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Learning kindness

Edith E. Mackrille School students have not only been working hard on their academics, but also on being good citizens. Every month the school embraces a theme on Character Education. Some of the themes the students explored with the staff this year are: respect, tolerance, courage, being thankful, and kindness. During the months of January and February, the students have working on kindness and what it means to them. Students made cards for the Police and Fire Departments as well as the veterans at the V.A. Hospital. Cards were also made and sent to Savin Rock's third and fourth grade students. On Feb. 2, the students dressed up like their favorite superhero, who is "powered by kindness." They also created a tree of kindness with their painted handprints on it. The motto of the month, "Kindness Matters at Mackrille" has been printed on tee shirts that the students wore on Feb. 14.

Charter panel gets approval; names sought

For the first time in a decade, the City Charter, the operating document under which the municipal government runs will be up for review and alteration in a 16-month process that is expected to culminate in the summer of 2019. The City Council on Feb. 12 called for Charter Revision Commission to be empaneled, calling for seven or nine members. Residents interested are asked to apply.

The last time the charter was up for review was 2007-2008. At that time the biggest change made was the allowance of the city to become involved in fire district affairs, something expressly forbidden in the past. That revision led to the dissolution of the Allingtown Fire Dept., and its reorganization as Fire Dept. of West Haven Allingtown.

Chairman of the City Council Ron Quagliani said the process is under the auspices of state statute and that whether it opts for seven or nine members, party affiliation, if it plays a role, will be kept to a minimum.

"Charter revision procedure is regulated by state statute 7-188. The commission can only be comprised of a simple majority for any one party. For example if it is a nine-member commission it can be 5 Democrats, 4 other - Republican, unaffiliated, etc. or 5 Republican, 4 other - Democrat, unaffiliated, etc." he said.

Under the resolution passed Feb. 12, the commission is to sit for 16 months and have a draft report filed with the City Clerk no later than July 6, 2019.

"The City Council then will vote to accept or reject each change, group the recommended changes together by category, and formulate questions to appear on the general election ballot for November 2019 for the citizens to decide," Quagliani said. "Each question is voted on separately on the ballot to avoid voting down the entire recommended charter revisions should one area not be accepted."

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They do!

Newlyweds Anthony W. Marshall and Takisha K. Carter are joined by the bride's mother, Tokeato Pearson, on Feb. 14 at City Hall. Marshall and Carter were among six city couples united in matrimony on Valentine's Day as part of an annual service sponsored by the city clerk's office, which offers free weddings to the first six couples who apply for a marriage license at City Hall. The weddings, presided over by a justice of the peace, were held hourly.

Landon Leroux, a second-grader at Pagels, sees some more cold weather and snow in the forecast.



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Quagliani said the council is hoping the commission that is seated will have a make-up commensurate with the look of the city's population.

"The City Council's hope is to seat a Commission that is representative of our population in terms of age, gender, race, ethnicity and political affiliation." He said. "It is important that interested residents please apply so we have a large pool of interested residents to choose from."

As far as his own preferences, Quagliani is hoping some topics under discussion will include:

Term limits - I believe the mayor's position should be

changed to two 4-year terms for a maximum of eight years of service as the mayor to improve continuity and allow appropriate time to adapt to the position.

"The current two-year term is too frequent. In my opinion, the mayor needs to focus full time on running the city instead of running for election every two years," he said.

Similarly, he is hoping the term limits on the council can be adjusted to coincide with those of the mayor, but with one twist.

Quagliani supports staggered terms for City Council similar to the Board of Education continuity is kept, rather than a new council seated ev-

ery two years.

Quagliani is hoping language changes to move the dates the budget needs to be passed by to Mid-June from the beginning of May to allow more time to get accurate revenue numbers from State and Federal sources as well as a simple majority (7 votes) to change a budgetary line item during budget deliberations (9 votes out of 13 are currently needed).

Quagliani would like the charter to eliminate the default mechanism in the city budget process.

"If the City Council rejects the mayor's recommended budget, it should not go into effect by default but returned

to the mayor for changes and re-submission to the City Council," he said.

Other changes he like to see are the removal of the mandate to have various departments.

"Business practices change and I believe there are city departments that can be combined," he said.

Much of the charter revision process is dictated by state law, which has required minimums. Quagliani is hoping the new commission will go beyond the minimum.

"The Charter Revision Commission by statute must hold two public hearings to get input from residents, one prior to any substantive work com-

mencing and one when their draft report is completed," he said. "I would also strongly encourage the commission to include public comment as part of each Charter Revision Commission meeting as well."

Quagliani said he expects the charter will be reviewed "cover to cover." He's hoping the changes will not only be topical, but bigger questions posed separately.

"I would recommend that significant changes such as term limits (should that be a recommendation of the commission) be a stand-alone question," he said.

Under the resolution, the City Council will receive the draft report no later than July 6, 2019.

A public notice of the recommended changes is required to be placed in the newspaper and the City Council will hold meetings on the recommended changes to approve/reject the changes and formulate ballot questions. The questions would then appear on the next general election ballot in November 2019.

A question is deemed approved by a simple majority of the electors where at least 15 per cent of the electors of the municipality as determined by the last-completed active registry list vote on that question.

Once the voters have had their say, the new changes in the document go into effect.

Right now the city is looking for residents interested in becoming part of the process.

Quagliani is encouraging any West Haven electors interested in serving on the Charter Revision Commission to apply.

Candidates are advised that the newly established commission will require a 16-month commitment with a minimum of one evening meeting per week.

Anyone interested can send a resume and cover letter to the Office of the City Council, 355 Main St., where they are due by 5 p.m. Monday. Documents can also be emailed to mdi-massa@westhaven-ct.gov.

West Haven became a city in 1965 after petitioning the General Assembly. Originally part of the Town of Orange, it was partitioned as a separate municipal entity in 1921, though it had semi-autonomous status as a borough.

Originally under a selectmen form of government, the first step toward city status came when the current mayor-council form of government was made effective.

While changes have been made since the charter was adopted, the document has stayed close to its original mandates.

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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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Rossi says tax hike not in budget cards

With a self-imposed deadline of March 1 to have the city's budget for Fiscal Year 2019 completed and before the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) for approval, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi said most of the next two weeks are going to be busy.

The March 1 deadline came about after the state's Office of Policy and Management put the city under the MARB umbrella following the sale of bonds to eliminate the 12-year-old operating deficit, which ballooned to more than \$17 million. In November, just prior to the election, the city was able to make good on an earlier City Council approval, and sold a \$27 million bond issue, with the bulk of it going toward the deficit.

With the MARB now in control of city finances, the budget must be given the panel's imprimatur before it goes to the City Council. Rossi has set the special session of the council for two weeks later, March 15, as prescribed by the city charter.

Answering a set of questions posed this week, Mayor Rossi was asked about a comment she made in a column two weeks ago, promising that the city's mill rate would not increase under her still-to-be-completed plan.

"We are working on the budget and I will be spending most of my time the next two weeks thoroughly reviewing each department and dissecting each line item. There will be no tax increase proposed, but that will require deep cuts in the budget and no department will be immune," she said.

She indicated the strategy employed by the administration will be on last attempted in the 1990s: reorganization.

"We are looking at some reorganization that may lead to fewer positions," she said.

Asked if she had the general outlines of the budget completed, Rossi said the plan is still in the formative stages.

"We are still in the early stages of the budget preparation," she said. "The departments have submitted their requests. I also asked each department to provide me with a 10 percent budget reduction option. I am reviewing those options."

Under the administration of former Mayor John Picard, the city's debt service became a burden in the budget process. Rossi was asked about debt service and what problems, if any, the city might be facing.

"One of the major issues in this budget will be the increase required in debt ser-

vice (loan payments) because of the \$27 million in bonding (borrowing) by the previous administration in November," she said. "The increase in debt service (from the \$27 million in bonding) is expected to be about \$3 million annually."

Asked if the administration had seen any surprises in the

budgeting process, Rossi said things are coming out as expected.

