrew Jones in Saturday's game at Bennett Rink. Co-Captain Braziel's Westies gave up an early 1-0 lead to drop an overtime, 2-1.



Wizards top Watertown to go 3-1 on season

The West Haven Wizards won their final home meet of the season against the Watertown Warriors, 380-287. This is the first time the Wizards have beaten Watertown since 2009, and only the second time in Wizard history. The Wizards now have a record of 3-1 with one regular season meet remaining against the Trumbull Pisces on Saturday.

Following the last home meet of the season, the Wizards traditionally do a last lap ceremony to honor all the graduating swimmers. This year's graduating Wizards are: John Barrington, Simon Collette, Gavin Kanlong, Bradford Hatjopoulos, Mustansir Jamalee,

Walter Dalton, Ariana Chen, Gaby Tunucci and Jillian Doherty. We wish them all the best as they move on to new and exciting challenges.

There have been many records broken so far this season. Swimmers who have broken team records are: Anya Celmer has broken records for the Girls 15-and-over 100-yard Breaststroke, 100-yard Butterfly, 50-yard Freestyle and the 200-yard Individual Medley. Issac Gorske has broken records for the Boys 13-and-over 100-yard Freestyle, 200-yard Freestyle and 50-yard Freestyle. Vivian Freitas has broken the girls 13/14 records for the 100-yard butterfly and 100-

yard backstroke. The Girls 13-and-over relays have been a force to be reckoned with all season. New team records for both relays have been set; The 200-yard Freestyle relay team of Vivian Freitas, Anya Celmer, Hannah Rascoll and Jillian Doherty broke the previous record for this event and the 200-yard medley relay team of Vivian Freitas, Kaya Vital, Anya Celmer and Madison Hobart broke the record for that event.

For more information on the West Haven Wizards Swim team, please visit the website at www.westhavenwizards.org.



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Player of the Week

West Haven junior girls hockey player Celina Condon (4) is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. Condon has been a steady force for the Westie Sharks, anchoring a defensive effort by the team, with her determined play. Read about Celina Condon on the Player of the Week page at www.westieblue.com.

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Westie Blue In Touch *By Mike Madera*

The West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy girls hockey team has hit a road block in the season. After winning eight of their first nine games, the Westie Sharks have gone 1-3-1 in their last five contests.

West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy has struggled to score in the last handful of contests, producing just seven goals, three coming in a win over MW Catholic/Mercy.

As a result of the skid, the Westie Sharks have dropped to 9-4-1 on the year, with six games remaining.

Faced with injuries to key players Mia Celentano, Brooke McNabola and Zoe DeFalco, the Westie Sharks were put to the test last Wednesday evening as a long road trip to Simsbury produced a 2-1 loss. With the defeat, West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy dropped its fourth

loss on the year.

"Simsbury is a tough team," West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy coach Erin Blake said. "Coming into the game, we knew we were without Brooke (McNabola), and we had Mia (Celentano) get hurt midway through the second period. We had to battle through it. We could not keep up with their speed. Kyleen (Crowe) had an amazing game in net, but we could not pull out the win."

Kyleen Crowe played well in goal as she made 31 saves in the loss for West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy.

Simsbury took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Stephanie Rurka at the 10:49 mark of the opening period, before Taylor Nowak evened the game for the Westie Sharks off assists from Mia Celentano and Mackenzie Gardner at the 7:18 mark of

the second period.

The game would remain tied until Simsbury scored the eventual winner at the 3:57 mark of the third period on an unassisted goal by Kate Werle.

Trying to get back on the winning side, the Westie Sharks played to a scoreless tie against Hall-Conard Saturday afternoon at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven. With the tie, the Westies Sharks are 0-2-1 in their last three contests and 1-3-1 in their last five.

The Westie Sharks again played without McNabola, but also added one of their top scorers to the mix in Nowak as she sat out with an injury. West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy held a 38-17 shot advantage in the game, including a 14-0 advantage in overtime, but could not get anything by Hall-Conard goaltender Nora McGowan.

"We fought hard with a shorter bench," Blake said. "CC (Celina Condon) stepped up and played an amazing game defensively yet again. Kyleen (Crowe) kept us in the game with 17 saves as she communicated well with the defense. We had our chances, but could not catch a break. Everyone stepped up their play. I was proud of the way the girls played offensively as we outshot them. We were missing some key players, but we fought hard all game."

Crowe made 17 saves in the tie for the Westie Sharks.

Morgan wins district title in Hoop Shoot

West Haven's Matthew Morgan won the 8-9 year-old District Regional championship of the Elks National Hoop Shoot competition recently held at Derby High School. Matthew won the city title back in December, making 19-of-25 free throws.

