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BOE tours WHHS reconstruction

Members of the board of education ventured down to the high school Monday night to view progress of the 108,000 square foot addition being constructed.

They were led through the site by West Haven High School Building Committee Chairman Ken Carney and employees of Gilbane Building Company, the firm hired to complete the project. Carney said the company had gone "above and beyond" what the contract entailed and were doing a great job.

"The quality of people on the job is second to none," said Carney, "the quality [of the project] shows it."

Carney said this phase of the \$130 million project is on schedule to be "delivered" this August.

Among the areas the board toured were the main entrance, auditorium, cafeteria and shop classes. Superintendent Neil Cavallaro noted the large double-sided refrigerated room that would be near the cafeteria and said it would be a very good opportunity

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Photo by Josh LaBella

The Board of Education toured the WHHS building site, complete with hard hats. Left to right: Board members Patrick Leigh, and Rosa Richardson, Vice-Chairman Robert Guthrie, members Karen Pacelli, Susan Walker and James Morrissey, Superintendent Neil Cavallaro, Building Committee Chairman Ken Carney.



Photo by Ruth G. Torres

Christmas card artists

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, left, recognizes the designers of her Christmas cards Friday in the lobby of Bailey Middle School. Joining Rossi are, from left, Bailey seventh-grader Amanda Zheng, Assistant Principal Stacy Sutton, seventh-grader Amy Zheng, eighth-grader Aleska Aponte, seventh-grader Cassidy Montz, Principal Robert Bohan, seventh-grader Rose Vitale and Assistant Principal Scott Shand. The students received their original artwork in a frame, along with a professional copy of their card.



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Government Meetings

Tuesday, Jan 15
Inland Wetlands Agency, Public Hearing and a Regular Meeting, Harriet North Room, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan 16
Zoning Board of Appeals Regular Meeting, Harriet North Meeting Room, City Hall, 7:15 p.m.

Monday, Jan 21
City Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers, Public Session 7 p.m., Meeting follows.

Tuesday, Jan. 22
WHHS Building Committee Regular Meeting, Harriet North Meeting Room, City Hall, 6 p.m.

Weather

Friday Jan. 11
Mostly sunny along with a few afternoon clouds. High temp: 33F



Sunrise: 7:16 am
Sunset: 4:43 pm
Wind: 9 mph

Saturday Jan. 12
Partly cloudy with variable winds. High temp: 38F



Sunrise: 7:16 am
Sunset: 4:44 pm
Wind: 5 mph

Sunday Jan. 13
Cloudy with rain, snow showers changing to rain. High temp: 40F



Sunrise: 7:15 am
Sunset: 4:45 pm
Wind: 10 mph

Monday Jan. 14
Sunshine and clouds mixed. High temp: 40F



Sunrise: 7:15 am
Sunset: 4:46 pm
Wind: 5-10 mph

Things to Do

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Tuesday, Jan. 15

Bradley Point Garden Club Regular Meeting and luncheon at noon. Note new location, Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Bradley Point Garden Club annual bake sale, lobby of City Hall, 355 Main St., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Jan 26



West Haven Twilight League annual Hot Stove Luncheon, West River Hall, 37 Orlando St. begins at 11:45 a.m. Former New Haven sportscaster George Grande, former Yale coach and MLB pitcher Ken McKenzie, and MLB Rules Interpreter and author Rich Marrazzi. Tickets are \$40. Tickets can be purchase by going to <https://whtl.sportn->

gin.com. Tickets must be purchased by Jan. 21.

Annual Dance

New Haven Football Officials Charities annual dance and auction to benefit its charitable donations. West Haven Italian-American Club, Cielo Ballroom, 7 p.m. Tickets sold at the door, \$25 per person, includes wine, beer, dancing, silent and public auction.

Every Wednesday

Al-Anon Group, First Lutheran Church, 52 George St., at 7:30. For information, call (203) 506-1464.

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19th 'Icy Plunge slated for Feb. 2

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The Icy Plunge for the Cure, a longtime winter tradition, will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program.

Participants in the plunge can break out the arctic swimwear at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 2 at Savin Rock Beach.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. in the Savin Rock Conference Center, 6 Rock St.

The benefit, in its 19th year, was spearheaded by city and police officials to increase breast cancer awareness. Their

initial meeting, on Sept. 28, 2000, led to the creation of the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Committee and a series of fundraisers, including the plunge, in support of breast cancer research and education.

The events, which included a duckpin bowling tournament, bake sale, pizza taste-off, walkathon and candlelight vigil, were held in memory of Susan A. Ruickoldt, a third-grade Savin Rock Community School teacher who died of breast cancer in 1997.

In 2003, the committee es-

tablished the Susan A. Ruickoldt Scholarship Fund, which awards \$2,000 to a female high school senior from West Haven who plans to continue her education.

Today, the scholarship fund and plunge are the committee's remaining initiatives, said city Human Resources Commissioner Beth A. Sabo, a founding member who is joined on the committee by founders Maureen Blake, Jennifer Cavallaro, Ronald M. Quagliani, Susan See, Colleen Smullen and Lorie Tamaro, as well as new member Anthony Cordone.

"It has truly been an unbelievable run for the plunge and scholarship," Sabo said.

The first 100 people to register for the frosty dip will receive "plungewear." The top fundraiser will receive a prize.

Participants will wait on the beach for the signal to charge into the frigid surf of Long Island Sound. Wetsuits are not allowed.

About 175 people took part in last year's event, which netted \$25,000, Sabo said.

Since the inaugural plunge in 2001, the committee has collected hundreds of thousands of dollars for breast cancer research and education, buoyed

by Cordone, a local contractor who has raised close to \$200,000 for the cause during that time, Sabo said.

Proceeds have previously gone to the Smilow Breast Center at Yale-New Haven Hospital and Looking For-

ward, an education and wellness program for cancer patients at Smilow.

Registration forms are available in the Department of Human Resources on the second floor of City Hall, 355 Main St. Donations are accepted.



File photo by Russ McCreven

About 175 intrepid participants dash in and out of the 34-degree water of Long Island Sound during the 18th annual Icy Plunge for the Cure benefit Jan. 13, 2018, at Savin Rock Beach.



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Dear Felicia

Howdy do, honeybunch. Here we are in 2019, that means this is the 48th anniversary year of you and me scribing these weekly missives concerning the goings-on of this shoreline community. As I remember, it was in 1971 that we began these letters, and our own way of figgerin' out how things work in this burg. In those days Colby Driessens was around as was Tom Durant and others. The big news was the Save Our Shore campaign and, of course, the inner clamorings of the city's Democratic Party.

Whilst the names have changed somewhat, and the papyruses that we've writ for have come and gone, some things remain the same. This commune is still fighting about who sits in the thoid floor of City Hall - which, come to think of it opened that foist year - and how and when we rebuild our tax structure is still an issheiw before the public.