"We are too early in the process but at this point but we are finding what we expected -- that the city budget was not developed or monitored properly," she said.

Looking toward the comple-

tion of the process, Rossi said she expects to have things ready on time.

"I will work to ensure that a recommended budget is submitted to the MARB by its March 1 meeting for review and to the City Council by March 15, as required in the City Charter," she said.



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Dear Felicia

Jest in case yew thought winter was over honeybunch, the Ole Man decided to give us a reminder that he'll be with us for about another month at least. Over the weekend the berg had a very nice blanket of snow covering it, and it made everything look so pretty. Of course, it didn't last long as things are starting to warm up around here. In fack, by the time yew git this missive, you might be basking in temps that git up to 60, even "along the shore" as the weather people like to say. The lesson is don't think the cold and wet is over, Ole Man Winter is still around, and will give us some reminders before the first crocus is ready to blossom.

Here in the Asylum by the Sea, a few queries have been posed based on some comments herroner made last week. Sammy Bluejay sez that a story circulating about the berg is that the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) that the city finds it-

self came about quite distinctly from the story that has been given by the Actors Colony.

Now before yew think that Cobina subscribes to the theory, let's say I'm jest putting it out there cuz that's what's going around. I don't wanna say what the story sez, let's jest say the timeline might be different.

That doesn't square with the facks as we know them cuz right now the only thing we have to go by is the letter from the state's Office of Policy and Management that imposed the MARB. Conspiracy theorists, however, have their own take on the matter.

Like I said, Cobina ain't subscribing to any of this, but the scenario is being put out there to see jest what might transpire. Remember, the old administration never mentioned this as a possibility when it was deciding to bond.

This is one o' those "let's throw it up against the wall and see what sticks" situa-

tions. With the Democratic Town Committee primary coming up next month, this can be one o' those things that one side is using against t'other to gain votes.

Effen yew hear anything, sweets, lemme know.

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*Speaking of the primary, things seem to be progressing as normal. Like I tolt yew a week or so ago, the petitions were out and every districk, save the the fifth, was included in the vote. Soooo, it looks as if the voters in the Demmies corral are gonna be asked to git out and pick their favorites.*

*As yew and I both know, these things are less about politics and more about personalities as far as the average voter is concerned. But there is a big fight for control of the party this go-round like we ain't seen in the past four years. That was the last time the fight for power changed hands when the Picard group lost and the O'Brien people won.*

*The factions are lined up so that the former Picard people, who still don't have a leader who lives in the city and backed Rossi, are trying to wrest control of the party apparatus - setch as it is - from the Morrissey people, who backed O'Brien. The wild card in this sparring match is probably gonna be the so-called Borer group that is still a smaller faction in the three-way split that is the city's ruling party.*

*Dorinda Borer seems to have control over that faction and right now she seems to be play-*

*ing nice-nice with the Picard people, though a few years ago that wasn't the case. It'll be interesting to figger out jest where that group fits in the current power structure and where it puts its voters. Given the fack that primaries of this type barely bring out a percentage of the party faithful in the double digits, how the odd-man-out faction is swayed could have the final say on who runs the party for the next two years. We shall see.*

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The wag came in last week and had some questions in our story about the high school reconstruction. Many people, in fact, are wondering how in heck the project is under budget given the changes that have been made in the plans three and four times over. But that wasn't the biggest question.

The final comment made by herroner concerning the use of Bond Anticipation Notes to pay for the reconstruction and then bonding when the project is over had raised a few eyebrows. Can that be right?

The wag questioned that. But that's what we read, too. In all our years of watching bonding and projects, we ain't ever hoid of using BANs for an entire project and then bonding after the fack.

Are we sure that's what we read or that's what was meant? Iyam sure that it will be clarified over the next little while. After all, that's what

follow ups for for, right?

Cobina asked around and got the follying commint: Bans always come before bonds. That is a standard operating procedure on every bond for every city. The bans allow flexibility in the amount that you need and then you go to long-term bonding when the project is done. That is absolutely standard operating procedure.

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*Nelly Nuthatch was over t'other afternoon for tea and made mention of the fack that she watched part of Nancy Pelosi's eight-hour marathon speech. She didn't commint about the speech so much as the person who was sitting in the background. It was none other than our ole pal Rosa DeLauro Greenberg, our congresswoman. Rosa, who has been a big-wig in the party hierarchy for quite a while is a bit long in the tooth - like most of the Demmy leadership in both houses of Congress. Nelly noticed that she is looking more and more her age. She's gotta be pushing 70 if not pulling it. She seems a metaphor for the entire party: old, established and outta touch. Goodness knows, she ain't been a rep for the average person in these parts for a generation.*

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Iva Lootey came in and sez the City Council, which has fewer powers these days cuz of the MARB did a couple o' things at its last meeting. The school bored's recommendation of extending the Winkle Bus Co. contract was approved. Ole Craig Winkle is gonna be the carrier for the kiddies for the next five years. A few people are wondering effen this cotrack shouldn't have gone out to bid to get a better price. Still others are saying, the price was right so don't rock the boat.

It's all over now, and the decision was made for better or worse. The one thing yew can't argue with is that Winkle has done a good job over the years. I guess that counts for something. Meanwhile, the other thing is the Charter Revision Commish has been approved. Cobina is aware of a few applicants or potential applicants, and she hopes a couple o' things happen. Foist, that the bulk of the people on the commish aren't current politicos. The reason is the last three attempts at charter revision going back to the 1990s was hampered by the various political powerbrokers who were not interested in seeing much done or changing things to the pernt that political influence was the motive.

With that bit o' chatter, I'll close mitt luff und kizzez,

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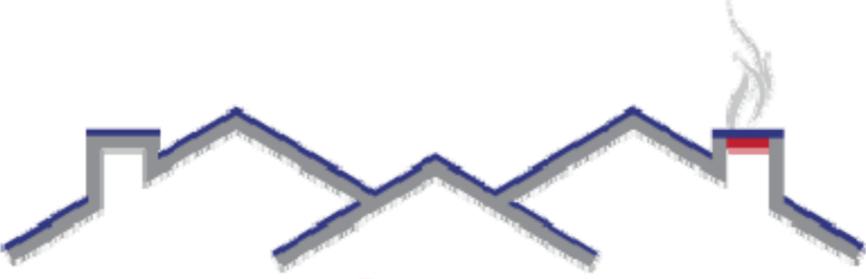
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Dancing against bullying

Thirteen-year-old resident Veronica Brescia traveled to New York recently to walk the runway to promote anti-bullying at GlamJam NY in conjunction with New York Fashion Week as part of the Ballerinas Against Bullies Campaign. "Dance is my release, where I can find myself and lose myself at the same time. The studio is my safe space" said Veronica. Veronica has been a dancer for three years at West Haven's Simply Dance Studio, where she is trained in various genres under the choreography of studio owner Amanda Sienna. Brescia was picked to become part of Ballerina's Against Bullies to take a stand and help end bullying.



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We need some statesmen

In the second season of the PBS series "Victoria" on Masterpiece Theater, the issue of the Corn Laws in England was a subplot. Sir Robert Peel, Prime Minister a staunch Tory, or Conservative Party member, bucked the land owners and supported repeal. The Corn laws were, simply put, tariffs that restricted the amount of grain that could come into Great Britain from other countries, keeping food prices high and hurting the poor.

Peel, seeing the damage that was done to the average citizen reversed his position, and that of the government, by doing something that was against the interests of many of the members of Parliament. In doing so, he eventually brought down his own government, winning repeal, but losing support of his members.

Peel set aside the interests of party, doing something that was good for the average citizen. In this regard he can be regarded a statesman, rather than a politician. In our own time, the United States is in need of statesmen, rather than politicians on many levels, but none more importantly than the ongoing controversy concerning illegal aliens.

