

'Stalled' Haven gets attention of Rossi team

It's been four years since "The Haven" up-scale outlet mall was announced for the Water Street area, and five years since talks with a New York-based developer began. Despite assurances prior to November's election the project was a "go," little has happened on the 24-acre site since some buildings were torn down as a show of progress.

Mayor Nancy Rossi, this week, answered questions concerning the \$200 million project, which is expected to pump more than \$2 million in taxes into the city's coffers once completed.

According to Rossi, the Haven isn't the only economic development project that is stalled, but it is the one that has the administration's attention.

"I am working to revive stalled economic development projects including "The Haven," Rossi said this week. "City Treasurer Mike Last and Planning and Development Commissioner Fred Messore joined me in a meeting with a representative from "The Haven" development team last week. We are working to remove all the bureaucratic barriers so that the project can move forward efficiently, with a defined schedule, and without further interruptions."

Pressed on the timeline the project is expected to take, Rossi said Messore and she are working to come up with a schedule that would be "" to both the city and the Haven Group, the holding company with rights to the development.

"Fred (Messore) and I are currently discussing, with the developer, a realistic schedule and tentative construction timeline. I do not want to speculate on a date until we have fully vetted the schedule and have an agreed plan in place. I will share a schedule with the City Council and public in the near future," she said.

The development became an issue in the fall election, and some demolition was done in October, but the work ceased almost with the time the last ballot was counted, and nothing has been done since. City crews had to close off three streets in January because of nighttime activities.

"I think we can all agree that the area is becoming an eyesore and the demolition of those boarded up houses and buildings needs to begin," Rossi said.

Though the Planning and Zoning Commission has approved the project, some of the permits necessary to begin complete demolition and construction have been stalled. Rossi said that

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Photo by Russ McCreven

The last blast?

Voice photog Russ McCreven captured this scene on the Green following our recent weekend snowstorm that left about four inches of heavy white stuff on the ground and in trees, only to be gone within hours with mild temperatures. March "comes in like a lion," says the old wives tale, and forecasters are expecting a new batch of cold wet weather that might make it true. This might not be the last winter scene we see before spring arrives in three weeks.

Photo by Todd Dandelske

Repeat Champions

The 2018 SCC South Division Champions – West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy Westie Sharks celebrate after capturing their second league championship at the Edward L. Bennett Rink last week. See the sports pages for more stories and analysis, beginning on page 12.



Gianna Guzman, age 4, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. sees a mixture of sun and clouds in the forecast.



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process has not begun.

"The plans have been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The necessary permits will be applied for by the developers as they begin the demolition and construction phases of the project," she said.

Asked if there are any new or unexpected hurdles that have stalled the project, Rossi said her involvement in the process has helped smooth out some problems.

"I have personally involved myself in discussions with the developers to restart the project. We have made good progress in the last several weeks and I look forward to releasing a project outlook soon," she said.

When it was announced, the Haven project was to be split into two phases with about 60 stores, seven restaurants and a

public waterfront promenade with a 200-seat amphitheater in its first phase and about 100 stores if both phases are built. The total revenue to the city was said to be an estimated \$2 million with 800 full-time and 400 part-time jobs, plus 800 construction jobs for state-based workers.

Rossi said her office is reviewing the data concerning revenue, jobs and other information.

The project faced another hurdle in October when Sheldon Gordon, the namesake of The Gordon Group Holdings, passed away at 88.

The surviving partners, Ty Miller and Matt Armstrong, have vowed to continue Gordon's legacy.

"We are currently working on verifying the tax revenue schedules and the number of jobs that will be created through construction as these

may have been exaggerated during the election. Once we have verified the tax revenue and the projected job creation, we will share that information. I don't want to put information out that has not been fully vetted or verified," she said.

A recurring problem with the project has been reported discussions on residential components added to mix, though of the high-end variety, such as water-front condominium that would range in seven figures. Rossi scotched those reports.

"There have been no discussions with me to add apartments or residential development to the project and none have been approved by the city. I want to see commercial development that will provide tax relief for our taxpayers," she said.

Rossi said the administration is working to restart the

stalled development, and get a long-awaited project off the drawing board and into construction.

"The good news is we have established good communication with the developers and are making progress toward a schedule and hope to make an announcement in the near future on a demolition and construction schedule," she said. "The developers have been very upfront and transparent and seem to be pleased with the effort the city is now putting forward to move the project forward. This is a project that began eight or so years ago and has taken way too long. We need to move this project forward as we aggressively market West Haven to additional commercial development."

In fact, the road to the Haven began more than 20 years ago, in September 1997, when

"the Water Street Project" was announced by then-Mayor H. Richard Borer, Jr. Hoping to utilize the Yale University School of Architecture, the waterfront area was to be cleared and development occur from Main Street north to North Street in the original plans.

After several false starts, the project languished before a plan was announced in 2005. However, with the election of John M. Picard as mayor, the project was nixed and new attempts to re-sell the area took place.

Those included a short-lived plan for a six-story building at 105 Water St.

Picard initiated talks with Gordon and his parent company, The Gordon Group Holdings, but announcement of that project, the Haven, did not take place until June 10, 2014, under Mayor Edward M. O'Brien.

City Photo



Active shooter discussed

Police Chief John Karajanis, Jr. discusses an active shooter situation with city leaders, including Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, fire chiefs, police brass, and emergency management, 911 and school officials, on Feb. 21 at police headquarters on Sawmill Road. Karajanis talked about the Police Department's response to an active shooter situation during a 90-minute presentation, which included a PowerPoint and a training video.

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During bulk trash week, crews will not pick up electronic items, including TVs. They will only pick up such bulk items as 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.

For electronic recyclables, which are defined as typically anything that contains a circuit board or needs a battery, residents must drop off those items from 8 a.m.-noon at the highway maintenance garage, 1 Collis St.

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 weekly curbside collection days.

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Dear Felicia

Things are getting interesting here in the berg, honey bunch. As February is turning into March and we're getting ready for those dreaded March winds, two big things are happening in the berg that will dominate our attention over the next several weeks.

By the time yew git this mis-sive, herroner, the esteemed Mayor Nancy Rossi, is putting the finishing touches on a version of the budget that is gonna go in front o' the Municipal Accountability Review Board, MARB. In fact, the panel is meeting in Hartford today according to the thoid floor of the Actors Colony, and herroner has a self-imposed deadline for the budget so the panel can look at it.

Of course, now that the city is for the second time in recent memory under the guidance of the state, it has a bigger role on what the budget is gonna look like than anybody else, herroner, the council, even the voters. They will decide effen

the numbers jibe, and whether the document can be presented to the council as proposed.

The council won't git a look at the thing until March 15. So that gives the MARB a large window to look at the numbers and see what's what. Herroner did give a big hint that come Hell or high water she intends not to raise taxes on the property owners and rate payers. That could mean cuts in the budget the likes o' which we ain't seen in these parts in a dog's age.

And effen yew think this won't have a ripple effect, think again. Sammy Bluejay came in t'other afternoon and brought up a wrinkle in this discussion we ain't see so far. With the MARB having the ability to approve any and all contracts betwixt the city and the unions, once it gives its "imprimatur" on the budget, any raises or proposed raises hafta go through it, and will hafta conform with the budget.

What d'yew think the chances are that nuthin' but COLA raises will be allowed in the near future. In fact, there is already talk that most of the discussions now being held center around a one- or two-year freeze in any wages. The possibility of a wage increase in the thoid year of those contracts is around, but some are saying even that might be askin' too much. One way or t'other, there is gonna be discontent amongst the ranks of the various city workers' groups.

But there is second ripple in the mix that Sammy brought up. Even when the City Council gits its hands on the proposed budget come March 15, the chances of making any changes, significant or otherwise, are even less this time 'round than usual. It takes nine votes of 13 to make any alterations on the mayor's proposed budget.