He then advanced to the District Regional, where he came from behind, hitting 12-of-15 shots in the final round to win by one shot. He now advances to the state finals on Feb. 10 in Manchester with a chance to advance to the Northeast Regional in Portland, ME in March.

Morgan plays for the Scarlet Knights in the West Haven Boys Fundamental Basketball League and is in the fourth grade at Mackrille School.

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First-ever

Senior defenseman Zack Dumas celebrates first goal of career against ND-Fairfield on Jan. 24. The Green Knights improved their record with two impressive wins. Dumas, meanwhile, became a bit of a scoring machine, tallying his second goal in as many games in the next outing against NFI.



Knights' skaters take 2 big wins

Hockey had a pair of impressive wins, wrestling had big week, swimming split a pair of meets, Nick Petruzzelli set school record in pole vault as track finishes sixth at SCC West Meet, and basketball won one of three in ND sports landscape for week of Jan. 22.

Hockey -- Zack Dumas has been a mainstay patrolling the blue line throughout his ND career.

Yet, he had never scored a goal. Well, that changed this past week as the senior defenseman tallied the first goal of his career against ND-Fairfield on Wednesday. He then added a second goal in a 4-3 win at NFI on Saturday. His goal gave ND a 3-2 lead against NFI. His goal against ND-Fairfield gave the Green Knights a 1-0 lead so both his tallies were technically game-winners.

Basketball -- The basketball team began the week gaining a measure of revenge in beating Xavier, 83-53. The Green Knights lost to Xavier when teams met earlier in season. The rest of the week did not go so well as a pair of rallies fell short in losses to Cross and Hamden. In both games, Notre Dame rallied from double figure deficits to take a lead late in the fourth quarter only to see both Cross and Hamden emerge victorious. Connor Raines led the way in all three games for the Green Knights totaling 46 points in the three games.

Wrestling -- Wrestling had another solid week in what is turning out to be a great season. The squad pulled off an incredible comeback against Shelton. Trailing 30-0 after five matches, the Green Knights rallied for a 44-36

win, sealed by pins by Derrick Pommills, Jr. and Rueben Clarke in the final two matches. The, on the weekend, the grapplers got four second-place finishes to finish third as a team in the Rodney Smith Invitational.

Robert Lowe, Connor Massey, Christian Fillion, and Alex Barbour took second place.

Track -- Nick Petruzzelli and Warren Murphy both won their respective events to lead the Notre Dame winter track team to a sixth place showing at the SCC West Sectional on Jan. 23. Not only did Petruzzelli capture the pole vault, he did so in grand fashion setting the school record in the process. In his third attempt, he cleared 13-8 breaking the record previously record of 13-6 held by Joe Sikorsky '03. Petruzzelli also finished fourth in the

high jump adding four points to Notre Dame's team total. Murphy captured the 300-meter dash in 36.81 seconds.

Swimming -- Shawn Parrott won four different events spread over two meets as the Green Knights split outings against Daniel Hand and Lyman Hall. Parrott won the 100 fly in a time of 59.34 while also swimming the first leg of the 400 freestyle winning team that touched the wall first in a time of 3:48.36 in a 93-95 loss to Hand. In a 100-83 win over Lyman Hall,

Shawn Parrott was part of two wins, capturing the 500 free and on the 200 medley relay team.

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Squirt A sextet drops two over weekend

The West Haven Squirt A hockey team dropped both games this weekend and fell to 27-10-2 on the season. The Westies lost, 9-4, to Yale AA on Saturday before losing, 7-0, to

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\$60 residents, non-resident \$70 Levels 4 & 5). Spring Session: Saturday Mornings Dates: March 17-May 19. West Haven resident registration: Jan. 30, at 8 a.m. Non-resident registration: Feb. 6, at 8 a.m.

NO CLASS March 31 or April 21.

*Registration Closes on Feb 27.

Adult Swim Lessons: 8 Total Classes

\$65 residents, non-resident \$75. Spring Session: Saturday Mornings 11:30-12:10. Dates: March 17 -May 19. Resident registration: Jan. 30 at 8 a.m. Non-Resident registration: Feb. 6, @ 8 a.m. NO CLASS March 31 or April 21. *Registration Closes on Feb. 27.

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If you have any other questions, please call at (203) 937-3651.

Wizards A on Sunday.

On Saturday morning at Edward L Bennett Rink against a strong Yale team, the Westies played a solid opening period and grabbed the early lead.

Zach Goetze hit Brady Price who slid the puck to Thomas Porto for a tap-in, power play goal giving West Haven a 1-0 lead 5:23 into the game. Just over a minute later, Goetze carried down the right side and centered to Ethan Kelly. Kelly's initial shot was saved, but Price jammed in the rebound for a 2-0 lead. Yale capitalized on a giveaway with 13 seconds left and it was 2-1 Westies after one as Blue Devils goalie Jacob Silva was brilliant in the period, making several great saves.