Of course, with the new year, some new things have happened hereabouts. We're trying another re-design after having the last one fer about four years. We're hoping it will make things easier for the readers, and we're offering a few more features as is our wont.

Yew might've noted a new name amongst the pages, and that is our new reporter, Josh LaBella. He's gonna cover local boards and commishes for us, which should add to the coverage. He's a young spitfire so he should fit right into what goes on around here. He's still on a learning curve tryin' to learn all the players and finding out the back stories of all the issheiw, but he's getting there. We should see him come along really well over the next few weeks.

With a campaign coming up in the fall, having a staff reporter is gonna make our coverage even better than it's been over the last few years.

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*Before we git started, we wanna offer our condolences to Eleanore Turkington on the loss of her husband, Richard, this past week. Eleanore, who scribes our Gripe Vine colyume is getting her family affairs in order, while trying to cope with the loss. Dick was a good man and a fine gentleman - a lost breed in these parts. He was a good musician - a violinist - and happy-go-lucky. He used to visit here on occasion with Eleanore, and always had a good word. He will be missed. Our prayers and thoughts go with Eleanore and the extended family during this time.*

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 Sammy Bluejay happened by t'other afternoon and before the lights on the ball in Times Square had a chance to cool off, Sammy was talking about the upcoming municipal election set for the fall. Yup, it ain't only the presidential race that seems to have begun in earnest. Already we're seeing the queueing up of the various political factions.

As yew heard before the holidays, former Mayor Edward M. O'Brien has begun a search committee to see effen he should run in the fall - witch everyone is interpreting as: he'll run in the fall.

With that detail somewhat determined, the query arises who in the Democratic Party is willing to give him backing. As we've said, with the city now under Tier III overview

by the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) follying O'Brien's bonding to pay off the deficit, his candidacy has probably a bit more of an uphill battle.

In these parts, first-term mayors seldom get the axe by the voters. The last time it happened here was with Clem Evangeliste in 1991, and that was cuz the financial situation he created was just so bad, voters decided to get rid of him - but even that wasn't by a whole lot.

O'Brien's battle will begin when he has to explain why things got so bad whilst he was in office - finance-wise. He never had a balanced budget, and the deficit ballooned in his tenure. But there is the support question.

Word is that some of the people who supported him the last time - and times before - have determined they wanna stay outta the fray this go-round. Also, Sammy hears that erstwhile friends of O'Brien have had a falling out with the candidate and those fences have yet to be mended.

What will happen between now and the summer, when the candidacies have to be finalized? No one knows. That is an eternity in politics; and, Lawd knows, alliances between various people are made and broken at warp speed around here.

Sooooo, while other things will be going on, the march

toward the fall elections will be one of the big stories of the year, no doubt.

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*It's a new year, and an old voice is going to rattle the cages of the DOT, etc. according to Iva Lookey. Iva got a tip that Mikey Mercuriano is gonna re-up his fight to git a garage over at the train station. This is an issheiw that has stuck in the craw of MM since the station was open. Ysee it was supposed to have one when constructed, and he believes it should be there, and it would enhance the viability of the station.*

*Mikey is convinced the DOT has put its eggs in Orange's basket, and has not fulfilled its promises to the city concerning making it a hub for transport. They finally did something with getting a snack bar in there Iyam told after quite a few years of balking.*

*Also, the city should be on board to develop the area around the station. Iva heard the city is looking to sell the former Stiles School, which has lain fallow for about five years and is getting to be an eyesore. That building and Molloy School are supposed to be up for sale.*

*Tennyrate, there has been no development around the station, save for what was already there in the supermarket and Yale Health Center. Big plans were announced with the station, but, as with most things, things git lost in translation.*

*Mike is gonna rattle some cages and make some noise otherwise. It'll be interesting to see what transpires. Yew know with him that could mean some state backsides are gonna have a new twinge to worry about.*

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 Nelly Nuthatch was in here t'other afternoon and she's wondering what's going on with Merlie Mae. Last we hoid, Merlie, who was injured in a house fire back in June, was in rehab, trying to recover from her burns.

We heard somethings hither and thither, but no one was able to git any real info. We'd still like to hear from the ole gal. We wanna hear with her own voice that she's OK. We Mystick Maidens of the Marsh have to stick together.

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*It's a new year, so I'll ask the same old question: What's going on with Beach Street? Our editor mentions it this week in his yearly wish list editorial, but we wonder effen anything is gonna be done over there. We got three big properties that are empty and not doing anything positive for the property values around there.*

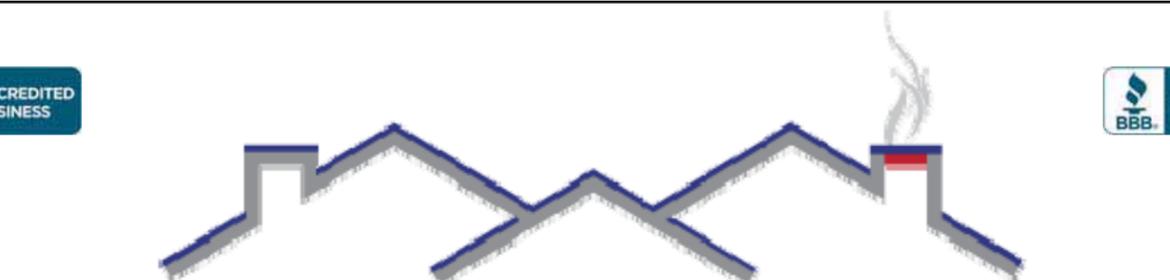
*One would hope that in 2019 we'll hear something really nice - and commercially viable.*

*With that bit o' chatter, I'll close this time till next, mitt luff und kizzez,*

*Cobina*

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# Charter panel continues review, research

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

A Jan. 3 Charter Revision Commission meeting highlighted several topics the group is reviewing.

Commission Chairman Ed Granfield said the commission was founded by the city council late last winter to review, research and recommend changes to the city charter. He said the commission was taking a chapter and verse approach to the process.

"At this point we have completed about 75 percent of our review and research, and held lengthy discussions and debated many potential changes," said Granfield. "But to date nothing is set in stone. So much of the current language with this document is so outdated, that the effects of each suggested change have to be researched so as not to impair current city operations if enacted."

The commission brought in Fred A. Messoro, the city's commissioner of planning and development, to ensure that the language of the charter was an accurate reflection of how the department was run.

Messoro said he was unsure if anything in the section of the charter laying out his department needed to be changed or added.

He said he would like more staff but that did not fall under the purview of the commission.

Later in the meeting, commission member John Carrano handed out six pages which contain "the last dangling items" that they wanted to go through.

He said the issues were all the areas they had not unanimously agreed on how to go about.