For more than 30 years, the nation has been sparring with what to do with those who come over our borders illegally. In 1986, an amnesty was imposed for the estimated 3 million illegals that had come over our borders and set up residence in the shadows. President Ronald Reagan made the worst decision of his presidency by allowing Democratic Speaker of the House "Tip" O'Neill convince him that amnesty should be given first, and the issue of securing the borders taken up later. "Later" never happened.

With the attacks of 9/11, the dormant issue of border security came up as it was believed the border – especially the southern border – was a gateway for terrorists to enter the country. That has, in fact, occurred and law enforcement agencies, both federal and state, admit that hundreds, if not thousands, of terrorists have infiltrated. The issue, so important after the attacks of 2001 became lost in the subsequent issues of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and other pressing matters.

Enter the two-term administration of Barack Hussein Obama and we have a slackening of enforcement on the southern border, allowing hundreds of thousands of illegals into the country. The estimates now range from 7 to more than 20 million individuals who have come over the border from Mexico and Central America.

The "open borders" lobby includes liberals and conservatives. Progressives have come to believe in a no-borders policy in the West as exhibited in Europe as a means of lessening tensions and tearing down the idea of the nation-state, which they believe is a cause for armed conflict. Get rid of the nation and you get rid of conflict. Conservative groups, meanwhile, deny the issue of the nation-state, but want open borders for cheap labor.

In both cases, the issue of race is brought up as a means to shut off the debate of whether a nation has the right to control its own borders. Progressives and conservatives use race as a means to corner opponents of open borders into an indefensible position. Opposing free immigration means one is a racist.

Enter the DACA and illegal immigration debates now occurring in Congress. The fact is that elites in both the Progressive and Conservative camps, those well-to-do people who will not be affected by the problems of free immigration, are coalesced against the average American. It cannot be debated that illegal immigration has harmed all of the lower 48 states in the strain it has put on education, health care and housing.

The issue needs leadership and statesmanship to cut through the special interests that now glut the process in Congress. The question is posed: do we have a Sir Robert Peel among the members of Congress who will buck the members of his own party or class and work for the interests of the average American.

The issue is not immigration, it is "illegal immigration." A nation has a right to control its borders and the people who come into the country. Currently, the issue is clouded by those who would make it a racial issue rather than a national security issue.

Both parties are controlled by those who have a vested interest in the status quo. We need people above the fray: statesmen. Lacking that, we'll continue to flail.



President's military parade

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

The Pentagon has confirmed that it is in the preliminary stages of planning a military parade down Pennsylvania Avenue -- one of President Donald Trump's fondest desires.

Trump was, understandably, impressed in a visit to France last July by the pageantry of the Bastille Day parade. The parade dates back to the 1880s. Nothing the United States comes up with will match its resonance or its beloved, unifying nature.

Trump's motivation for ordering up a parade anyway is pretty obvious. He likes big, brassy displays, and he gets a kick out of being the commander in chief of the most impressive military on the planet.

Still, we don't lack for reasons to honor our military. The Pentagon has already floated the idea of a parade on Veterans Day to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, an epic event by any standard. We're also overdue to honor on a large scale the sacrifice of our troops over the past 15 years in the war on terror.

It's not obvious when it became untoward or dangerous for the United States to hold military parades. Are we supposed to believe that the integrity of American character has depended on having no military parades since 1991, when there were big honking ones in Washington and New York to celebrate the end of the Gulf War?

The unsatisfactory outcomes

of the Vietnam and Korean wars meant we didn't have parades to mark those conflicts (we should have). But it didn't occur to anyone that it was inappropriate or undemocratic to display military hardware.

During World War II, there were big military parades in New York City, and self-propelled howitzers drove by the New York Public Library. Dwight Eisenhower's first inaugural showcased an 85-ton atomic cannon. They broke out four nuclear missiles for JFK's inauguration.

It's true that leaders of Russia, China and North Korea exult in military parades. But it's not military parades that make these regimes dangerous.

The parade controversy is another sign that the place

of patriotism in our national life, and what that patriotism should consist of, is a Trump-era flashpoint.

Trump's critics tend to think patriotism itself is atavistic, or that its locus should be only in our ideals. Trump's patriotism is more grounded, and insists that we are a nation, not just an abstraction.

This is why a military parade once in a while is a healthy thing: We should be proud, not just of our troops, but of our military as such. We should be proud of our strength. We should be proud of our weaponry, highly proficient machines fashioned by the most technically adept society the world has ever known.

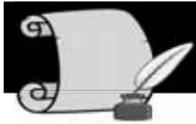
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Charter Revision panel seeks residents

West Haven City Council Chairman Ronald Quagliani is encouraging all interested West Haven electors to apply to be members of the West Haven Charter Revision Commission.

Please be advised this will be a 16-month commitment. The purpose of the commission will be to recommend changes and revisions to the City Charter. This commission is vital in ensuring West Haven's founding legislation remains up to date with the current times.

All interested parties should send a resume and cover letter to the West Haven City Council Office at 355 Main Street. Documents can also be emailed to mdimassa@westhaven-ct.gov. To be considered your information needs to be received by close of business Monday, Feb. 26.

Michael DiMassa

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Lowry: *A military parade not all bad*

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alize this. Once upon a time, we did. But now the best argument against Trump's parade is that it will become a cultural-war flashpoint and "the resistance" will try its utmost to ruin the affair. Just imagine a protester in a pussy hat in a Tiananmen Square-style standoff with an M1 Abrams tank.

Meanwhile, on July 14, the Bastille Day parade will in all likelihood come off once again without a hitch.

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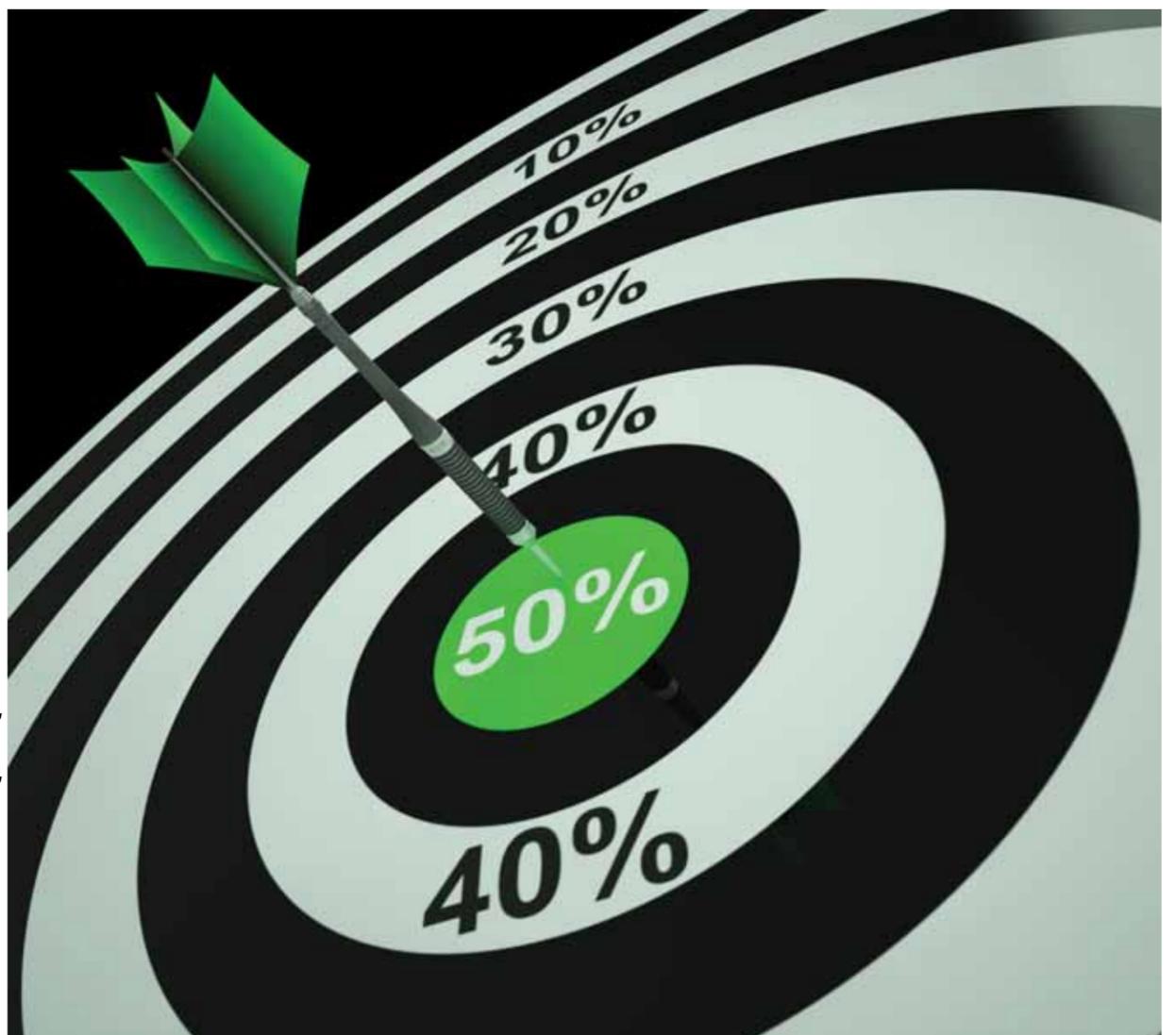
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Licensed contractors sought