Goetze scored on a breakaway from Porto early in the second period for a 3-1 advantage, but midway through the period, penalties derailed the Blue Devils. Yale scored five goals while on the man-advantage, and added an even-strength tally to take a 7-3 lead

into the second intermission.

Yale scored twice more in the third, while Goetze fed Porto for a power-play goal with three minutes to play to make the final score 9-4. Silva finished with 31 saves in total.

On Sunday at Wonderland of Ice, the Westies ran into a buzz saw against the Wizards A team. Silva made 26 saves, but the offense was held in check and West Haven lost, 7-0.

The West Haven Peeewe A travel hockey team moved to 24-12-5 with a loss and a tie this weekend. The Westies opened the week with a 7-0 loss against Greenwich, then rallied to tie Putnam, New York, 2-2.

With the game close on the road against Greenwich Saturday evening, the Westies watched the game slip away in the second period of what became a one-sided loss.

West Haven rebounded with a solid effort Sunday morning at the Edward L. Bennett Rink to tie Putnam. The Wes-

ties took a 1-0 lead 4:20 into the contest when Dante Hardt scored in front off a pass from Nolan Cole. Putan responded with a pair of goals 2:17 apart to take a 2-1 lead after one period of play.

West Haven battled and evened the game late in the second period as Michael Madera fed Jayden Spreyer to even the game at two with 2:52 left in the period.

The Westies had plenty of scoring chances the rest of the way, but could not find the back of the net as the game ended in a tie.

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It's Not War, It's the Olympics

You can learn a lot -- and argue a lot, too -- watching the Olympic Games. Really, the Olympic Games are the greatest things that the world does in concert. Some would argue the World's Fair or World Cup, but taken in its entirety they cannot match the pageantry or the sheer spectacle the Games provide.

The World's Fair (next hosted by Dubai in 2020) ceased to be relevant at about the same time the ice-cream cone was invented, and a city chosen as a World Cup venue doesn't feel the impact either economically or psychologically that an Olympic host city experiences. The only time you see the world come together, all at once, holding the flag of their country and smiling is at the Olympic Games. The only other time the human race comes together en masse holding a flag, it's a war -- and they're really there to shoot you.

And, unlike war, the cities

aren't pillaged. Most cities use the Olympics as a springboard to civic improvements. They attract businesses, they build parks and entertainment districts, and they also get a bevy of sports facilities that they'd otherwise never think of building, such as a bobsled track or a cross-country track with a shooting range attached.

That track, by the way, is used for the Biathlon, a competition that strikes many people in America as being a bit weird.

Curling, we already knew was weird, but it at least reminds us of shuffleboard. For many, the Biathlon is just too foreign a concept. At least in some parts of the country or, as I learned on a radio show I hosted, college campuses.

"The Biathlon is the most ridiculous sport there is," charged the liberal, tenured professor, aptly positioned to my left. "Skiing with guns. What's next? Hand grenades and ice dancing?"

Having once dated a moun-

tain girl, I reminded him that skiing and shooting were a perfect combination. I knew of hunters who cross-country skied while hunting grouse, for instance. There used to be a deer-hunting event in the Olympics, too. And there is little doubt that those in the biathlon are athletes.

"These are the best hunters in the world. If we lived near the ice cap, these are the guys you want to have with you -- someone who can outlast their prey and take it down with one neatly placed bullet," I observed, rather astutely. Plus, I argued, target shooting was very sporting, and hunting was a great recreational pursuit.

"Well, I'm vegetarian," said the young student on the discussion panel. "Why would we need guns if we didn't kill animals?"

Well, duh ... to fight wars. Silly question.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sports-writer who lives in New Jersey. (c) 2018 King Features Synd.,

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Fight for control

Blue Devil Niko Kyle wins the draw late in the Westies' match with Notre Dame (Fairfield) Saturday at the Bennett Rink. They lost a narrow 1-0 lead and then were beaten in overtime, 2-1.

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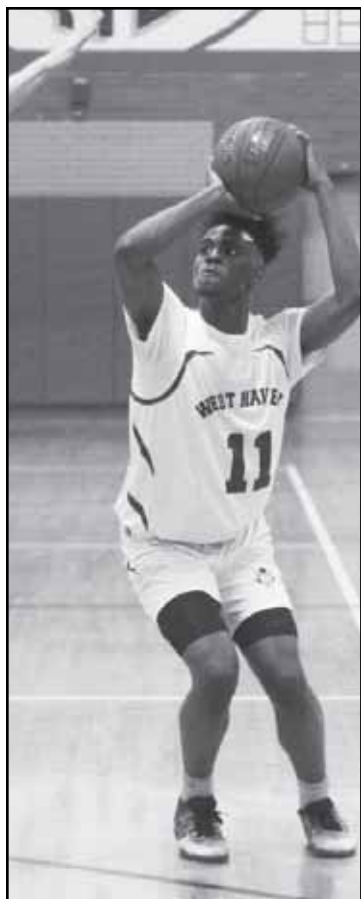
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Blue Devils show form in win

Right -- Josiah Moncrieffe pulls up for a jumper early in Devils' victory over Branford Monday. The team had one of its best outings of the year against the Hornets.