The topics included emergency bonding, mayoral line of succession and qualifications for city clerk. The commission also had a lengthy discussion about changes regarding the board of ethics and compliance. Carrano discussed the possibility of a proposal to add a segment into that section of the charter which would "give the board teeth."

He said the commission would need a legal opinion on the matter but it was written to give the board a course of action if they recommend something to the city council and the council do not act on it. He read the section to the commission.

"Within 30 days of receiving the board's recommendation the city council shall issue a response," said Carrano. "Notwithstanding or in the absence of the city councils required response, the board may obtain legal counsel on behalf of the electorate to formulate their recommendations on behalf of the city of West Haven."

Carrano said the section was written because, as they have gone through the process of reviewing the charter, they have noticed "tons of violations" concerning charter compliance.

Ronald Quaqliani, chairman of the City Council, also attended the meeting. He told the commission he knew they were taking a "deep dive" into the charter and appreciated their efforts.

"We're excited to hear about your

progress and we're hoping that within the next several weeks we can officially hear what you've got on your mind," said Quaqliani. "As we get closer to spring time I would imagine that your process would begin to wrap up with a public hearing and an official hand-off to us [the City Council] to begin our process to hopefully get it where it needs to be on the ballot for the next election."

Granfield said a fundamental question for voters will be whether or not

they are ready to support real, long-lasting, changes in how the city conducts its business or if the status quo will prevail. He said the commission will work until they feel they are completed.

"We will continue to do our due diligence. We won't be forced into rushing this along. Nor will we be pushed into delaying this effort for any political advantage to one side or another," said. "Trust me, when we are ready, everyone will know."



Photo by Frank J. Andrulli, III

## Donation for roof

Annawon Lodge Worshipful Master Steven R. Mullins presents a check for \$1,000 to Rose Majestic, Executive Director of the West Haven Emergency Assistance Task Force (WHEAT). The money was raised at the Lodge's First Responders Awards Dinner last November and will go directly towards the roof replacement fund. The organization took out a loan for roof repairs. Pictured with Mullins and Majestic are Worshipful Brother William K. Barr and Brother Stephen Hildrich.

## City Council, Urge UNH Break its Saudi Ties

Our groups propose the West Haven City Council pass the following resolution:

West Haven houses the University of New Haven which gives aid to the Saudi government by putting UNH programs "at the service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia". Specifically, some of its staff develops curriculum and provides other unspecified services for the Saudi police/military college, King Fahd Security College.

The U.S. Senate has unanimously passed a resolution saying it "believes Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman is responsible for the murder of Jamal Khashoggi." The Crown Prince is effectively the ruler of Saudi Arabia.

The Senate has also passed a resolution calling for an end to U.S. support for the Saudi kingdom's war in Yemen in which tens of thousands have been killed and an estimated 85,000 children have died of starvation.

The Saudi Arabian regime has long been infamous for its human rights abuses, cruel methods of executions and denial of equal rights to women. Right now leading Saudi feminists are imprisoned and according to Amnesty International have been abused and tortured.

The Saudi government claims the killing of Khashoggi to have been premeditated murder and claims to have arrested over 20 people implicated in the killing. Yet it has not named whom it has arrested. It has not returned the remains of Khashoggi to his family, nor even told where it believes these remains are.

It is increasingly plain that the absolute monarchy of Saudi Arabia will not reform and should be shunned.

**The West Haven City Council calls on UNH to account in detail for the services it has rendered KFSC and to break all ties and cooperation with that college and the Saudi Arabian government.**

The Middle East Crisis Committee (founded 1982 in CT), Promoting Enduring Peace (founded 1952 in CT)

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## Our 2019 wish list

The beginning of a new year: it is the time of resolutions, a renewed hope, and, as with most things in life, change. The State of Connecticut sees its own "change" with the swearing-in of a new administration, one which, frankly, we believe is entrenched in the idea that taxpayers are a bottomless pit that can be tapped for more revenue.

Here in our own little corner of the Nutmeg State, we have our own revenue situation, and a Gordian Knot to unravel in attempting to turn a three-decade decline into a positive direction. With that in mind, we believe these major issues confronting our leaders and taxpayer must be addressed honestly in 2019:

**The city's revenue/expenditure problem** - In the last quarter of 2018, Mayor Nancy Rossi and the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) agreed to a five-year plan of tax hikes and spending cuts that - it is hoped - will lead to a balanced budget.

MARB, and before it the Municipal Finance Assistance Commission (MFAC), pushed the city to raise taxes or bond for deficit reduction and to balance revenues. Both eventually got their way. The result has been, as expected, the popping up of For Sale signs all over the city as homeowners realize the mill rate is going to increase incrementally over the next several years.

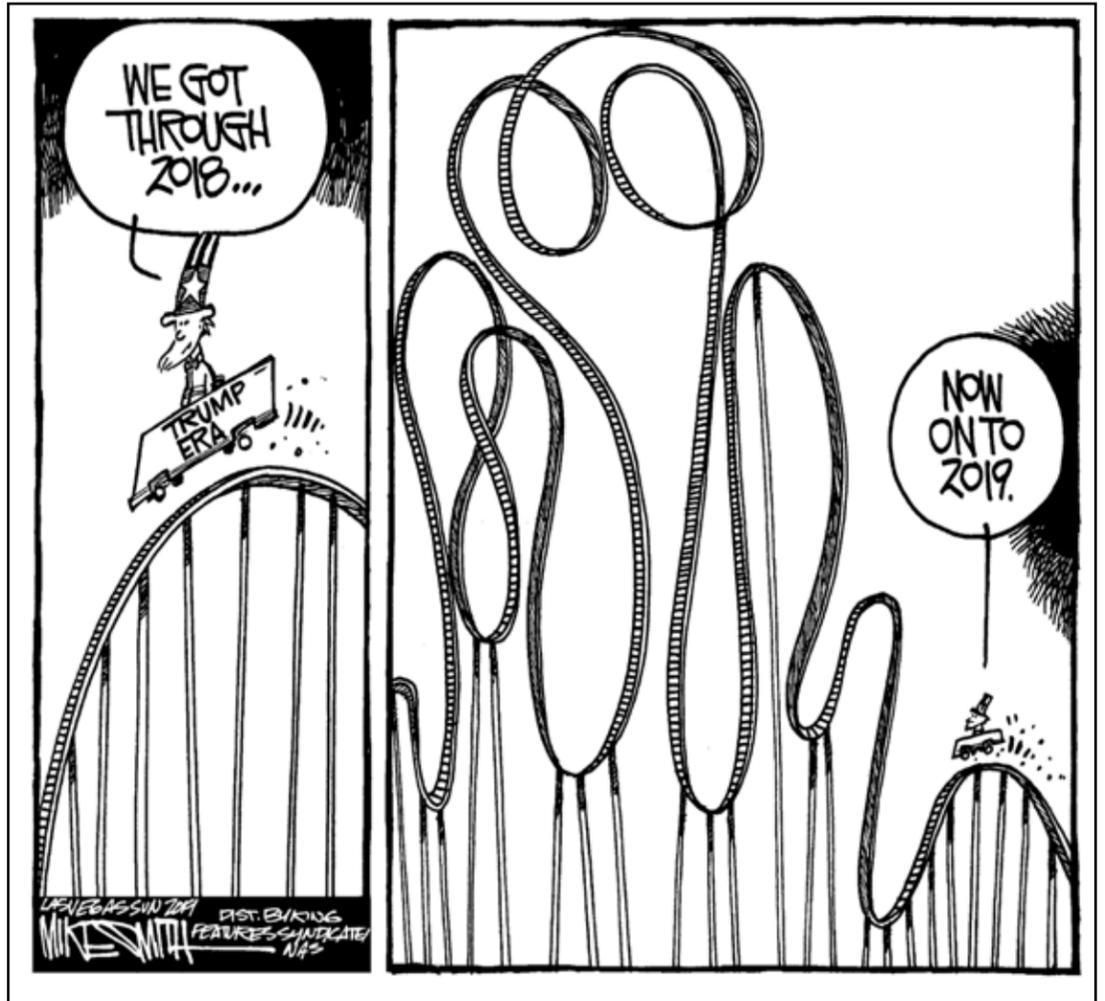
Politicians were loath to address these revenue problems, opting instead to inflate revenue expectations so that, on paper at least, the budget balanced. Revenues never came up to expectations because they never were realistic in the first place. With the coming budget process set to begin this month, we hope the numbers put forth on paper reflect a realistic and attainable projection.