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The city-based projects include rehabilitating multifamily and single-family homes and installing handicapped-accessible ramps and lifts, CDA Manager Mark J. Bisaccia said.

Eligible contractors must have a certification from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and a lead-based paint certification. They must also have liability and workers' compensation insurances, Bisaccia said.

Licensed contractors can request a CDA vendor form through administrative assistant Rosa Richardson at (203) 937-3550 or at richardson@westhaven-ct.gov.

Tax help offered in West Haven

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

The AARP Tax-Aide program is available by appointment from 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, that began Feb. 7, at the Johnson Community Center, 201 Noble St.

Special attention is given to help those 50 and older fill out federal tax forms.

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

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

Bulk trash pickup, e-waste drop-off schedule announced

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.

Residents can drop off electronic recyclables — typically anything that contains a circuit board or needs a battery — from 8 a.m.-noon at the highway maintenance garage, 1 Collis St.

The city is partnering with Take 2 Inc. of Waterbury, a recycler and collector of universal e-waste devices, to collect residential electronic items on a quarterly basis.

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Gripevine

By Eleanore Turkington

Gripe Vine Readers:

From time to time, after following up on your complaints, I will receive a letter from the folks who had submitted complaints, indicating "Sorry Eleanore, nothing has been done about my gripe." My usual procedure is to follow up and find out why.

So, starting today, I would like to publish the original complaints, note the fact nothing had changed and encourage my readers, to let me know. Please note my email address, gripevine4wh@aol.com or mail, Gripe Vine, c/o West Haven Voice, 666 Savin Ave. Following receipt of your letters, if once again nothing is done by the City, I will publish this fact in Gripe Vine. Most important, if my readers don't receive a solution to their gripes, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

No Response

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I would like to have another dead end sign put at the beginning of Taft Avenue. There was one and it was removed when they were working on the new building on the corner of Atwood. It has not been replaced. Taft Avenue is a dead end Street, and cars are coming down more now; they think they can cut over to Front Avenue. If there is something you can do, I would appreciate it.

MR

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Cars regularly speed down this one way street (New Street) several families with young children live on this street. Preferably a speed hump could be put on this street or at least children-at-play sign posted.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There is an 18 wheeler truck parked between People's Bank and Soundview Apart-



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ments. This truck blocks the area for city buses and leaves little room to turn cars around. Can you help make this a safer area?

DN

Dear DN:

A follow up letter from you, "I just heard from our property manager, John Galaty of Collect Associates. He said he notified the WHPD about the truck and they were going to

meet with the driver and tell him to leave the area."

A few days later, DN wrote, "Since my last email, I just say the truck has no longer been parking there. However, I'm not sure it isn't because of the snow but I hope it never returns! If anything changes, I will certainly notify you! Thank you again for all the gripes you handle in our fair city."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I would like to thank Public Works for the fine job on our street, Voss Road. They plowed close to the mailbox to allow the mailman to deliver mail. I have had to dig it out in the past.

On another note, some sidewalks along Elm Street from

Wagner Place to Second Avenue are terrible. I wonder how some were able to dig a path so narrow. Some didn't do it at all. Is there a width that the walkway should be made?

Snowman

Dear Snowman:

City ordinance 195 indicates snow must be shoveled within 24 hours, but it does not state the width of a sidewalk to be shoveled.

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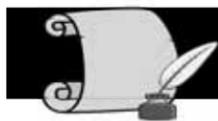
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shlino

The Phantom Ship
History is at its best when it recalls some mysterious event; such tales inspire the imagination and become legendary, thus to be retold from generation to generation.

And so it was with the tale of the Phantom Ship. The New Haven Colony (then called Quinnipiack) had been founded by Puritans who were seeking religious freedom and a chance to increase their fortunes in the New World. The inescapable truth was that by 1647, the colony was in serious financial trouble--the colonists desperately needed to earn profits, that their colony might be sustained.

They sought to build their fortunes through trade; thus they ordered to be constructed a 150 ton ship for a trading voyage to England. In her hold would be "some pease, some wheat, all in bulk, with about two hundred W. India hides, and a store of beaver and plate." The sale of these goods would bring much-needed profits to the aid of the suffering colonists.

Captain Lambertson was to command The Great Shippe, as she was called, even though he had no experience guiding a ship from the Colonies back to England. When he inspected the laden ship, he noted that she listed to one side; he subsequently described her as "walty" (likely to capsize). Nevertheless, the Great Shippe sailed for England in the bitter cold winter of January of 1647. So cold was it, that a three mile passage had to be sawed through the frozen harbor--quite a feat, even for

today. The ship was drawn backwards down that passage to open water; the sailors, superstitious as ever, saw in this an ill omen.

The voyage should have brought them back in the fall, but as the months passed, English vessels carried no news of The Great Shippe. The colonists began to despair.

And then, just before sunset on June 28, 1648, shortly after a thunderstorm had passed, a ship appeared in the clouds above New Haven Harbor. Its markings were that of The Great Shippe, and it was sail-

ing northward into the harbor.

The ship drew closer, so close that Captain Lambertson and his crew could be recognized; the captain was pointing his sword toward the sky. Suddenly, in a gust of wind, her main mast was broken off, and left hanging in the shrouds. Then the mizzen broke; finally, all the masting collapsed, capsizing her. Laying on her side, she shuddered once and quickly sank in a puff of smoke, then the sky rapidly cleared. The Puritan witnesses saw in this apparition a sign from God: their ship was gone,

along with their fortunes, their crew, and many of their family members.

Thus did Henry Wadsworth Longfellow end their tragic story:

And the people who saw this marvel,

Each said unto his friend,
That this was the mould of their vessel,

And this her tragic end.

And the pastor of the village,
Gave thanks to God in prayer,

That to quiet their troubled spirits,

He had sent them this Ship

of Air.

With this unraveling of their Puritan dream of a prosperous mercantile community, the New Haveners were forced to embrace a farming life. Quickly they looked west with increasing interest, to the developing farms of the "West Side," which today is known as West Haven. These farms would quickly become the breadbasket of the village of New Haven. And so it was that the farmers of the West Side began to contribute to Puritan New Haven's rise to self-sufficiency.



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Mayor planning 'Night In,' Feb. 27

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi will host her next "Mayor's Night In" to talk with city residents and business owners about their concerns and ideas. The event is set for 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the mayor's office on the third floor of City Hall, 355 Main St. Rossi said: "For many people, it is not practical to meet

with me during the hours that City Hall departments are open — Monday through Friday, 9 to 5." Anyone who wants to meet with Rossi can arrive starting at 4:30 p.m. and sign in with the mayor's staff in the City Council chambers, next to the mayor's office. For information, call (203) 937-3510.