That's usually a large order to make even in the best of times. With the MARB having veto power over anything and everything, it would seem that the only thing the council could do is decrease the bottom line or rearrange line items whilst keeping the same total. That might be an even harder hurdle than usual. We shall see.

Of course, the other big story is the Charter Revision Commission that the City Council voted to put

together a couple weeks back. By the time this letter is received, Felicia, the applications will be in and the council will determine a couple of things: whether it will be a seven- or nine-member panel, and some of the criteria under which it will operate. According to the resolution it's gonna take up to 18 months, with a July 2019 final report date.

The foist thing anyone is gonna look at is who is on the commish. This has been the death knell of a couple of past attempts at revision, cuz the "fix was in" so to speak. People saw that despite claims of getting the right people, what was actually meant was the numbers were already filled with the "right" people to make the "right" decisions.

Let's hope this time is different and the commish actually represents a cross-section of the population and the interests of the taxpayers.

Chairman Ron Quagliani had his own ideas of what should happen, and we're sure that the members, once their picked will have their own. Let's just hope this thing doesn't get bogged down like the others did, and we go back a few decades, you and I, when it comes to these things. Heck, it seems like only yesterday we were seeing the back-and-forth over whether there should be an elected or appointed school board. The elected board was supposed to cut down on the politics. That really woiked, huh?

Tennyrate, many things have come up and many things have

been shot down. Let's hope this go-round is a bit different than ones that have gone before. Keep yore peepers on this one, it could be an interesting year and half.

Nelly Nuthatch was flut-terin' by t'other afternoon and sees that the primary for control of the Demmie Party is in the woiks, yet again. Like I mentioned before, the city's majority party - it's been that since lke was in power - has been like all Gaul: divided into three parts. In fact, there is a certain educator in town who uses that line concerning the city. Merlie Mae is famous for saying: West Haven est omnes in partes tres. Julius Caesar might agree, but I digress.

The Demmies are still segmented like a three-part orange and two of the divisions git along fine with each other to keep the thoid out. The only thing interesting is to see which two are aligned with each other this week, month or year. That's the only thing that keeps politics watchable hereabouts.

The primary is coming up, and the chairmanship and the overall leadership of the party is betwixt those who support the new administration of Mayor Nancy Rossi, and those who are part of the not-so-loyal opposition that supported former hizzoner Ed O'Brien.

With the notice going around that O'Brien has made his intentions known that he'd like to darken the corridors of the Actors Colony again after the 2019 election, the chairmanship is gonna be important as will the leadership. No matter what happens, it ain't gonna stop the problems that the party has, and it ain't gonna change until we git a second party that can keep 'em in check. Soooo, no matter what happens in the election, the in-fighting is gonna continue and, at least for the short term, be the only political game in town. Catch my drift, GOP?

With the rumor mill going, I guess we hafta say something. Yew probably hoid that the Voice is going through some reorganization as far as the ownership and what not. Well, that's true. It is. But, things aren't gonna change much for the average reader, or for the average person working here. Things are gonna stay perty much the same. Much of the ownership is the same, and some of it has changed.

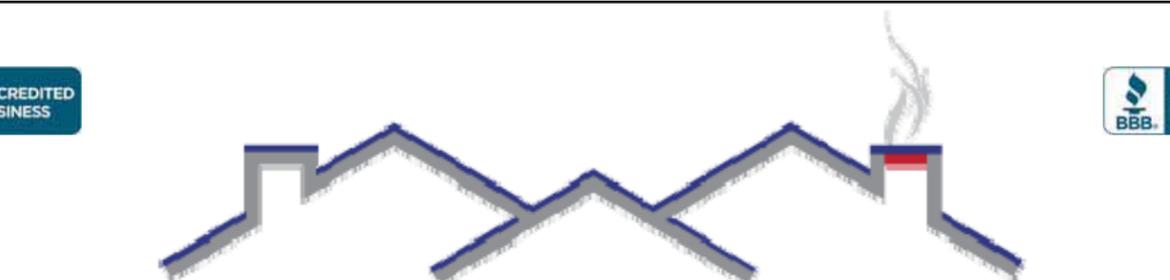
We hope that the new organizations will allow things that we ain't been able to do over the last little while. Like we've always said, effen praise was money, we'd be millionaires several times over. Mitt luff und kizzez.

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Celebrating love

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, center, joins Kip and Beverly Trembley, of William Street, during the city's 28th annual Valentine's Day party Feb. 14 at the Savin Rock Conference Center. The Trembleys, who have been married for 71 years, were among 28 couples married for at least 50 years who were honored at the two-hour event, which was presented by the mayor's office. Rossi recognized the Trembleys, both 89, as the event's oldest couple.

Historical Society seeks info on artist

The West Haven Historical Society is seeking information on a local artist William Lockwood for a planned exhibit on the local man.

He was well-known locally for having painted signs for owners of businesses at Savin Rock and his murals were known to grace the walls of several Savin Rock restaurants.

His family lived in West Haven for many years.

He was a gifted artist and performed other functions of art work for booths and exhibits at Savin Rock. He was also a portrait artist particularly of children.

Anyone who has information on this African-American painter is asked to call the West

Haven Historical Society at (203) 932-0088.

Meanwhile, the Society is to host Mayor Nancy Rossi on Thursday March 8.

The mayor is scheduled to speak at 7p.m. at the Poli House, 686 Savin Ave., opposite the Green. This is the first meeting of the Society in 2018.

"The Historical Society is looking forward to having the new mayor as our first speaker of 2018," noted President Jon E. Purmont. Rossi took office in December and is the city's first female chief executive in West Haven history.

All members are urged to attend. Society meetings are open to members of the public. Refreshments will be served.



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Pictured left to right: University of New Haven Associate Vice President of Public Safety and Administrative Services Ron Quagliani, Sergeant Robert Milslagle, Officer Christina Nicolia, Mayor Nancy Rossi, University of New Haven Chief Tracy L. Mooney, University of New Haven Assistant Chief Don Parker, and and Officer Keith Ellery.



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Charter revision thoughts

For the first time in a decade, the city is forming a Charter Revision Commission to review and revise the operating document under which West Haven's government operates. Announcement of the resolution calling for empaneling of a commission was made earlier this month by City Council Chairman Ronald Quagliani (D-at Large).

Under the terms of the resolution, a seven- or nine-member commission will be seated, and include a cross-section of residents, and political and civic leaders. The council asked for applications of those interested in sitting on the commission, once established, and that deadline passed this week.

In explaining his hopes for the commission, Quagliani is hoping some streamlining of city government as well as term limits and new term intervals are established. Particularly, he would like to see term limits in the mayoral and conciliar positions. This is an idea that has been bandied about in past revision attempts, with little success. We think it is a good idea, and Quagliani's suggestions are good ones.

Specifically, he would like the mayoral limit to be two four-year terms. The current charter has no limit as to years of service, but does have mayoral elections every two years in the odd-year. This is a good idea based on history and political reality.

Historically, there have been only two mayors since West Haven went to a mayor-council form of government that served one term. Mayor William Heffernan, not a bad mayor in the early 1970s, was a victim of the tripartite factionalism that has dominated Democratic Party politics in this city for three generations.

The only other mayor to be voted out after one term was Republican Clemente Evangeliste. Evangeliste, a businessman, took advantage of the nascent financial difficulties that arose under Democrat Azelio "Sal" Guerra, promising to run the city "like a business." In fact, he and his administration showed an incompetence that saw the city run a \$17 million deficit, which eventually brought the state in to bail us out. The effects of that budgetary imbroglio are still being felt today.

A four-year term is a good one, then, based on the city giving most mayors more than one term. A four-year term would allow an administration to advance an agenda without having to worry about re-election before the drapes in the mayor's office got dusty.