Meanwhile, we have been calling for this for years, and still believe it is important. A review and audit of all positions in city government should be implemented. Even with the cuts of the last few months, we still do not know the actual number of city employees necessary versus the number we have on staff.

**The Haven and traffic flows** - The year 2019 might actually see beginning of the Haven construction. The plan, first announced 21 years ago and continuing under various iterations, has been "on the drawing board" since 2015. Over the last year, the final pieces of the puzzle were completed with the purchase of the holdout property owners. We hope this year is the year we finally see something other than boarded up buildings.

Concurrently, we hope to find out what traffic patterns/improvements the city and the State Dept. of Transportation plan for the Kimberly Avenue-Elm Street corridor. The elimination of Exit 44 in 2015 and reordering of the Ella Grasso Boulevard exit have created various ingress and egress problems viz. I-95. Once the Haven is completed, traffic patterns will only get worse, and we hope the DOT and city have a plan to help reduce what can be a congestion problem that will only get worse.

**Beach Street reconstruction** - The planned reconstruction of Beach Street to help eliminate flooding during major storms was welcome news. It also affords the city and its planners an opportunity. Beach Street is one of our best locations for economic development. Though some ideas have been teased over the years, including a repossession of Morse Park and relocation of those fields in order to aid redevelopment, no real plan has ever been developed for the area. We hope this is the year.



## Trump obsession with NYSE

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

Donald Trump may watch the stock market more closely than any day trader.

For a president who underlined the increasing importance of working-class whites to the GOP coalition and who trampled so much bipartisan economic orthodoxy during the campaign, to be so overtly obsessed with the stock market is a strange disconnect.

In fact, no president in memory has so publicly staked himself to the market. Trump has, in contrast, paid relatively little public attention to wage growth, which is the measure that more closely tracks with his particular political project (especially considering that his election prospects may again depend on Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin).

The market clearly acts for Trump like poll numbers or TV ratings -- immediate, easily digestible feedback on his perceived worth, or that of his economic stewardship. This isn't how he should view it, and it was shortsighted to be so boastful about the good times.

The stock market goes up and down. Trump didn't have sole responsibility for the run-up in the market after his election (although taking the reg-

ulatory boot off the economy helped) and doesn't deserve the blame for the downward trend now (although the contention with China and general sense of chaos don't help).

Trump has lashed out at Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell for being too tight on interest rates, and he might be right. But the president should be less beholden to the gyrations of the market.

Wages would be a worthy new object of his attention, and it'd be better if wages didn't often take a back seat to the stock market and GDP growth. When Trump hears complaints from employers that they are having trouble hiring, his answer should be: "Good. Pay your workers more."

On the other hand, the political downside of focusing on wages is twofold: Like the stock market, it is a metric that the president doesn't have direct control over, and unlike the stock market, it hasn't mostly enjoyed strong upward momentum over the past couple of decades.

Oren Cass of the Manhattan Institute and author of the thought-provoking new book "The Once and Future Worker" argues that the point of comparison shouldn't be whether wages are better than

they were in post-crisis 2010, but how they are doing compared with business-cycle peaks in 2007, 2000 and 1989. Here they are lagging.

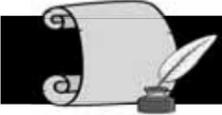
Wages are ultimately related to productivity growth, which has been growing more slowly than in the golden age of the American economy in the mid-20th century.

Robert Atkinson of the Information Technology & Innovation Foundation argues forcefully that policymakers should make fostering productivity growth their foremost goal.

For his part, Cass suggests a worker-friendly, longer-term agenda of reforming education to put more emphasis on the interests of students who won't go on to get a four-year college degree; changing our immigration system to keep the lower end of the labor market as tight as possible; and exploring innovative models of unionization to give workers more leverage.

Maybe these particular initiatives aren't to the liking of the White House, but a working-class Republican should have an agenda very specifically tailored to the interests of workers. Alternately bragging and complaining about the stock market isn't a substitute.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.



# Letters

## Dog owners must show respect

I have lived in West Haven all 70 years of my life and have seen many changes, both for the good, and, unfortunately, many for the not-so-good. We are all aware of the financial

problems facing our city, but that is not the point of this letter. The point of this letter, my first to the Voice, is people's attitudes. Where once there was a general feeling of community, of doing the right thing, following the rules, of caring about the feelings of

others and respecting other people's property, there no is, all too often, an attitude of I can do as I please.

We witness this daily when people just leave trash anywhere, even where there is a trash can nearby, or park in a handicapped space just because it's closer, even when they are not handicapped, running red traffic lights to get there faster, or allowing their dog to use all areas of public parks, beaches, and walkways as their pet's latrine.

I walk every morning along the boardwalk and to the "Walk of Honor" at Bradley Point. I must say most pet owners control their pets and pick up after them, but, given the ever presence of dog feces on walk walkways, some obviously don't.

On New Year's Day morning I was walking along the

area of the "Walk of Honor," where the bricks are laid to memorialize West Haven individuals and their service to our country. To my dismay about 10 yards in front of me was a large dog on a leash with the woman owner allowing the dog to urinate on the memorial bricks.