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Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, center, is joined by, from left, state Rep. Charles J. Ferraro, R-117, mayoral Executive Assistant Louis P. Esposito Jr., and state Reps. Dorinda Borer, D 115, and Michael A. DiMassa, D-116, on opening day of the 2018 General Assembly legislative session Feb. 7 at the state Capitol in Hartford.



Lions Club sets 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

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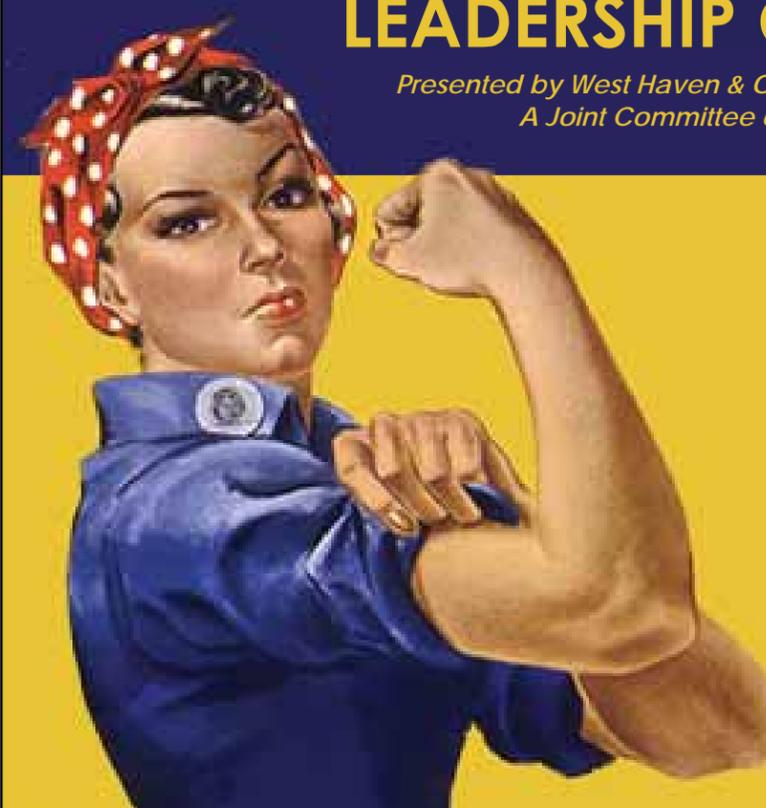
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Wizards place 40 in league trials; head into finals

The West Haven Wizards had an amazing weekend at Yankee League Swim Trials.

Trials took place at two different venues, over three sessions on both Saturday and Sunday. Forty Wizards swimmers will advance to Yankee League finals and an additional four qualified as alternates.

The following swimmers will go on to Yankee League Finals" 9/10 girls -- Aryanna Gorske, Lia Hey, Leah Mendosa, Erin Morton, Arya Mulmi, Maya Wureh and Aimara Soto as an alternate; 9/10 boys -- Ean Annatone, Kasey Cadden, Nathan Charron, AJ Meglio, Lucas Yavagnilio and Logan McCorkle and Neven Vidosevic as alternates; 11/12 girls -- Eileen Barrington, Lauren Blake, Kaleigh Morton and Macie Rascoll; 11/12 boys -- Anthony Castillo, Collin Charron, Jacob Collette, Andrew McLarty and Bo Wureh; 13/14 girls -- Emily Eschweiler, Kaelyn Falanga, Morgan Falanga, Vivian Freitas, Jillian Goldbeck, Madison Hobart, Hannah Rascoll, Kaylee Taulty, Kaya Vital, Molly Wilson and Victoria Acuna as an alternate; 13-and-over boys -- John Barrington, George Bohorquez, Mustansir Jamalee and Gavin Kanlong; 15-and-over girls -- Anya Celmer, Arianna Chen, Jillian Doherty Madyson Elias and Carly Weber.

The Wizards have many swimmers seeded in the top three for their events moving into finals.

Seeded first in the Yankee League going into finals are Anya Celmar is for the girls 15-and-over 100-yard breaststroke; Vivian Freitas for the 13/14 girls 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard individual medley, and Bo Wureh for the 11/12 boys 100-yard freestyle and 50-yard freestyle.

Seeded second are Ean Annatone for the 9/10 boys 50-yard freestyle; Jillian Doherty for the 15-and-over girls 100-yard freestyle; Kaleigh Morton for the 11/12 girls 200-yard individual medley; Kaya Vital for the 13/14 girls 100-yard breaststroke and the 13-and-over 200-yard medley relay team.

Seeded third are Anya Celmer for the 15-and-over girls 100-yard butterfly; Collin Charron for the 11/12 boys 200-yard individual medley; Nathan Charron for the 9/10 boys 50-yard backstroke; Erin Morton for the 9/10 girls 100-yard individual medley, Arya Mulmi for the 9/10 girls 50-yard freestyle and the 13-and-over girls 200-yard freestyle relay team.

Yankee League Finals will be held at the West Haven High School Pool on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m. For more information on the West Haven Wizards Swim team please visit our website at www.westhavenwizards.org.



Big rebound

The Knicks' Matteo Petruzzello avoids a hold and pulls down a rebound for the Celtics last week. The winter sports season is winding down with girls' and boys' leagues beginning the postseason.

Equipment requirements top NFHS changes

Players in high school football who are detected with missing or improperly worn equipment during playing action will be removed from the game for at least one down, unless the improper equipment is directly attributable to a foul by the opponent.

This revision in Rule 1-5-5 and other related rules was one of five rules changes for the 2018 season recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rules Committee at its Jan. 19-21 meeting in Indianapolis.

All changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Rule 1-5-5 also states that if the player is wearing otherwise legal equipment in an illegal manner, the participant must also be replaced for one down. If proper and legal equipment has become improperly worn through use during the game, and prompt repair does not delay the ready-for-play signal for more than 25 seconds, the re-

pair can be made without replacing the player for one down.

In a related change (1-5-4), the head coach is responsible for verifying that all players are legally equipped and will not use illegal equipment. The penalty provisions for any use of illegal equipment remain unchanged and result in an unsportsmanlike foul charged to the head coach.

"I commend the entire football rules committee for its thoroughness and focus on the state of the game of football," said Todd Tharp, chairman of the NFHS Football Rules Committee and assistant director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association. "The committee recognizes that the state of high school football focuses on risk minimization and the responsibility that coaches, players and game officials play in continuing to protect our student-athletes.

"By emphasizing that the coach is ultimately responsible for assuring his players are using legal equipment by

issuing an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for violations and that players will be removed for using legal equipment in an illegal manner, the committee continues to focus on minimizing risk for all players."

The second rules change approved by the NFHS Football Rules Committee provides another option for teams in Rule 6-1-9 on fouls committed by the kicking team during free kicks and scrimmage kicks. Now, the receiving team can accept a 5-yard penalty from the succeeding spot.

The previous three options remain: accept a 5-yard penalty from the previous spot and have the kicking team re-kick, put the ball in play at the inbounds spot 25 yards beyond the previous spot, or decline the penalty and put the ball in play at the inbounds spot.

Bob Colgate, NFHS director of sports and sports medicine and liaison to the NFHS Football Rules Committee, said this additional option was approved

by the committee in an effort to reduce re-kicks, further minimize risks and ensure that appropriate penalties are in place for all fouls.

"The ability to 'tack on' penalty yardage on free kicks will potentially reduce the amount of repeated free kicks," Tharp said. "In addition, this rule change is consistent with NFHS rules that no foul should go unpenalized."

The third change approved by the committee was a revision related to the examples of a defenseless player. In Rule 2-32-16a, the committee clarified that defenseless player provisions do not apply to a passer until a legal forward pass is thrown.

The passer continues to be a defenseless player until the pass ends or the passer moves to participate in the play.

The committee also changed the signal for free-kick infractions, other than encroachment of the neutral zone, from Signal 18 to Signal 19, popularly known as "illegal procedure."