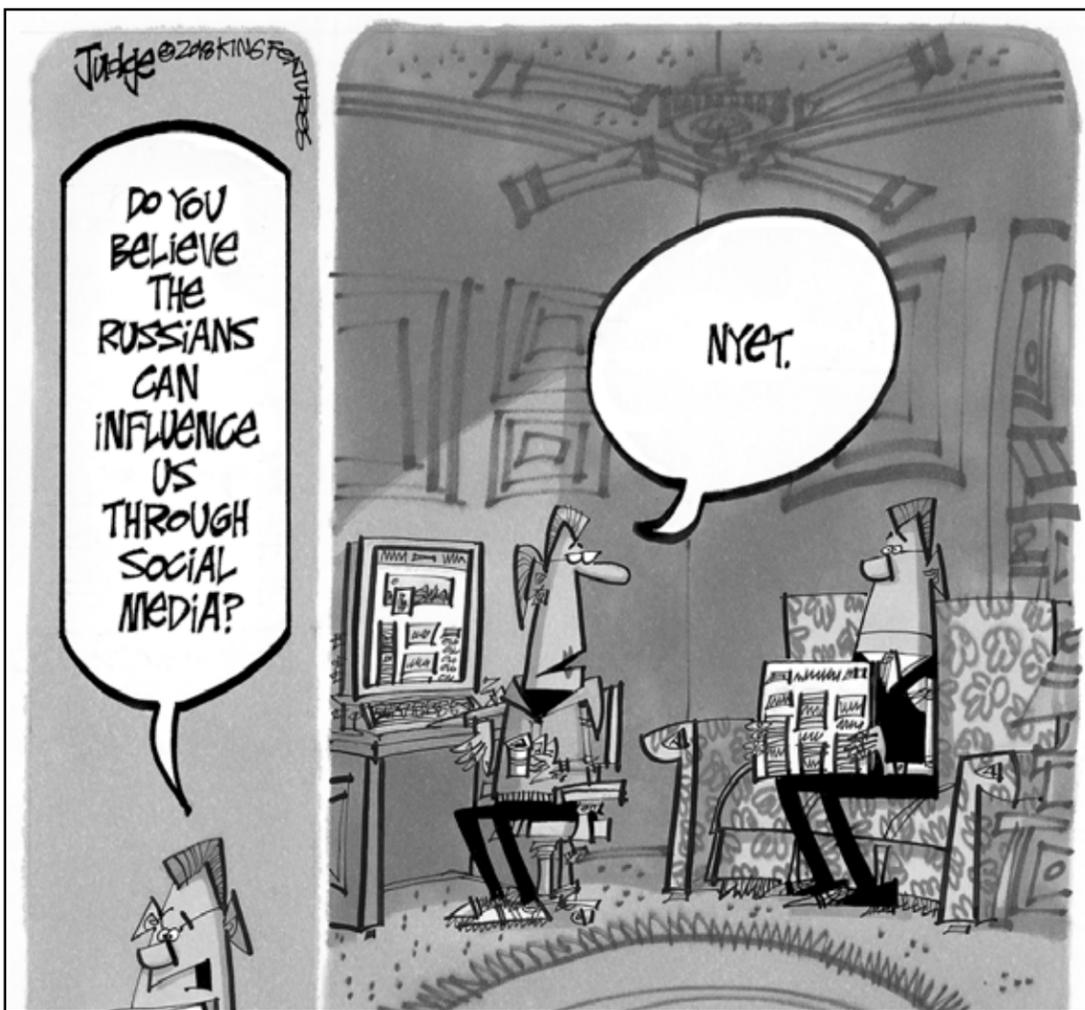
His idea about the council is both intriguing and, we hope, the point of discussion. He would like to see term limits on the council, but he has his own twist on the subject: staggering the terms of the council members similar to that of the Board of Education.

We would like, however, one more change on the council. Under the current charter, the minority party gets a minimum of one member - the highest polling minority vote-getter - to sit on the council. In the history of the City Council, voting patterns give the majority - most times, a 12-1 majority on the 13-member legislative body.

We support - and have supported in the past - the addition of two more seats on the council to 15 with those seats being at-large positions. We propose that three of those seats be majority and two minority. Many times, minority members have issues and or proposals they'd like to see discussed on the council, but fail for lack of a second. Under this change, minority representation - those that represent voters throughout the city - would have the ability to bring issues and motions to the table and have them discussed in open session. This would open up discussion and varying views of opinion, allowing voters to make informed decisions.

Finally, we would like to see the council adopt a less-stringent voting requirement for alteration of the city budget. This conforms to a similar proposal by Quagliani. Under the current charter provision, altering a line item on the mayor's proposed budget takes a super-majority of nine votes on the 13-member council. This has made altering the document nearly impossible over the years. A simple majority plus one, or a simple majority would be a change in the charter we would favor. The council reviews the entire budget, and should be able as the legislative body to make its own changes as a separate and equal branch of government. Meant as a check, it is, in fact, an inhibition to good and thoughtful discussion.

We urge the commission well, once it is empaneled. It has an 18-month mandate that is important for all residents.



McCarthy gets his moment

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

If only Joe McCarthy had lived to see this moment, when it is suddenly in vogue to attribute large-scale events in American politics to the hand of Russia and to inveigh against domestic subversion.

Robert Mueller released an indictment of 13 Russians for crimes related to their social-media campaign to meddle in our internal affairs in the run-up to and aftermath of the 2016 election.

Mueller obviously isn't a McCarthyite, and can't be held responsible for the hysteria -- and hopeful expectations of an impeachment-level event -- that has built up around his work. His indictment is, as far as anyone can tell, rigorously factual. That's probably the point of it -- to create a record of an episode that we should want to know as much about as possible and prevent from ever happening again.

The Russia campaign was a shockingly cynical violation of our sovereignty. President Donald Trump would do himself and the country a favor by frankly denouncing it. But the scale of the operation shouldn't be exaggerated. In the context of a hugely expensive, obsessively covered, impossibly dramatic presidential election, the Russian contribution on social media was piddling and often laughable.

The Russians wanted to boost Trump, but as a Facebook executive noted, most of their spending on Facebook ads came after the election. The larger goal was to sow discord, yet we had already

primed ourselves for plenty of that.

Does anyone believe, absent Russian trolls on Twitter and Facebook, that we were headed to a placid election season involving an incendiary, mediagenic former reality TV star bent on blowing up the political establishment and a longtime pol who had stoked the enmity of Republicans for 30 years and was under FBI investigation?

If you read the Mueller indictment, you might think the Russians were everywhere, not only advertising on Facebook ("Trump is our only hope for a better future"; "Ohio Wants Hillary 4 Prison"), but organizing rallies around the country. But it's not clear these rallies even came off.

The Russians didn't do any-

thing to us that we weren't doing to ourselves, although we were doing it on a much larger, more potent scale. The Russians are just aping the arguments we are already having with one other, and the sewerish level of much of the discussion on social media.

The New York Times ran a report the other day on Russian bots, in the immediate aftermath of the Parkland school shooting, posting on Twitter about gun control. It's hard to believe that this is going to rip apart the American body politic when many perfectly respectable, red-blooded Americans themselves advocate for gun control, and often in the immediate aftermath of shootings.

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Support Rossi team

Last year the voters of West Haven elected Nancy Rossi as our new mayor and gave her a mandate to get West Haven's fiscal house in order. Upon taking office she has uncovered a greater financial crisis than even she had predicted and inherited a city that is now under a State Review Board. She is working diligently to reduce unnecessary expenditures and reforming our city government into an efficient and cost effective operation. So what do we do to support her efforts to clean up West Haven?

First, 60 of West Haven's finest Democratic community-minded residents have stepped forward to run with

Mayor Rossi in the upcoming Democratic Town Committee Election which will be held on March 6. Mayor Rossi needs the support of the Democratic Town Committee in her efforts to reform and elect candidates who will do the right thing and not the politically correct thing.