Below -- West Haven's Jonal Pate (2) dribbles into the lane against Branford Monday night at the Blue Devils' gym



Reminder sent to publicists

Youth sports publicists are reminded the deadline for submissions each week is 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Copy must be filed by that time via email to be considered.

Coaches are reminded that teams must go through league officials to get scores published in the newspaper. No scores will be taken by individual coaches by agreement with the leagues.

Those who have questions or need more information should contact the Voice at (203) 934-6397 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or via email at info@westhavenvoice.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF WEST HAVEN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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

1. **Proposed Text Change to the Zoning Regulations.** Application for text change to Zoning Regulations Section 39.2, Subsection A, Page 39.2-1. The current regulations do not permit multi-family dwellings in a NB Zone and a RPD Zone. This amendment allows multi-family dwellings in a NB Zone and a RPD Zone by special permit. Applicant: Ken Nizolek, 158 Bull Hill Lane, West Haven. File #ZR17-082.

PUBLIC HEARING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Harriet North Room, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven. (Continued from January 23, 2018)

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

Kathleen Hendricks, Chairperson

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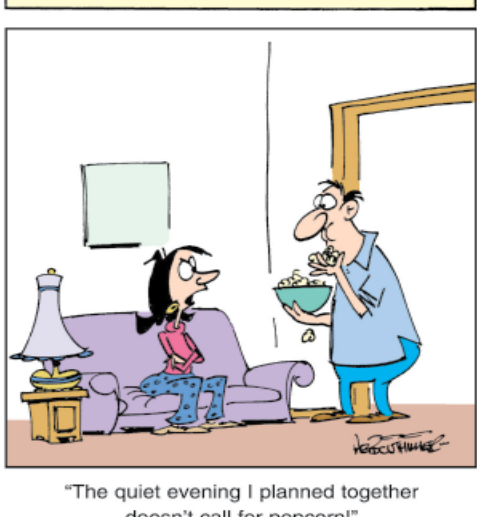


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



UNH school ranks high; professor cited in Top 40

The University of New Haven found itself the subject of two good news reports last week as the institution continues to gain standing in academic and professional circles.

Earlier in the week it announced that U.S. News & World Report has ranked the faculty in its graduate online criminal justice program first in the nation.

Based on a nationwide survey of online programs, the ranking said the University's faculty earned a perfect 100 score in the faculty credentials and training category.

That category is a measure of whether online programs employ instructors with academic credentials that mirror those of instructors for campus-based programs and also whether the colleges and universities offering online degree programs have the resources in place to train instructors to teach distance learners.

"Our talented faculty members are very experienced law enforcement professionals, scholars, and researchers," said Mario Gaboury, dean of the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences. "Using their extensive expertise, they foster practical and thought-provoking discussions and create exceptional learning opportunities for our online students."

Overall, the University of New Haven's online program tied for 31st in the country. The University is one of only four schools from New England to earn a spot on the list.

Meanwhile, Connecticut Magazine named Ibrahim (Abe) Baggili, associate professor of engineering at the University of New Haven, one of Connecticut's Class of 40 Under 40 2018.

The 40, chosen by the staff of the magazine, are "the latest crop of high achievers," the magazine said. The list is included in the February issue, available now.

Baggili, 36, of Guilford, is the Elder Family Chair and assistant dean of engineering. He is also the co-founder of the University of New Haven's Cyber Forensics Research Group and a nationally known cyber forensics expert.

He led efforts to expose vulnerabilities in apps, including WhatsApp and Viber, that affected more than 1.5 million users. He has also work with law enforcement in Connecticut to recover information on smart phones and other devices in order to solve crimes.

In addition, Baggili established the Artifact Genome Project, which allows law enforcement around the world to share information on recovering digital information from various devices.

He works extensively with students in middle school and high school and oversaw the state's first GenCyber cyber security camp for high school students last summer.

"Abe is a pioneering leader in the field of cyber forensics," said Ronald Harichandran, dean of the University's Tagliatela College of Engineering. "His work is rapidly advancing the entire field."

City issues snow rules reminder

With storms forecast in the next few days, 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.

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by Linda Thistle

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— Weekly SUDOKU —
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