Westie Sharks sweep final three of season

The West Haven/Sacred Heart Girls hockey team swept its last three games of the season the finish 15-4-1 with victories over Masuk, Branford and a thrilling overtime victory over East Catholic. On Tuesday evening the Westie Sharks celebrated Senior Night and then went out and dominated the Masuk/Barlow/Newtown/Oxford/Bethel Panthers 5-0. The game would have been a lot worse, if not for the efforts of the Panthers' goaltender, who faced 61 shots.

The Westie Sharks took a 1-0 lead at 7:40 of the first period on a goal by Francesca Criscuolo assisted by CC Condon. The girls went up 2-0 when Megan Froehlich took a pass from Veronica Lynn and found the back of the net 8:06 into the second period. Froehlich then set up Condon, who scored at 12:01 to extend the lead to 3-0. Froehlich made it 4-0 with her second goal of the game with 3:41 left in the game assisted by Taylor Nowak and then Lynn iced the game 54 seconds later for the 5-0 final. Tatum Courtmanche turned aside eight Panther shots to record the shutout between the pipes.

On Thursday, the Westie Sharks visited the Patsy Dilungo Rink in East Haven to face the Branford/East Haven/North Branford Wings. The girls struck first when Megan Froehlich's shot was stopped but Mia Celentano jammed home the rebound for a 1-0 lead 5:44 into the game. Francesca Criscuolo made it 2-0, assisted by CC Condon at 8:48 of the second period and then Froehlich made it 3-0 with a goal at 1:55 of the third period assisted by Taylor Nowak and Jianna Cohrs. Tatum Court-

manche was outstanding between the pipes, making 17 saves, many, spectacular to record her second, straight shutout.

The girls wrapped up their regular season with a tune-up for the playoffs with East Catholic/Glastonbury/South Windsor. East Catholic got on the board first with a goal 1:45 into the game. The Westie Sharks got even with a goal 6:12 into the second period when Jianna Cohrs scored, assisted by Mia Celentano and Brooke McNabola. East Catholic took the lead back 4:23 later but Veronica Lynn got the girls even again with a tally 1:12 after that.

The Westie Sharks would take their first lead of the game 6:47 into the third period on an unassisted Taylor Nowak goal but 45 minutes would not be enough to finish this game when East Catholic got the equalizer with 1:15 left in the game. Veronica Lynn made sure that the bus ride home would be a happy one when she scored her second of the game 1:55 into overtime for the 4-3 victory. Kyleen Crowe made 25 saves in net for the Westie Sharks.

This week, the girls will participate in the SCC playoffs. On Wednesday, the Westie Sharks faced the winner of the Notre Dame of Fairfield/Branford game and if victorious will face the winner of the Hamden vs Amity/North Haven/Cheshire winner on Saturday at the Bennett Rink at 6.

The girls basketball team wrapped up its season with a 46-42 victory over the Sacred Heart Academy Sharks on Senior Night, Monday evening at the WHHS Gym. Amanda Carr dominated the boards,

pulling down 20 rebounds while scoring 10 points and blocking five shots. Natalia Frazier led West Haven with 11 points while Ebonie Jones scored nine points in the win.

The boys hockey team hosted the North Rockland, NY Red Raiders on Monday evening. Collin Braziel put the Blue Devils up 1-0 just 3:39 into the game. The Red Raiders responded with two goals of their own to take a 2-1 lead before EJ Pacapelli and Robbie Forleo scored to give the boys a 3-2 lead at the end of one period.

Pacapelli extended the West Haven lead to 4-2 early in the second period but then the Red Raiders exploded for the next, seven goals to take a 9-4 lead. Niko Kyle scored with 2:41 left in the game to cut the lead to 9-5 but North Rockland tacked on one more 56 seconds later for the 10-5 final. Logan Cole made 35 saves before giving away to Charles Miller, who made seven saves in net for the Westies.

The boys celebrated their Senior Night by posting a 6-2 victory over the Milford Indians on Wednesday night at the Bennett Rink. Niko Kyle scored four goals and added an assist to help the Blue Devils win. The three West Haven seniors also shined with EJ Pacapelli picking up two goals and an assist, Collin Braziel contributed with three assists and Logan Cole made 29 saves between the pipes.

On Saturday, the Westies traveled to Enfield to take on Suffield/Granby/Windsor Locks. The Blue Devils got a goal from Kevin Moriarty in the first period and Robbie Forleo in the second to take a 2-1 lead over the Wildcats

but, Suffield scored four, unanswered goals to defeat West Haven, 5-2. Logan Cole made 41 saves in goal for the Westies.

This week, the boys traveled to face the Cheshire Rams on Monday, head north to face the Glastonbury Tomahawks on Saturday at 7:30 and then finish the regular season with a game at Hamden on

Wednesday at 7.

The boys basketball team concluded its season with losses to the Wilbur Cross Governors, 85-52, on Monday night and the Amity Spartans, 71-49, on Friday night in West Haven.

On Monday night, the Westies were defeated by the Governors despite 18 points by Josiah Steinman.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

Player of the Week

West Haven junior boys hockey player Niko Kyle (12) is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. Kyle was outstanding in a 6-2 victory over Milford, scoring four times and adding an assist. Read about Niko Kyle on the Player of the Week page at www.westieblue.com.

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Westie Blue In Touch *By Mike Madera*

The winter season has many components to it as the local sports team comes down the stretch. While the boys and girls hockey teams will play in the postseason, the season has come to an end for both the boys and girls basketball teams as neither qualified for the league or state tournaments.

The West Haven / Sacred Heart Academy girls hockey team improved to 4-0-1 in its last five games with a 5-0 victory over Masuk at the Edward L. Bennett Rink last Tuesday evening. With the victory, the Westie Sharks improved to 13-4-1 on the year.

Megan Froehlich led the offense with two goals and an assist, while Celina Condon and Veronica Lynn each added a goal and an assist in the win.

The Westie Sharks took a 1-0

lead in the opening period when Francesca Criscuolo scored off an assist from Celina Condon at the 7:40 mark.

West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy took a 2-0 lead when Froehlich scored off an assist from Lynn 8:06 into the second, before Condon scored off an assist from Froehlich 3:55 later for a 3-0 advantage.

Froehlich's second goal of the game off an assist from Taylor Nowak with 3:41 left increased the lead to 4-0. Lynn capped the scoring 54 seconds later for a 5-0 advantage.

Tatum Courtmanche stopped all eight shots she faced in the shutout. The Westie Sharks held a 61-8 shot advantage.

After a mini slide, the Westie Sharks won their fifth game in a row with a 3-0 road shutout over Branford/North Branford/East Haven Thursday evening. With the win, West

Haven /Sacred Heart Academy improved to 14-4-1 on the season.

Courtmanche was stellar in goal, finishing with 17 saves in the shutout, while Froehlich led the offense with one goal and one assist.

The Westie Sharks scored the only goal they would need at the 5:44 mark of the opening period when Mia Celentano scored off an assist from Froehlich. West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy increased the lead to 2-0 when Celina Condon set up Francesca Criscuolo at the 8:48 mark of the middle period.

The Westie Sharks, who had a 50-17 shot advantage in the game, increased the margin to 3-0 at the 1:55 mark of the third period when Froehlich scored off assists from Nowak and Jianna Cohrs.

The Westie Sharks closed the regular season with a dramatic 4-3 overtime road victory over East Catholic Friday evening. With the win, the West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy concluded the regular season at 15-4-1.

Veronica Lynn scored twice in the contest, including the game-winner in overtime with an unassisted tally at the 1:55 mark.

Trailing 1-0 in the second period, the Westies got the equalizer when Cohrs scored off assists from Celentano and Brooke McNabola. Lynn evened the game at two with 3:13 left in the second, before Nowak gave the Westie Sharks a 3-2 advantage 6:47 into the third.

East Catholic evened the contest with 1:15 remaining, but Lynn gave the Westie Sharks the win early in overtime.