The Democratic Town Committee's role is to be the voice of the Democratic Party at the local level. One main objective of the Democratic Town Committee is to endorse Democratic candidates to run for office, both at the local and state level. I am running along with five other people from our district, Dorothy Chambrelli, John Clifford, Tom McCarthy, Lori Nacca and Andréa Tala-

melli.

Former Mayor John Picard made great strides in getting our fiscal house in order over his eight years in office but unfortunately the last administration dismantled all the progress that we had made and crippled our financial standing to the point where the state felt compelled to step in to manage our finances in cooperation with Mayor Rossi.

We must move on, remember the mistakes of the past, vow not to make them again and support Mayor Rossi in her efforts to place West Haven on a solid financial basis. We are asking for your vote to continue our efforts on behalf of the Democratic principles that we believe in. Please get out and vote on March 6 at Pagels Elementary School from 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. Vote Row - B.

Thank you for your support!
Gail Burns

Rossi hypocritical

I find it hypocritical that the new mayor of West Haven, Nancy Rossi, is, once again, forcing the city taxpayers to pay for primary election. Rossi ran a campaign for mayor on the need to save every dollar we could, and she stopped our Public Works Department from performing critical func-

tions that make West Haven clean and safe. She is also suggesting our concerts and festivals come to an end and she is stopping much-needed infrastructure improvements that jeopardize projects that will bring revenue into the city.

She is doing all this in the name of saving money for a fictitious dire financial picture she painted for political gain.

The Democratic Town Committee held a caucus in January to elect members. Any Democrat, including Rossi, could have come and sought the nomination and may did. Rossi and her team did not show up and nominate anybody.

There was an election and a 60-member team was chosen. That's where it should have ended, but not in the minds of Team Rossi.

Days after the caucus, Nancy Rossi and team decided

that they didn't like the people the Democratic voters elected and put in motion another primary race, a race that will cost the taxpayers of West Haven \$60,000. This money could be better used to hire one more police officer, one more teacher or two paraprofessionals or any other well needed position.

It is incomprehensible that she would threaten layoffs and at the same time spend our tax dollars in this manner.

Either Nancy Rossi doesn't have the backbone to stand up to the team that put her in office, or she truly speaks in fork tongue, and does what is politically advantageous for her, the hell with us taxpayers.

I would like Mayor Rossi saying one thing and doing another right out of the gate is a huge mistake and one fellow Democrats will not forget.

Douglas J. Turcotte III

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would be less defensive about the Russian investigation, and his opposition would be less obsessively invested in it (at least until such time that it produces a genuine bombshell). We should seek to shut down Russian influence as much as possible, without losing perspective. We aren't divided because of Russia; we're divided because we have genuine, deeply held differences. The fault, to the extent there is one, isn't with the bots, but with ourselves.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.
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Season of Light awards

New Haven Ski Club member Frank Meyer and Dubel's Cafe owner Fred Hugendubel, holding plaques, receive Season of Light awards from, from left, West Haven Youth and Family Services Director Robert S. Morton and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi on Feb. 22 at City Hall for their contributions to the annual toy drive organized by Morton's agency. Hugendubel is joined by his toy drive organizers, from left, Cathy Abrams, Lisa Kelly and Elma Dunn. Morton distributed the toys, valued around \$3,000, to 76 city families in need, including 170 children, and to WTNH-TV anchorwoman Ann Nyberg's Toy Closet at Yale-New Haven Hospital.



CCM cards available for drug discounts

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The City of West Haven Prescription Discount Card is available for uninsured and underinsured residents, as well as their pets, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi said.

Rossi said the free card, which reduces prescription medication costs, is provided by the city through its partnership with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities,

the statewide association of towns and cities.

West Haven has participated in the CCM Discount Prescription Drug Card Program, which is free to CCM-member municipalities, since November 2013.

During that time, CCM said, the program has saved city residents more than \$176,000 in prescription costs — a 63 percent savings over what they would have paid for the

3,094 prescriptions filled so far.

The prescription card saves an average of 45 percent off the retail price of medications and provides discounts on vision, Lasik and hearing care services. It also saves residents money on prescription medications not covered by insurance.

The card offers the following features and benefits:

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tions are covered, including pet prescriptions — provided that it is a medication that also treats a human condition.

—There is no cost to the city or participating residents.

—There are many participating pharmacy chains nationwide, such as CVS, Rite Aid, Stop & Shop, Walgreens, Walmart and Big Y, along with many independent pharmacies locally.

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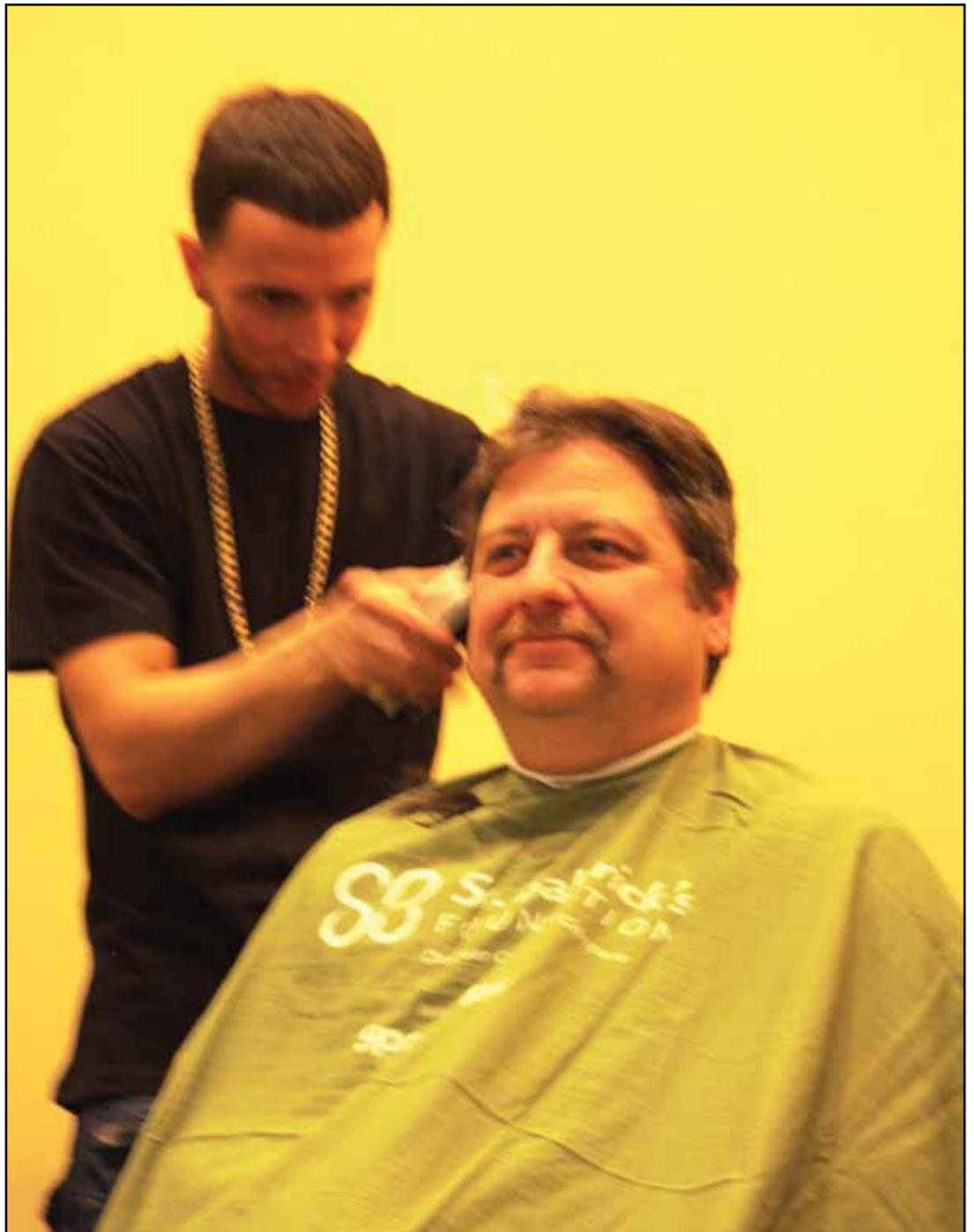
residents regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. There are no enrollment forms, membership fees, restrictions or limits on the frequency of use.