I had to speak up and tell her, "That is so wrong. Those are memorials to brave people, and you are allowing your dog to piss on their memorial."

I got no response from the woman. What is wrong with people? This showed a complete lack of respect for our brave men and women who served our country. Responsible dog owners should also be appalled by these actions. I can't blame the dog, but I sure do blame the owner.

I hope others, especially dog owners that read this letter,

will respect the public's rights and act appropriately. If not, maybe we need to prohibit dogs from some areas. I personally like dogs, always had one as a kid, but times have changed and owners are now held responsible for the actions of their pets.

Tom Jaqua

## Richard E. Turkington

Richard E. Turkington passed away Jan. 3, 2019 at the age of 93. He was born Sept. 19, 1925, son of the late Richard and Edith Proctor Turkington.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII and was a volunteer at the Milford Police Department for 15 years in the Crime Prevention Unit and a Red Cross Volunteer Driver for many years. He was a violinist with the West Haven Symphony Orchestra as well as the Nutmeg Symphonic Pops Orchestra. He was a staff member of the Purchasing Department at Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford for many years.

A graduate of UConn, he was an avid fan of the UConn Women's basketball team. He was also a member of the Milford Senior Center and a participant of First United Church of Christ of Milford where he served as a member of the bell choir for many years. Richard was survived by his wife, Eleanore Myers Turkington and two children, Susan Morong and John Turkington, step-children Glenn and Robin Myers, and Patricia and Peter Hall, his grandchildren, Melanie O'Leary, William Baird, Sara DiLorio, and Jack Turkington, his great grandchildren, Leo DiLorio, and Benjamin and Elizabeth Baird as well as the families of his survivors including many step-grandchildren including U.S. Army Captain Richard Brantley.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife, June Robinson Turkington. Calling hours will be held Monday, January 7, 2019 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at [Smith Funeral Home](#), 135 N. Broad St., Milford. Funeral services were held Tuesday January 8, 2018 at 10 a.m. in the funeral home with Rev. Ashley Grant officiating. Interment with military honors was in St. Mary Cemetery, Milford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Milford Senior Center, 9 Jepson Dr., Milford, CT 06460. To leave condolences or for directions, please visit [www.georgejsmithandson.com](http://www.georgejsmithandson.com)



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# Historian's corner By Dan Shine



Sy Swan's staff and customers.

### Sy Swan Part I

Mother set the telephone gently back into the cradle. She stared at the wall for a moment, and then turned to father. "Sy Swan died last night."

"What!?"  
"They said that he was out to dinner with friends and he just collapsed. They took him to Saint Raphael's by ambulance, but by the time they got there, he was already gone."

The Boy was listening from the other room, and like Mother and Father, he was stunned. He had always stopped at Sy's popular restaurant with his grandmother while they waited for the bus to New Ha-

ven. And hadn't he just seen Sy and his family in church on Sunday? How could this happen so quickly? He knew that old people died, but wasn't Sy too young for that?

No, there was something wrong with this. What would his kids do without their father?

Sy Swan was born in New Haven in 1912, the child of Lebanese immigrants. Upon their arrival in the States, the family lived in New York, New Haven, Waterbury and Pittsfield, Massachusetts before settling in West Haven in 1923.

Young Sy attended Washington Avenue School and graduated from West Haven High School. After a few years

working in the insurance industry, Sy Swan served with the U.S. Navy during WWII. Following the war, he opened Sy's Center Spa on Campbell Avenue, and later moved to the location directly behind the Altschuler Building at the intersection of Campbell Avenue and Main Street.

Sy's was "the" place for high school students to congregate after school for soda pop, fatherly counsel and sometimes a much-needed loan. Sy was sort of a father figure to them, and they were his delight. In 1953, over one hundred West Haven High School students gathered to give him a Christmas party. In addition, he was once commended by Superintendent of Schools Seth Haley, for his work with children.

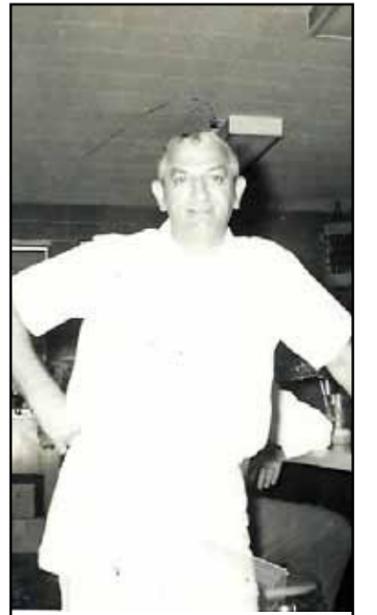
Around town, it was well known that once Sy Swan had come across a group of children from the County Home (orphanage, then at the present site of the University of New Haven) gathered on the Green to sing Christmas Carols. It was a bitter cold day, so he invited them into Sy's, treated everyone to hot chocolate while the group sang Christmas Carols.

Eventually, Sy Swan and his wife Virginia settled on Graham Manor Road, in a house that he built himself. He was active in the community, serving on various civic organizations as well as his church, and well-liked wherever he went. The Swans were happily raising three young children when tragedy struck.

His funeral was widely attended by young and old, the high and the humble; and later, the community gathered to create a scholarship in his honor.

But after the funeral was over, Virginia Swan was left with the troubling question: how to care for a young family with her husband gone? She had to find an answer.

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SY SWAN



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# Students collect holiday 'Toys for Joy'

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Staff Reporter

Liana Suarez, a senior at West Haven High School, said she wants to put her best foot forward by helping the community that gave her a childhood. For that reason, she said, she decided to join the Peer Advocates group at the high school.

Monica Hardy, the co-advisor of Peer Advocates and special education teacher at the high school, said the group is a select set of seniors that raise food, money and toys throughout the year and do community service in the city.

"[They do it] for the kids of West Haven," said Hardy,

"and, basically, for all the families. Whenever there is something in need they do community service to help the community of West Haven."

On Thursday Dec. 20 the Peer Advocates hosted their Toys for Joy event.

Hardy said the purpose of the event was to give toys to families who need help getting gifts for their children for Christmas. She said Peer Advocates raised about \$3,000 with help from the West Haven professional firefighters, who matched their donations, as well as the police department, who donated toys.

"We have about 450 children [getting toys]," said Hardy,

"which equals about 160 families altogether."

Suarez said she and the other peer advocates at the Anna V. Molloy School were spending the day putting the toys in bags and giving them to families.

She said it was a busy day but it made her feel very accomplished.

"Recently one of the kids was here," said Suarez, "and the mom noticed that the gift that we ended up giving to them was one that the little boy had on their list. So they were really excited for that."

According to Suarez, she knew she wanted to be in Peer Advocates since she was

a freshman. She said she noticed how much they did for the community and that community service is important to her.