Kyleen Crowe made 25 saves in the win for the Westie Sharks.

The West Haven girls basketball team saw its season come to a close on Senior Night as the Westies had only a handful of victories this season.

West Haven senior Amanda Carr was not going to leave the court with any regrets. In her last game in a West Haven uniform, Carr picked the right time to have one of her best games of the season.

Scoring 10 points, grabbing 20 rebounds, and blocking five shots, Carr helped lead West Haven to a 46-42 victory over Sacred Heart Academy on Senior Night at West Haven High Monday evening.

The win was West Haven's second in the last four games against Sacred Heart Academy and allowed the Westies to finish the season at 5-15.

West Haven jumped out of the gates quickly, taking a 10-point lead. The Westies led 32-18 at the half, but had to

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Petruzzelli wins state title in Indoor track

Notre Dame has a new indoor track state champion, wrestling qualifies two to CIAC State Open Meet, basketball wins their senior night game, and hockey plays top-ranked Fairfield Prep tough.

Indoor Track --Nick Petruzzelli sure made his final indoor track performance of his high school career was one to remember. Petruzzelli cleared 14-feet to not only win the CIAC State Open Championship held on Saturday at the New Haven Athletic Center but also surpassing his own school record he set just two weeks ago in the pro-

cess. The indoor track season is now complete.

Wrestling -- Connor Massey and Derrick Pommills, Jr. were Notre Dame's two highest finishers as the wrestling team finished 17th at the 2018 CIAC Class L Wrestling Championship Meet held this past weekend at Bristol Eastern High School.

Massey finished fourth in the 145-pound division while Pommills wrestled to a sixth-place showing in the 220-pound division.

Both will represent Notre Dame in the CIAC State Open this coming

weekend (Feb. 23-24) at the New Haven Athletic Center.

Basketball -- From pre-game festivities to a three-pointer at the buzzer that put an exclamation point on a Senior Night of fun for the Class of 2018 basketball seniors, it was a good night for the Notre Dame basketball team as the beat Fairfield Prep, 76-60, on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Connor Raines and Mike Brooks led the way with 21 and 19 points respectively. The win ended the regular season with a 14-6 record. Notre Dame will be the 8th seed in the SCC Tourna-

ment and hosts Cheshire tonight in a first-round game.

Hockey -- Zack Dumas, Chris Hibson, and Kyle Stober all scored for Notre Dame in its 5-3 loss to top-ranked Fairfield Prep on Saturday at the Bennett Rink. Hibson's goal gave Notre Dame a 2-1 lead but the Jesuits responded with four straight goals to take control.

You can get all the latest athletic news, scores, and more by following @NDWHAthletics on Twitter, Instagram, and Periscope while friENDING the @NDWHAthletics Facebook group.



SENIOR NIGHT FESTIVITIES PRELUDE TO BIG 76-60

Notre Dame launched a new and improved GoGreenKnights.com website devoted to its athletic program on Feb. 14. It includes stories, videos, photo

galleries, rosters, schedules and more. Take a look and surf around the new gogreenknights.com.

Westie Blue In Touch

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battle in the second half.

The Sharks cut the West Haven advantage to 38-30, but could not pull ahead in the final minutes.

Ally Kirck drained three 3-pointers for the Sharks and finished with 13 points, while Elena Farquharson added 12.

Natalia Frazier led West Haven with 11 points, Ebonie Jones finished with nine, and Ny'Aire Serrano and Savannah Gray each scored four.

Both teams struggled from the free throw line with the Sharks converting on just 5-of-12 opportunities, and the Westies hitting just 6-of-15.

After falling at home to Career last Friday evening, the West Haven boys basketball team knew the deal. The Westies needed to win their final two games of the regular season if they had hopes of playing in the postseason.

That run did not start exactly the way the Westies had hoped as they fell in New Haven Monday evening against the Governors 85-52. The loss dropped the Westies to 6-13 on the season.

West Haven was hurt in the second and fourth quarters where it was outscored 45-21. The Westies trailed by four after eight minutes of play, but the Governors quickly pulled away with an 18-8 run in the second quarter to take a 37-23 lead.

Josiah Steinman led West Haven with 18 points, while LaRon Holmes added 10. Marquel Bookert and Saban Richardson each scored six in the loss for the Westies. William Antrum led three Governors in double figures with 22 points, and Kwane Taylor finished with 12 points and 13 assists.

The Westies fell against Career last Friday evening, dropping a 62-47 decision at West Haven High. West Haven was again hurt in a specific time frame as Career used a 23-5 run in the second quarter to take control of the contest.

Steinman and Bookert each scored 15 points in the loss for West Haven, while Richardson scored six points. Jordan Williams led Career with 20 points.

As the final two weeks of the regular season approached, the Westies were in position to play for a postseason berth. That position never solidified.

Closing the season with five straight losses, West Haven failed to qualify for the postseason. As a result, the Westies finished the year at 6-14 after a 71-49 loss to Amity on Senior Night at West Haven High Friday evening.

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Squirt A hockey advances to semifinals

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team earned the top seed in the Squirt AA bracket and advanced to the semifinals of the 2018 Ocean State Classic in Rhode Island over the holiday weekend. They were eliminated after losing a thrilling, 5-4 game to the Boston Vipers. They finished the tournament with a 4-1 record and now stand 32-12-3 on the season.

In the semifinals at Benny Magiera Rink in West Warwick, the Blue Devils staged a furious, third period comeback against the Vipers, a Tier 1 team, but fell just short. Down 4-1 entering the final period, Zach Goetze made it 4-2 when he slammed home a rebound of Dylan Link's shot just 48 seconds into the period. Brady Price cut the lead to one with 4:52 left in the game when

he slipped in a back hand goal with Goetze assisting.

A Viper goal made it 5-3, but the Westies pulled goalie Jacob Silva and turned up the pressure in the final 90 seconds. On a power play with six skaters out, Thomas Porto snapped a rising wrist shot just under the bar to make it 5-4 with 37 seconds left.

The Westies continued to apply pressure, but could not find the equalizer. Silva was solid in net with 26 saves in the game. Ryan Pniewski scored for West Haven in the second period when he jammed in a loose puck after the Viper goalie could not handle Dylan Bosworth's initial shot.

West Haven earned the top seed by going 4-0 in round-robin action. The signature win came on Sunday afternoon at Brown University's

Meehan Auditorium where the Westies faced off with the Providence Junior Friars, a top Tier 1 team in the region and eventual OSC tourney champions.

In a fantastic game, the Westies topped the Friars, 6-4. Silva was outstanding in net, and even recorded an assist. Ethan Kelly and Price scored two goals apiece. Porto and Goetze also scored goals. Silva made 31 saves, including three breakaway stops, in the win.

The Westies began play on Friday with a convincing 7-0 win over Boston Jr. Huskies at Thayer Arena in Warwick. Goetze led the way with two goals and three assists. Porto added two goals along with a pair of assists. Price scored twice, Connor Moriarty added a goal, while Matthew Kelly and Link each had an assist. Silva turned away 13 shots for the shutout.

On Saturday at Dennis Lynch Arena in Pawtucket, the Blue Devils knocked off the Boston Vipers 7-4. Goetze (two goals) and Porto (one) made it 3-0 Westies just over two minutes into the game. Goals by Goetze, Price, and Goetze again made it 6-1 after two periods. After the Vipers cut it to 6-4, Porto scored on a terrific individual effort while being dragged down to thwart the comeback. Silva had 19 saves.

On Sunday morning at Benny Magiera Rink, the Westies took down the Springfield Junior Thunderbirds by a 4-0 result. Goal scorers were Price, Matthew Kelly, Porto and Goetze. Bosworth, Link and Pniewski added assists. Sean Studley took six shots and played spirited hockey at both ends of the ice. Silva stopped 13 shots.

The West Haven Peewee

A travel hockey team played well this past weekend, advancing to the Ocean State Classic (Rhode Island) semifinals, before falling 3-0 to the Sound Tigers of Long Island, New York. After dropping the opening game of the tournament 1-0 against the Minute-man Flames Friday morning, the Westies bounced back in fine fashion, winning the next three games.