Cards can be printed by visiting www.CTRxDiscountCard.com and selecting City of West Haven from the drop-down menu. Cards can also be picked up in the mayor's office on the third floor of City Hall, 355 Main St.

Submitted Photo

St. Baldrick's Day

Center District Firefighter Tony Mancini goes under the razor for the New Haven County Firefighters Emerald Society's St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser, hosted Feb. 22 at West River Hall. The annual event raises awareness and funds for cancer research.



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Gripevine

By Eleanore Turkington



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Mayor of your plight.

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improve Highland Street.

Thank you and your husband for caring enough to work at cleaning up your street. I am hopeful that you will see an improvement soon.

Coming up: Cracked sidewalk on Elm Street...broken down vehicle on Winslow Drive...Pot holes on Greta Street...crosswalk light not working on Campbell Avenue to Richard Street...street light remains on at 160 Boston Post Road...pot holes on both sides of Plainfield Street...hole in sidewalk in corner center of Lakeview Avenue...traffic signal turning on to Camp-

bell Avenue at Elm Street not working... motorists ignoring crosswalk on Ocean Avenue to Beach...Fountain Terrace becoming speedway used as a short cut between Hopkins, Curtis Drive and Fountain Street...Pine tree obstructing view corner Laurel Street and much more.

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You can send your gripes, comments and questions to gripevine4w@aol.com or mail to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice. Please include your name, address and phone number kept strictly confidential with me.

Gripe Vine Readers:

I am sure you read Mayor Nancy Rossi's reply to Gripe Vine recently in which she provided Council Members' phone numbers for residents to contact with their complaints. This list was provided in the Feb. 15 issue of the West Haven Voice.

According to Mayor Rossi's response to Gripe Vine, "Please know that the City of West Haven will listen and answer all complaints and requests from residents and any inquiries that you forward for your column. The City Council should be the first line of communication for a resident that has a complaint. The website for the city council is <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/183/city-council>. If you are unsure of your district call Administrative Assistant to City Council Michael DiMassa at [mdimassa@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:mdimassa@westhaven-ct.gov) or 203 937-3672 No response? Call the Mayor's office at 203 937-3510."

However, readers, please remember, if YOU DO NOT receive confirmation that your complaint was addressed, contact me at [gripevine4wh@aol.com](mailto:gripevine4wh@aol.com) or write to Gripe Vine c/o The West Haven Voice, 666 Savin Avenue. I will follow up and get you results!

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Would you please look into flooding at the intersection of Central and Derby Road? When you turn off Route 34 you hit more than a foot of water.

WF

Dear W.F.:

An investigation into the flooding off Route 34 was forwarded to Louis Esposito, Executive Assistant to the Mayor. His reply, "I've had crews out the last couple of days clearing the tops of debris. I'll have that location checked again the next time it rains. Thank you for the input."

As an added note, readers, the Public Works Department has issued a request to residents, "if necessary, clear the top of your neighborhood

catch basins in order to ensure that the rain will be able to drain effectively without causing any flooding issues. Though we have been out and about the city clearing areas, our crews can't be everywhere. That's why we need your help!"

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There are pot holes on Kelsey Avenue moving towards Armstrong Rubber from Bassett Street. Some of them are more than five inches deep. When will these conditions be solved?

Motorist

Dear Motorist:

I notified Louis Esposito, Executive Assistant to the Mayor of these pot holes. According to Esposito, "Hopefully the temperature stays up and we have no rain or snow. The patch crew will be out filling them."

Gripe Vine Readers:

It is most important that Gripe Vine receives word from readers who have been troubled with these pot holes. Have they been filled? Please let me know.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I am imploring your help in rectifying a messy situation. I am a resident of Highland Street and try desperately to keep our property clean and neat, but recently many individuals fly down the hill and throw out large bags of trash from their vehicles, littering the hill on both sides right down to Campbell Avenue. My husband and I constantly dispose of all this messy trash and it is a daunting task.

I am asking if you could put in a good word and have some public works people come to try and get rid of this mess. Any help would be greatly appreciated. These individuals give West Haven a bad name, "Waste Haven." Please help!

Emoji

Dear Emoji:

By the time you read my column today, you should have seen some improvement. I have notified Lois Esposito Jr., Executive Assistant to the

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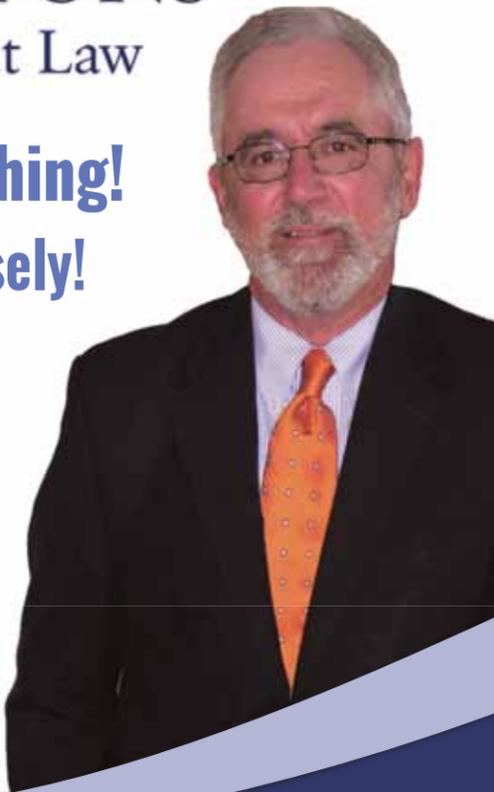
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# Historian's corner By Dan Shlino



## The Irish in America Part I

St. Patrick's Day is fast approaching; it is a day when many will wear something green, watch parades, eat corned beef and cabbage, and maybe hoist a green beer or two; for on this particular day as the saying goes, "Everyone wants to be Irish." Today, there are 45 million Americans that can lay claim to some degree of Irish ancestry; their large numbers make Irish-Americans the second largest ethnic group (after German-Americans) in the country. And yet, they came to our shores from an island that is but half the size of New England. So what was it that brought all these sons and daughters of Erin to this country in the first place?

Not surprisingly, the ancestors of today's Irish-Americans came here looking for land, economic advancement and religious freedom. Since the

1600s, more than seven million Irish have come to America. From the beginning, their influence changed American politics, religion, culture and economics. During the 1600s, it is estimated that between 50,000 and 100,000 Irish immigrated to the Colonies. During the 1700s and early 1800s, another half million sailed to this country in their wooden ships, and many of them entered America through the ports of New York and Boston. And from 1830 to 1914, almost 5 million Irish went to the United States alone. In 1890 two of every five Irish-born people were living abroad.

The major stimulus for this protracted exodus was the Great Hunger, also known as the Irish Potato Famine, which began in 1845 and lasted for over six years. By the early 1800s, Ireland was home to some eight million souls who were among the



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**Most Irish farmers were sharecroppers, paying rent through a portion of the annual harvest. The Irish potato famine of the 1840s and later problems forced many families off the land by absentee landlords. Many millions emigrated to America.**

poorest people in the Western World. Only about a quarter of the Irish population could read or write. Life expectancy was short, averaging just 40 years for men. The Irish married quite young—girls at sixteen, boys at seventeen or eighteen—and they produced large families, although infant mortality was quite high.