"Every time we would bring the bags out there the parents are like 'Wow,'" said Suarez. "They always checked the toys first and seem surprised to see the amount of gifts we're giving them. They seem grateful. I just hope everyone has a good Christmas this year."

Miranda Burrows, another senior at the high school, said it is an honor to be part of Peer Advocates. She said in order to be accepted students write essays, get interviewed and are selected based on their

personalities.

"We do a lot of community service hours," said Burrows. "And that's the reason why I wanted to join – because I love giving back to my community – ever since I was younger."

Burrows said in order to raise the money, students would have stands at places like Walmart and ShopRite to ask for donations. She said they also hold a fundraiser called Rib Rallies where they sell ribs for \$10. She said Toys for Joy was not just a Peer Advocate event but a city wide effort.

"Everyone collects," said Burrows. "Everyone tries to give back in some way."



Photos courtesy of WHCH

The holiday season was made brighter for needy families at the West Haven Community House with several organizations and individuals donating toys, clothes and other items. Above left -- WHCH Head Start students look over the toys collected. Above right -- Oyster River Energy had its annual toy collection with hundreds of items donated. Bottom -- The staff of the West Haven Housing Authority collected winter items and clothing for families. The collection was one of the best ever undertaken by the agency.



## Annual clothing, toy drives

# Donations overwhelm Community House staff

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

Each year, many individuals and local businesses conduct holiday drives collecting hundreds of toys, games, coats, hats, gloves and more.

The generosity of the business community, those working for the city, and individuals who just wanted to help overwhelmed long-time members of the agency staff, who have gone through many a holiday season.

Some of the major donors included Oyster River Energy, Shoreline Dental, Arti Dixson from JA Music LLC, Eder Bros, Our Lady of Victory's community outreach center, Italian American Club Women's Guild, West Haven Housing Authority, St. Lawrence, Z's Corner Café and Donato Cappetta of Cappetta's restaurant.

In addition, the Community House board members, friends and staff participate in an annual giving tree where donations of toys and gifts are collected and given out to families and adults in the agency's programs.

"We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the West Haven community, and we wish to thank the many people and local businesses who make it a part of their holiday tradition to

think of the Community House and the families we serve," said Patricia Stevens, Executive Director of the Community House.

"It will make the children and families' holidays so much brighter and happier. Our families are all struggling economically and to have this generosity of the community bestowed on them is so appreciated."

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

"In this season of giving, we are reminded that we could not succeed without the support of the hundreds of kindhearted people of West Haven and beyond," Stevens said. "We cannot express enough how much we appreciate the support and generosity throughout the year, especially during the holiday season." Stevens said.

"From all of us at the Community House and the families we serve, we wish you all a wonderful and safe new year."

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by Dave T. Phipps



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by Gary Kopervas



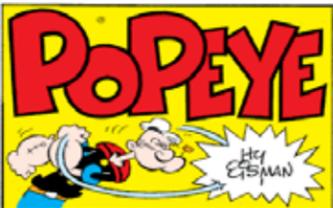
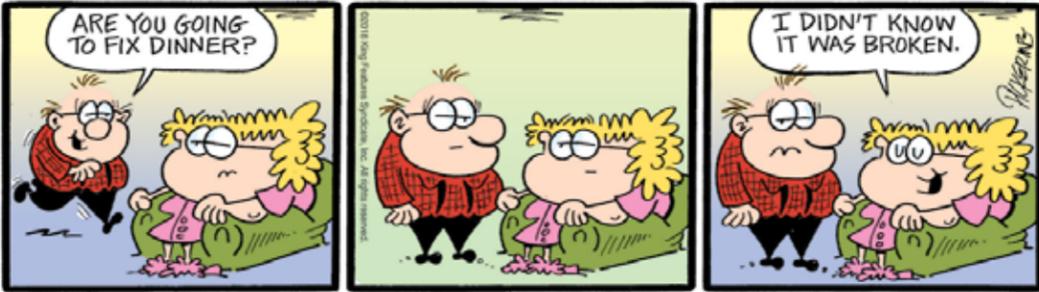
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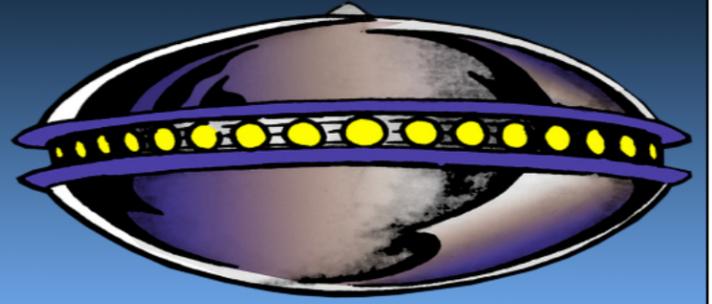


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# BOE

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to expand the culinary program at the high school, which is increasing in popularity and growing.

He said the cafeteria was designed to hold 400 students and that they were working on setting up a lunch rotation and schedule.

Board member Robert Guthrie said after viewing the project from the outside for so long he was pleased to see what has taken shape.

"It's nice to see the auditorium taking shape. We have a lot of talented kids that put on productions there which complements our athletics," said Guthrie. "We got to see the size of the media center, which is going to help our kids academically. So it's nice to see those phases coming together, especially compared to the facilities we're able to offer at the moment."

Guthrie said the new facility was going to be state of the art and student-centered.

Board member Rosa Richardson said she was truly impressed by the way the design was constructed, especially when regarding security.

"Currently, many of our classrooms have that little alcove," said Richardson. "It's an opportunity for somebody you don't want to be able to hide. I just wanted to point out to my fellow members, if they look, everything's in a straight line, there's nowhere for anybody to hide anymore. That's really important for safety reasons."

Richardson said as a graduate of West Haven High School she was excited to see how far the project has come.

She said she graduated in 1979 and the original building was old then.

"For us to finally see progress," said Richardson, "and the positive technology step-ups and modernization and all of that is heartwarming. It's really a good feeling."

Cavallaro said he thought the project was very well received by the Board of Education.

He said he visited the site a few weeks ago and wanted to bring board members to it so they could go into West Haven and get the community excited for it.

"We've been involved with this for nine years," said Cavallaro, "and to finally see it start to come together, it's really the highlight of my career. I'm really excited and I think it's going to be a great thing for all of West Haven. Whether you have students in the building or not, everybody needs or uses some part of this building."



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

## Paintings donated

City native David Stannard displays his paintings of former West Haven institutions — Chick's Drive-in, 183 Beach St., and The Bilco Co., 37 Water St. — on the first floor of City Hall Jan. 3. Stannard, 58, now of Northford, donated the glass-framed oil pastels to the city, which hang on the wood-paneled wall outside the assessor's office.