West Haven rebounded Friday afternoon with a 5-0 victory over the Providence Jr. Friars. Jayden Spreyer led the way with four goals, while Michael Madera and Dante Hardt each had three assists. Brendan Smith made 14 saves to pick up the shutout victory.

Spreyer opened the scoring with an unassisted goal 2:26 into the contest for a 1-0 lead, before Kyle Dronney scored off an assist from Cade Simone 1:20 later for a 2-0 advantage. Spreyer rounded out the scoring in the opening period off assists from Madera and Hardt.

West Haven took a 4-0 lead just 1:14 into the second period when Madera set up Spreyer in front with an assist also going to Hardt. Spreyer's fourth goal of the contest again came in front after Hardt fed Madera and Madera's pass from behind the net was one-timed home by Spreyer.

The Westies improved to 2-1 with a 3-1 victory over the Rhode Island Hitmen Saturday morning. Nolan Cole got the Westies on the board with 3:11 remaining in the first period as he picked up a loose puck and scored unassisted for a 1-0 advantage.

West Haven scored twice in the second period to take a 3-0 lead. Simone increased the lead to a pair of goals when he scored in front off assists from

Dronney and Colin Deane with 6:24 left in the middle period, and Dave Brown went the length of the ice for an unassisted tally with 2:47 to go in the second for a 3-0 advantage. The Hitmen scored with 7:37 left in the third, but a solid defensive effort by Brown, Bruno Martone, Sean Bosworth, Jack Sellman, Jason Alling and Haygen Axelrod, coupled with several big saves from Smith propelled the Westies to the win.

The Westies advanced to the semifinals with a 7-2 victory over the Stoneham Spartans Saturday evening. Cole and Madera led the offense as each had two goals and an assist. Brown had two assists, and Shane Repetto had a goal and an assist as ten players reached the scoring column.

The Westies struck early, scoring the first five goals of the contest. Cole gave the Westies a 1-0 lead off an assist from Repetto 1:09 into the game, and Madera scored an unassisted goal 3:55 later for a 2-0 lead after one period.

Bosworth increased the advantage to three goals with 5:01 left in the second off assists from Deane and Simone, before Repetto gave the Westies a 4-0 advantage off assists from Axelrod and Cole. Spreyer capped the second period scoring off a perfect give-and-go with Madera as Brown also assisted with 3:30 left in the middle period.

After Stoneham scored the next two goals, Madera increased the lead back to four goals off an assist from Brown with 3:19 left in the game, before Cole scored on a breakaway off an assist from Hardt with six seconds left in the game.

Mickey Dowd also played well in the win.

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Fight for control

Siah Spence of the Blue Devils and the Cardinals' Jada Fowler fight for ball possession in Friday night's Girls Fundamental League action at Seth Haley School.



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Moving the ball

West Haven's Jordan Berriós (24) starts a drive to the basket in last week's game with Amity Regional at the Blue Devils' gym. Left -- Josiah Steinman of West Haven is surrounded by Amity defenders.

Blue Devils upset Cards

The sixth seeded Prospect Beach Club Blue Devils kicked off the playoffs of West Haven Girls Basketball with an 8-4 upset win over the third seeded Louise's Bakery Cardinals.

The Blue Devils win was helped by a team defensive effort to keep the Cardinals off the scoreboard. Ella Morgan hit for five points for the Blue Devils and D'Lyana Dixon and Jessica Heaven also chipped in with offense. Abby Giaquinto, Talia Decresenzo and Courtney Gorske starred on the defensive end.

The Cardinals received solid play from Keilany Palma, Jocelyn Avarado, Giana Mainor and Jasmyn Degraça.

The upset trend continued as the fifth seeded Lacobelle Law Bruins rallied past the fourth seeded TBNG Eagles, 13-9. Jaylyn Powell led the Bruins with five points in the fourth quarter. Nevaeh Stegall added four points and Noelle Lawrence and Michaela Pribnow finished the scoring for the Bruins.

The Eagles used balanced scoring led by Angelina Messina, Justice Butler, Kaylee Sellner, Amarae Rosario and Natalia Washington.

Semifinal games was last night, Feb. 21 and the championship game on Friday at 7:15 p.m. All games will be played at Seth Haley.

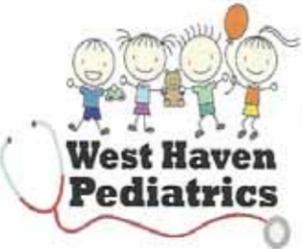
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It's frenzied action at the Haley gym last week as the Cardinals and Blue Devils hustle for a loose ball. The local Girls Fundamental League is about to commence its end of year playoffs throughout the city's gyms.



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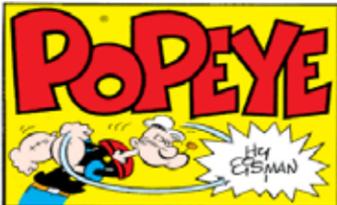
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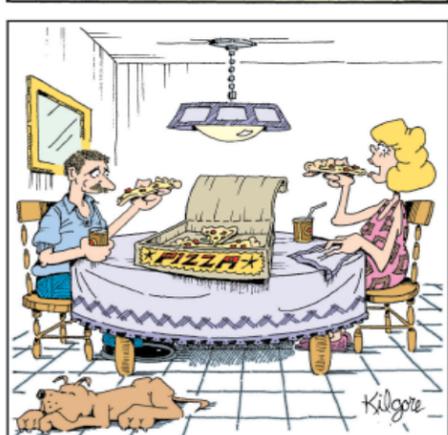


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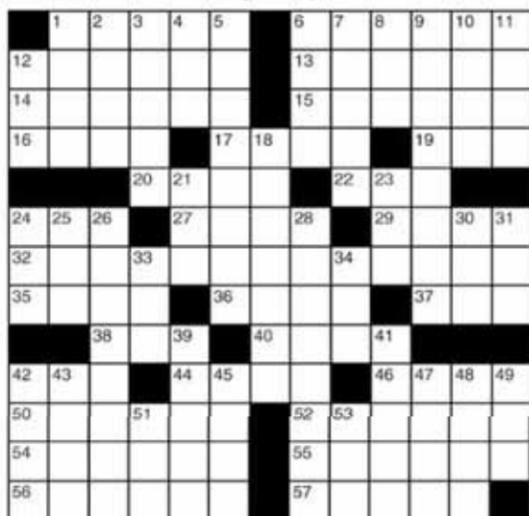
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- Why is a lawyer like a crow?

Junior Whirl
by Charles Barry Townsend

A WORD BRIDGE

DON'T GET SHOWED! To solve this problem, replace the letters in the AlphaMath problem pictured with the digits 1 through 9, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. See if you can get a higher total than we did.

GET A GRIP ON THIS PUZZLE! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in grid B.

1. Like a chair.
2. A state of irritation.
3. Faster than a walk.
4. To start again.

1. Afternoon refreshments.
2. Containers.
3. A legal term.
4. Decrease in size.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Answers to last week's puzzles

— King Crossword —
Answers
Solution time: 27 mins.

T	A	U	I	C	B	M	C	H	A	D
A	S	S	P	A	R	A	H	U	G	O
G	A	S	P	E	D	A	L	A	G	O
S	P	R	U	C	E	I	D	O		
			P	A	T	G	A	S	J	E
M	I	M	I	C	A	N	Y	E	T	A
I	D	O	L	E	L	S	T	E	N	T
N	E	W	O	N	E	A	U	R	A	S
G	A	S	B	A	G	B	I	T		
			I	R	A	A	S	S	E	T
A	B	E	D	G	A	S	L	I	G	H
L	O	A	D	E	L	S	E	A	R	E
A	W	R	Y	D	I	O	S	D	U	M

FOUND IN A RIVER

— Weekly SUDOKU —
Answer

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



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