At that time, half of all Irish families lived in single room, windowless mud cabins that had thatched roofs and didn't have chimneys. The staple crop that sustained the Irish poor was the potato, which is rich in protein, carbohydrates, minerals and vitamins such as riboflavin, niacin and Vitamin C. It was therefore possible for the Irish to survive on a diet that consisted solely of potatoes. And because of their profound poverty, the Irish tenant farmers were forced to do just that, for it was their only means of staying alive.

But in 1845, and lasting for six years, a fungus named *phytophthora infestans*

caused most of the potato crop to turn black and die in the fields. Soon, whole families began to starve and die: there were fathers too weak to care for their dying children, mothers dying with their dead babies in their frail arms, starving children weeping by dead parents. Those who managed to survive were often evicted from their homes by their landlords, because the failure of their crops made it impossible for them to pay the rent. And the method of eviction was exceedingly cruel: the family was taken from the home, while "house wreckers" came and took down the roof's ridge pole, making the home uninhabitable. Often, the newly dispossessed were simply left to die of exposure in the cold Irish rains.

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# Sports Sports Sports Sports Sports

## Sharks win 2nd SCC championship

The West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy girls hockey team appears to be peaking at the right time. The Westie Sharks defeated the Hamden Green Dragons to win the SCC South Division Championship, defending the title they won last season.

On Wednesday evening at the Bennett Rink, the Westie Sharks defeated the Notre Dame of Fairfield Lancers 3-0 in the semifinals of the SSC tournament.

Taylor Nowak got the Westie Sharks on the board just 3:41 into the game when her shot went off the Lancers' goaltender, popped up in the air and landed in the crease before trickling across the goal line for the 1-0 lead. Nowak then set up Brooke McNabola for the second goal and McNabola found the net from the right point to make it 2-0. CC Condon iced the game early in the third period when she raced down the right side and fired a shot from the circle that eluded the Lancers' keeper for the 3-0 final. Kyleen Crowe did the rest in net for the girls, making 22 saves to preserve the shutout victory.

The Westie Sharks advanced to the championship game against the Hamden Green Dragons with an opportuni-

ty to defend their SCC title. The Green Dragons took the early lead with a goal just 2:52 into the game on a deflection of a shot that Tatum Courtmanche never saw. The second period was all Westie Sharks with Megan Froehlich taking a Taylor Nowak pass and snapping it past the Hamden goaltender 1:09 in to knot the game 1-1. Two minutes and thirty-five seconds later, it was Froehlich again on the rebound of a Jianna Cohrs' shot to put the girls up 2-1. The Westie Sharks would extend their lead to 3-1 when Taylor Nowak scored off a rebound of a CC Condon shot.

The Dragons let the Westie Sharks know that this would be a game fought for a full 45 minutes, when they cut the lead to 3-2 just 1:42 into the final frame. Both teams continued to put on the pressure during the third period until Froehlich completed her hat trick with a goal with 4:06 left in the game. The Dragons scored just 19 seconds later to get back with one at 4-3, setting up a frenetic, final three minutes. Hamden continued to pepper Tatum Courtmanche with shot after shot but she was equal to the task, making 46 saves, many, spectacular to preserve the victory.

Megan Froehlich earned Most Outstanding Player honors for her efforts. Coach Erin Blake was recognized for the second year in a row as the SCC Coach of the Year. Veronica Lynn and Taylor Nowak earned first team All SCC honors while sophomore Tatum Courtmanche was selected to the second team SCC.

This week, the girls began their quest for a state championship hosting Hall/Conard on Monday evening. If victorious, the girls will travel to take on the New Canaan Rams on either Friday or Saturday.

The boys hockey team got a monster performance from senior goaltender Logan Cole on Monday afternoon when Cole turned aside 51 Cheshire shots in a 4-1 victory over the Rams at Wesleyan University's Schneider Arena. The Blue Devils took a 1-0 lead when Collin Braziel scored 6:34 into the game, assisted by Niko Kyle and Kevin Moriarty.

Kaden Morgillo made it 2-0, 3:06 into the second period and then Braziel got his second of the game with 1:04 left in the period, assisted by Niko Kyle and Robbie Forleo. The Rams got on the scoreboard with 5:30 left in the game to break the shutout but, Niko Kyle iced

the game with a tally with 2:47 remaining for the 4-1 final.

On Saturday, the Westies traveled to the campus of Trinity College to take on the Glastonbury Tomahawks. The Blue Devils were shorthanded due to injuries and illness but battled with the Tomahawks. Trailing 1-0, Niko Kyle scored at 5:38 of the third period, assisted by Kaden Morgillo and Richie Greene to even the game at 1-1. Logan Cole had another outstanding game between the pipes making 44 saves but, Glastonbury was able to get the game-winner past him with 2:10 remaining to send the Westies home with a 2-1 loss.

This week, the Blue Devils traveled to Hamden to face the Green Dragons in their final, regular season game and will then find out who they will face in the CIAC Tournament when the pairings are announced on Friday at noon.

The boys swimming team dropped its final, regular season meet with the North Haven Indians 99-66 on Wednesday in North Haven.

The Westies got victories from Chris D'Inzio in the 100 breaststroke and the 400 freestyle relay team of D'Inzio, Issac Gorske, Luis Lopez and Shane Taulty.

Photo by Russ McCreven



### Setting the tone

The West Haven-SHA goaltender Tatum Courtmanche denies Hamden's Demeri Carangelo in the opening minutes of Saturday's SCC Girls Ice Hockey playoff at the Edward Bennett Rink. The West Haven-Sacred Heart squad held off the Greenies, 4-3, and win their second straight league championship.

## Knights upset Cross in SCC tourney

Basketball starts postseason with two wins over Cheshire and Cross, hockey goes 2-1 with a senior night win, swimming closes regular season and wrestling has two compete at CIAC State Open.

**Basketball** -- ND basketball won its first two SCC playoff games beating Cheshire, 63-34, before upsetting top-seed Cross, 59-56, in the quarterfinal round. Zach Iaput led ND with 15 points and Jaiden

Kimbro made five of six free throws in final 20 seconds as ND held off late-charging Cross in quarterfinal round. In win against Cheshire, the Green Knights used an 18-2 run mid third-quarter to pull away with the win.

**Hockey** -- Mike Bencivengo recorded a hat trick and added an assist as ND used four-goal second period to build 5-0 lead en route to a 7-1 win over Fairfield Warde/Ludlowe

on Senior Day on Saturday. The night before they fell to Ridgefield, 5-2, and opened the week with a tidy 5-1 home win over Darien. They ended the regular season playing ND-Fairfield on Tuesday and will play top-ranked Fairfield Prep for the SCC/SWC D1 championship on Friday in a 6 pm faceoff at Bennett Rink.

**Wrestling** -- Derrick Pommills, Jr. and Connor Massey represented Notre Dame

wrestling at the CIAC State Open on Feb. 23-24 at the NH Athletic Center. They both lost their first round match in the double-elimination format. Pommills won two consolation round matches before losing while Massey won one consolation round match before bowing out.

**Swimming** -- North Hansen and Cameron Jurzyk won three events each but ND swimming fell to Shel-

ton as the Gaels won the final four events to beat the Green Knights, 92-78, in regular season finale. Notre Dame competed in the SCC Trials, Diving, and Swim Championships on Feb. 26-28.

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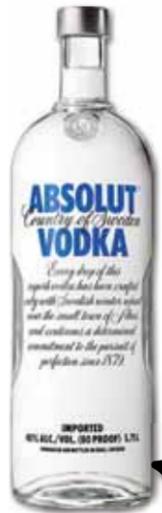
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## Westie Blue In Touch *By Mike Madera*

The West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy girls hockey team had never beaten Hamden in its history. The Westie Sharks picked a good time to change that.

Behind three goals from Most Outstanding Player Megan Froehlich and 46 saves from fellow sophomore Tatum Courtmanche, West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy topped Hamden 4-3 in the Southern Connecticut Conference South Division championship at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven Saturday evening.