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## Sharks top Green Dragons, 4-1

After disposing the Guilford Indians, 6-0, earlier in the week, the West Haven/Sacred Heart girls' hockey team paid a visit to the Hamden Green Dragons on Saturday afternoon. The Westie Sharks spotted the Dragons an early 1-0 lead before kicking it into gear and scoring four, unanswered goals for a 4-1 victory.

Gianna Cohrs took a pass from Taylor Nowak and evened the game at 1-1, 4:40 into the second period. Francesca Criscuolo then set up Cohrs for her second of the game 3:04 later for a lead the Westie Sharks would not relinquish. Taylor Nowak found the back of the net with 3:32 remaining in the second period, assisted by Megan Froehlich and Cohrs to increase the lead to 3-1. Criscuolo put the final touches on the victory with a beautiful play when she circled the net and then picked the top corner for the 4-1 final. Kyleen Crowe finished with 20 saves between the pipes.

This week, the girls hosted Notre Dame-Fairfield/Law/Foran/Weston/Pomperaug on Tuesday and then finish the week with a trip to East Haven to take on the Branford/North Branford/Sheehan/Lyman Hall Wings on Saturday at 7.

The boys' hockey team traveled to Simsbury on Wednesday night and fell behind 2-0 before mounting a comeback. The Blue Devils cut the lead to 2-1 when D.J. Carfora scored assisted by Nico Bruneau 3:18 into the third period. The Westies got the equalizer with 1:59 left in the game when Carfora set up Niko Kyle, who scored sending the game into overtime. In overtime, Kaden Morgillo found the back of the net with 48 seconds left to send the Blue Devils home with the 3-2 victory. Jared Pliszka was outstanding in goal, making 33 saves to preserve the victory.

On Saturday afternoon, the boys headed to East Haven to try to avenge an opening night loss to the Guilford Indians. Kaden

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Photo by Russ McCreven

### Getting position

Laron Holmes (11) of West Haven battles with Amity's Joe Beneditti at West Haven's gym last week. The Spartans topped the Blue Devils, 65-57.

## Knights trip up Jesuits, 3-2 in OT

While they never really took a break, the winter sports teams returned to action and started the new year on the right foot with a big hockey win over Fairfield Prep and the basketball team staying undefeated with a win over the Jesuits as well.

Hockey -- John-Michael Childs sent the Green Knights home happy with an overtime goal in their 3-2 win over Fairfield Prep on Saturday. John D'Errico and Charlie Andriole also scored for the Green Knights, who had to rally after the Jesuits scored with just over one minute left in the third period to tie the game. D'Errico's goal came on a penalty shot after he was hooked from behind on a breakaway. Connor Smith made 32 saves in net for Notre Dame..

Basketball -- Coach Jason Shea's squad is off to a 6-0 start, including a pair of wins in the Winter Snow Jam Christmas Tournament co-hosted by the city schools.

Connor Raines recorded his 1,000th point in the semifinal win over West Haven, then took home MVP honors with a 28-point outing in champion-

ship game win over Stamford. Notre Dame remained unbeaten with a 71-51 win over Fairfield Prep in a game that saw Zach Laput lead the way with a 20-point, eight-rebound performance.

Indoor Track -- Max Bothwell captured the sophomore pole vault with a leap of 10-feet as the Green Knights took part in the two-day prestigious Hispanic Games at the NY Armory on Jan. 4-5. Carlos Aurora placed second in the 55-meter dash in the unseeded division, crossing the finish line in 6.81 seconds.

West Haven native Jason Sawicki took home a top 10 finish with leap of 6-feet in the high jump to place 9th overall. Warren Murphy the 400-meter dash in 52.36 to finish 17th overall.

Wrestling -- Porter Schexnayder recorded three pins as part of his undefeated day as the wrestling team took part in the East Haven duals against some very tough competition. Notre Dame wrestled against four teams, emerging with one win over St. Bernard/Norwich Tech coop team. The Green Knights fell to tradi-

tional wrestling powers Newtown, Foran, and Platt to finish the day 1-3. Christian Fillion and Luis Stephenson also had undefeated days, winning three and two matches respectively.

Swimming -- The Notre Dame swim team was back in the pool after a 15-day lay-off for the holidays. They got back into the swing of things with a back and forth affair with the combo team of Foran/Law in

a meet that came down to the last event. Notre Dame needed a first and third place finish in the final event - the 400 freestyle relay - to squeak out a close victory. While the Green Knights finished first, Foran/Law took home second and third place to win a close 86-84 SCC win on Friday. The loss dropped Notre Dame to 2-1 on the young season. Bill Hinckley led the Green Knights with three first-place finishes. He

won the 50 freestyle in 24.22 then followed that up with a win in the 100 freestyle (55.27). He was also part of the opening meet win by the 200 freestyle relay that touched the wall first in a time of 1:50.76.

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John-Michael Childs celebrates his game-winning overtime goal against Fairfield Prep on Saturday at the Bennett Rink. Notre Dame won 3-2 to improve to 4-3 on the young season.

# Squirt A team beats New Canaan

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team went 1-1 this weekend and now stands at 20-14-3 overall on the season. The Blue Devils lost a close game to Wallingford A, 4-3, and then bounced back to shut out New Canaan A1, 5-0.

On Saturday morning at Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Westies hosted Wallingford. West Haven dropped a hard-fought contest, 4-3. Ethan Kelly led the offense with two goals and an assist. Kelly got West Haven on the scoreboard three minutes into the game when he snapped a wrist shot that went bar down. Blue Devils goalie Maddex LaFountain made several clutch saves in the first period to keep the score 1-0.

Kelly scored again two minutes into the second period before Wallingford tied it later in the stanza. Ryan Pniewski regained the lead for West Haven when his shot from the right point made it through traffic with Kelly assisting. Wallingford tallied twice in the third period and shut down the Westies' offense to escape with the win. LaFountain made 12 saves in the game. The Blue Devils responded a day later when they traveled to the New Canaan Winter Club for a game played on their outdoor rink. West Haven controlled the game and blanked New Canaan, 5-0.

Cameren Lipford, Matthew Kelly and Sean Studley all registered a goal and assist in the win. The Kelly brothers got things started in the opening minute when Ethan fed Matthew for a shot from the point that hit the back of the net.

The Kelly boys almost struck on the same play in the second period but the shot was saved. Lipford backhanded home the rebound for a 2-0 lead. Later, Leo Mazuroski made a nice play to keep the puck in the zone then made a beautiful pass to Studley. The winger snapped off a wrist shot and quickly knocked in his own rebound for a 3-0 lead.

Ethan Kelly roofed a wrist shot with Mazuroski assisting to open the third period. West Haven capped the scoring when Lipford passed out of the zone and Studley tipped it to Ethan Kelly. Kelly scored after a pretty deke. LaFountain posted ten

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Photo courtesy of Mike Madera

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team took home the Gold Medal during a holiday tournament in Lake Placid, NY, this past weekend. The Westies went 4-0 and outscored their opponents 26-3 in the tournament.