The title for the Westie Sharks (17-4-1) was their second in a row, having defeated Amity/North Haven/Cheshire in the league's title game last season. "We had never beaten them

in our history," West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy coach Erin Blake said. "It says a lot about these girls. It says a lot about the program. The girls give their all from start to finish. Every girl on this team contributes. We have the heart."

The Westie Sharks had to withstand a furious Hamden rally in the third period to secure their second straight title.

Just 1 minute, 42 seconds into the final period, Hamden's Taylor Klesyk got the Green Dragons within 3-2 when she scored in front off an assist from Mackenzie Sargolini.

The Green Dragons (14-4-2) then threw everything they had at Courtmanche in the third period, putting 22 shots

on goal. Courtmanche was outstanding, denying Margaret Gould, Claire Boncek and Abigail Sullivan, then Ariana Martin in close with 4:55 remaining.

While Courtmanche was keeping the Westie Sharks in front, Froehlich scored what looked to be an insurance goal when she rifled a shot from the slot past Hamden goaltender Gianna Spiro with 4:06 remaining for a 4-2 advantage.

Hamden would not go away, and needed just 19 seconds to get within 4-3 on a goal by Angela Greco off an assist from Kelsey Carignan. Courtmanche denied Martin in front with 2:21 left and the Westie Sharks were closer to the title.

"We had never beaten them before, and this is the best place to beat them for the first time," Courtmanche said. "We just stayed focused."

The Westie Sharks took over play in the second period, scoring three times in a span of 9:47 for a 3-1 advantage. Froehlich sparked the Westie Sharks, scoring the first two goals and fellow sophomore Taylor Nowak extended the margin to a pair of goals.

"We had a bad second period," Hamden coach Mike Callan said. "We did not play very smart hockey in the second period. We did not play well as a team and that cost us. We made some costly mistakes. Give them credit. They capitalized. Coach (Erin) Blake and Coach (Jocey) Morrell do a great job. They deserve it."

After Brooke McNabola was stopped in close, Froehlich evened the game at one just a short time later when she took a perfect pass from Nowak and one-timed a shot past Spiro just 1:09 into the second period. Spiro came up big in the middle period for Hamden, turning aside 18 shots, but the Westie Sharks scored twice more.

Froehlich gave West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy a 2-1 lead when she knocked in a rebound of a shot by Jianna Cohrs with 3:44 gone by, before Nowak capped the second period scoring spree with a rebound goal off a shot by Celina Condon with 4:01 left in the second.

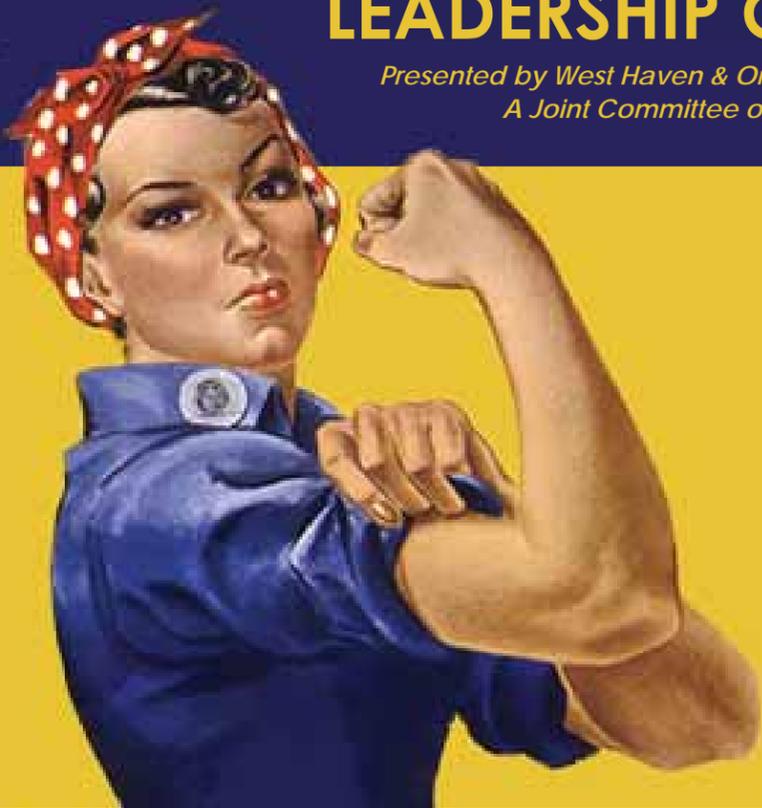
"This feels great," Froehlich said. "In the past years, West Haven has not won against Hamden. This was a lot of team work and a lot of communication on and off the ice."

Hamden controlled play from the start in the opening period, taking the first ten shots on goal until Nowak finally got the Westie Sharks in the shot column with 7:50 remaining in the opening period.

During the initial ten shots of **See Westie Blue, page 16**

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# Panthers win Girls League title

The M & S Lawncare Panthers capped an undefeated season with a 20-6 win over the Prospect Beach Club Blue Devils to capture the West Haven Girls Basketball junior championship Friday night at Seth Haley.

Jasmine Smith started the scoring for the Panthers to give them an early lead. Ciera Harp and Jayda Stewart chipped in with hoops to give the Panthers a 6-0 halftime lead. Michelle Tompkins, Jasmine Smith and Jaecianna Mitchell opened the game up after the half with key hoops. Summer Krajcir and Camryn Howard sealed the win with late scoring and key rebounds.

The Blue Devils were led on the offensive end by D'Lyana Dixon and Siah Spence.

Member of the champion Panthers are Summer Krajcir, Cameron Howard, Michelle Tompkins, Jayda Stewart, Kayla Burt, Avery Criscio,

Isabella Chambasis, Annabelle Passacreta, Ciera Harp, Rylie Boynton, Jaecianna Mitchell, Lisa Hennessey, and Jasmine Smith.

Members of the Blue Devils are Ella Morgan, Jessica Heaven, Siah Spence, D'Lyana Dixon, Bella Quiroz, Courtney Gorske, Angelica Riley, Candyce Cox, Talia Decresenzo, Evita Tocci, Heaven McKinney, and Abby Giaquinto.

The sixth seeded Blue Devils reached the finals as D'Lyana Dixon hit a game winning jumper in the third overtime to outlast the second seeded Gunning Law Huskies, 16-15.

Siah Spence, Ella Morgan and Jessica Heaven led the scoring for the Blue Devils. The Huskies got scoring from Araiya Smith, Molly Gunning, Chloe Whelan and Finley Gunning.

The Panthers reached the championship by outlasting

the Lacobelle Law Bruins, 25-15.

The Panthers were led on

offensive end by Summer Krajcir, Ciera Harp and Michelle Tompkins. The

Bruins scoring came from Jaelyn Powell, Noelle Lawrence and Etta Funke.



The M & S Lawncare Panthers ran the table, going undefeated and winning the West Haven Girls Basketball League junior division title with a 20-6 win over the Prospect Beach Club Blue Devils. The team shows off its trophies following the win.

## Squirt A squad upended by Avon, 5-2

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team dropped its only game of the weekend, losing 5-2 to Avon A, at Edward L. Bennett Rink on Saturday morning.

The Westies are now 32-13-3 overall.

Thomas Porto got the Blue Devils going in the opening period when he sliced through the Avon defense and wristed the puck home for a 1-0 lead 3:36 into the contest. Avon scored the next five goals of

the game and had a 5-1 lead early in the third period.

Sean Studley's slick redirection of Dylan Link's shot from the right point made the score 5-2 with two minutes left in the game.

Jacob Silva had 22 saves in net for the Westies.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team fell to 29-18-5 after losing a pair of games this weekend. The Westies opened the week with a 4-1 loss against New Canaan,

and closed the weekend with a 6-2 loss against Wallingford.

Trailing 2-0 Saturday afternoon against New Canaan in Darien, the Westies got within 2-1 in the second period when Shane Repetto's shot was stopped, but Jayden Spreyer knocked in the rebound. West Haven never got closer as New Canaan scored twice in the final period to win by three.

The Westies played host to Wallingford on Sunday, and again got within a goal twice,

before falling at the Edward L. Bennett Rink. Spreyer and Madera led the offense with two assists apiece.

Trailing 2-0 after one period, West Haven inched closer when Spreyer fed Michael Madera in front. Madera spun and fed an open Colin Deane just 32 seconds into the middle period to cut the deficit in half.

Wallingford scored three power play goals in the game and took a 3-1 lead with a power play goal with 3:53 re-

maining in the second.

The Westies again got within a goal when Madera fed Jack Sellman at the point, and the defenseman's shot found the back of the net with two minutes left in the second. Spreyer, who dug the puck out of the corner, also picked up an assist on Sellman's goal.

Wallingford put the game away with three goals in the third, two coming in a span of 1:47 to give the guests a 5-2 lead.

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### Time to celebrate!

Megan Froehlich celebrates one of her three goals in the SCC Championship game. The Sharks topped the Hamden Green Dragons, 4-3, to capture the league championship for the second year in a row. See page 12 and 14 for more on the game.



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### Drive to victory

The Chargers' Taija Lloyd starts a drive to the hoop. Lloyd's team and the Mercury played a close game until the last period when the Chargers pulled away for a 44-29 championship victory in the senior division.

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## 28 Wizards are All-Stars

The West Haven Wizards hosted the Yankee League Swim Finals this past weekend. All 11 teams from the Yankee League came to compete.

During this meet, a number of Yankee League records were broken, including one record that had stood since 1978. From finals, the top three swimmers in each event qual-

ify for the All-Star Pentathlon.

This year, 28 Wizards advanced to the All-Star meet, and three others qualified at alternates: Ari Rose, Christina Richardson, Michael Wright, Evan Piskura, Naomi Shubin, Ray Listorti, Erin Morton, Leah Mendosa, Aarya Mulmi, Ean Annatone, Lauren Blake, Macie Rascoll, Kaleigh Morton, Collin Charron, Bo Wureh, Hannah Rascoll, Jillian Goldbeck, Emily Eschweiler, Madison Hobart, Vivien Freitas, Kaya Vital, Molly Wilson, Gavin Kanlong, Jillian Doherty, Arianna Chen, Madison Elias, Carly Weber, Anya Celmer and Morgan Falanga, George Bohorquez and Sean Fitzpatrick as alternates.

The All-Star Pentathlon is a unique meet, in that all the swimmers compete in the same five events: butterfly,

backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle and a 100-yard individual medley. The times from all events are added up and the swimmer from each age group with the fastest cumulative time wins.

West Haven will host the pentathlon on Saturday, beginning at 9.

For more information on the West Haven Wizards please visit the website at [www.westhavenwizards.org](http://www.westhavenwizards.org)

The spring season is just around the corner Registration will be opening in March 2018 through the West Haven Parks and Recreation Website. The Wizards spring team is an eight-week stroke clinic, where new swimmers to learn all four strokes and fundamentals of swimming.

All ages and abilities are welcome.

## Westie Blue In Touch

Continued from page 14

the game, Hamden took a 1-0 lead when Gould's shot eluded Courtmanche 2:52 into the game.

Courtmanche finished the opening period with 15 saves, including a dynamic save on a Martin shot from the slot with 8:25 remaining. A one-timer by Klesyk was also turned aside by Courtmanche with 2:02 remaining in the opening period.

The Westie Sharks were able to gain some momentum at the end of the first period, holding off the Green Dragons on a 5-on-3 advantage for 1:51. Nowak had the best scoring opportunity in that time frame as she went the length of the ice, but was turned aside by Spiro.

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**Everyone in**  
Just about everyone is getting into the mix here. The action took place early in the West Haven Girls Basketball League championship game last Saturday at the Edith Mackrille gym. The Chargers topped the Mercury, 44-29, for the senior division championship

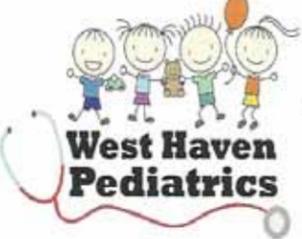
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**Block party**  
The action got competitive as the Chargers and Mercury Girls Basketball teams fought it out for the city senior division title. The Chargers pulled away for a 44-29 win at the Mackrille School gym last Saturday.

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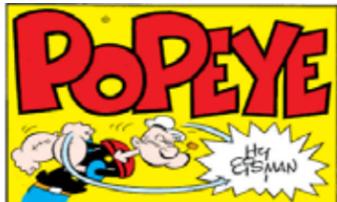
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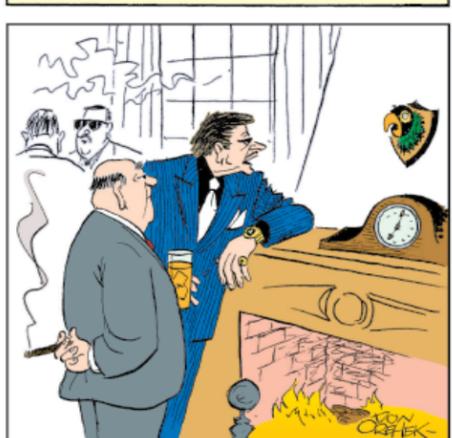


### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



### LAFF-A-DAY



"He was a great bird and I'm gonna miss 'im. But he knew too much."



## Around Town

### Senior Center trips

The West Haven Senior Center is offering the following trips:  
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### Senior Center trips

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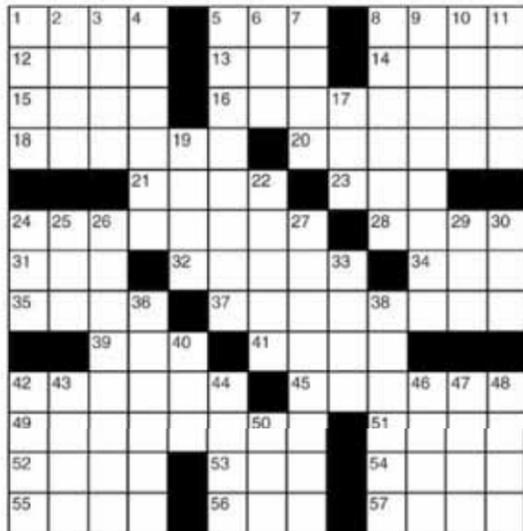
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  - 24 Help on "Millionaire"
  - 28 Pealed
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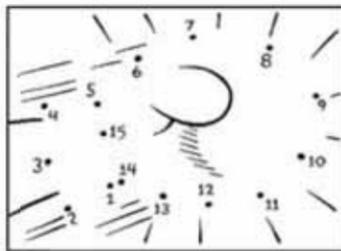
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## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

**WEATHER REPORT!**

Below are 12 words you might use year-round when talking about the weather. Use these words to complete the puzzle grid above. Use the trial-and-error method; erasers are optional.

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| ACRE | PING |
| CAR  | ALLY |
| BROW | DISH |
| DELI | AGE  |
| GLOB | VERY |
| BRAN | SING |

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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.

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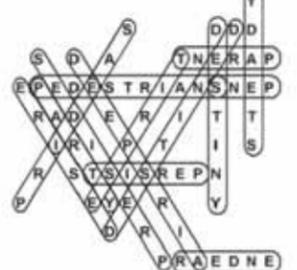
## Answers to last week's puzzles

— King Crossword —  
Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.



**WORDS FOUND IN "PRESIDENTS DAY"**



— Weekly SUDOKU —  
Answer

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