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### Playing D

Muffee Cooper (0) of West Haven confronts Amity's Jim Van Hise in last week's game won by Amity, 65-57.



## Devils edge Eagles

West Haven Girls basketball resumed play following the holiday break.

The Prospect Beach Club Blue Devils picked up their first win of the year with an 8-7 win over the Napoli Parts Eagles. Micah Pullen hit for six and Madison McGuire also score for the win. The Eagles were led on the offensive end by Madyson Ortiz, Amalia Ortiz and Alyssa Dowde.

Jacianna Mitchell and Ciara Harp accounted for all the scoring as the West Haven Drug and Alcohol Task Force Panthers upended the Shoreline Dental Cardinals, 17-10. The Panthers also received strong play from Rylie Boynton and Hayden Holm. The Cardinal stars were Lily Granata, Madden Evangeliste and Cristel Miguel.

The Gunning Law Huskies remained unbeaten with a 15-11 win over the Rings End Bruins. The Huskies were led by the scoring of Elana Cortes, Samita Huckaby, Cashlin O'Neil and Taryn Walker. The Bruins were led by Emily Hartshorn, Trinity Campbell, Noelle Lawrence and Neveah Stegall.

## Westie Blue In Touch

By Mike Madera

After a thrilling overtime victory over Simsbury three days earlier, the West Haven hockey team was looking to extend its heroics. Instead, the Westies suffered a bitter defeat. Using a goal just over five minutes into the third period, Guilford rallied to defeat West Haven, 5-4, at the DiLungo Rink in East Haven Saturday afternoon. With the loss, West Haven fell to 4-3 on the season. West Haven took a 1-0 lead 4 minutes, 42 seconds into the

contest when Kaden Morgillo scored off an assist from Richie Greene. Guilford scored the next two goals, but sophomore Nick Boanno scored seconds later to even the contest at two. In a game which would go back and forth the rest of the way, Guilford took a 2-1 lead 1:18 into the second, before Niko Kyle evened the game at three off an assist from Kevin Moriarty with 8:27 left in the middle period. The Indians scored 1:50 later

to take a 4-3 advantage to the third period, but West Haven got the equalizer 1:24 into the third when Robbie Forleo scored off an assist from Kyle. Guilford would end the back and forth affair with the last goal of the game with 9:45 remaining. Jared Pliszka made 27 saves in the loss for West Haven.

The West Haven hockey team entered the Guilford contest on a high note after it showed plenty of resiliency Wednesday evening. Not only did the Westies have to travel to the Westminster School to play Simsbury, but they

found themselves down early. Trailing by two goals, West Haven rallied for a pair of third period goals, then used an overtime tally by Morgillo to defeat Simsbury 3-2. With the win, the Westies improved to 4-2 on the season. Trailing 2-0, the Westies got on the scoreboard 3:18 into the third when freshman D.J. Carfora scored off an assist from fellow freshman Nico Bruneau. The game would remain that way until the final two minutes. Looking at a difficult loss, Carfora set up Kyle and the senior did the rest,

evening the game with 1:59 left in regulation. The Westies then decided the contest in the extra session. At the 48 second mark of overtime, Morgillo sent the Westies home winners and with their fourth victory of the season. Pliszka was solid in goal as he made 33 saves in the win for West Haven.

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## Westies: Spartans win

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Morgillo got the Westies on the board 4:42 into the game assisted by Richie Greene for a 1-0 lead. The Indians evened the game and then took a 2-1 lead before Nick Boanno scored to knot things at 2-2.

After the Indians took a 3-2 lead, Niko Kyle tied the game at 3-3 assisted by Kevin Moriarty with 8:27 left in the second period. Guilford would once again take the lead when the tallied less than two minutes later to make it 4-3 heading to the third period.

The Blue Devils answered again just 1:24 into the third period when Niko Kyle set up Robbie Forleo to even the game 4-4. Unfortunately for the Westies, the Indians got the game winner with 9:45 left in the game to defeat the Blue Devils, 5-4. Jared Pliszka stopped 27 shots between the pipes for West Haven.

This week, the boys hosted the Cheshire Rams on Wednesday and then travel to take on

the East Haven/Old Lyme/Old Saybrook/East Hampton/Margan/Valley co-op team on Saturday at 1.

The boys' basketball team dropped a 65-57 decision to the Amity Spartans on Wednesday evening at the WHHS Gym. Quannel Straughter led the Westies with 19 points while Shea Sheffield had nine points and Tyrese Hargrove added eight points in the loss. The Westies suffered another defeat to end the week when the Blue Devils lost 67-52 to the Guilford Indians.

This week, the boys hosted the Xavier Falcons on Monday, the Cheshire Rams on Wednesday and finish the week hosting the Fairfield Prep Jesuits on Friday at 7.

The girls' basketball team will look to get back on track after a 57-45 loss to Jonathan Law last week when it traveled to East Haven on Monday. The Westies also traveled to Cheshire on Wednesday and will finish the week with a game at Amity on Friday at 7.

# Twilight League hosts Hot Stove lunch on Jan 26

The West Haven Twilight League will hold its annual Hot Stove luncheon on Saturday, Jan. 26 at West River Hall, 37 Orlando St. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. with a luncheon buffet and speaking program to begin promptly at 12:30 p.m.

League Commissioner Dan Gooley and the WHTL Board of Directors announced the line-up card for this year's event. The line-up includes MLB broadcaster and MC George Grande, MLB Rule Interpreter Rich Marazzi, Original NY Mets pitcher, 1962 team, Ken MacKenzie, and former University of New Haven Baseball coach Frank "Porky" Vieira. Keynote speaker will be former MLB player and author, Adam Greenberg. Chris Celano, University of New Haven Baseball Coach, will accept the leagues 2018 Coach of the Year Award.

Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased on the West Haven Twilight Leagues website, <https://whtl.sportngin.com>. Click the purchase tickets banner on the right side of the home page.

If you are not able to make this afternoon of great baseball conversation consider a donation to one of the oldest amateur baseball leagues in the country. Seating is limited so RSVPs must be received no later than Jan. 21.



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## Tourney winners

**The West Haven Girls Basketball 5th grade travel team captured the Wallingford Boys and Girls Club Christmas Tournament championship with a 31-27 come-from-behind win over host Wallingford. The team trailed 20-9 at halftime before rallying for the win. The team went 3-0 over the course of the tournament.**

# Youth Hockey: Bantams top Greenwich, 8-1

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saves for the shutout victory.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team took home the Gold Medal in a trip to Lake Placid this past weekend. The Westies went 4-0 and outscored their opponents 26-3 in the tournament.

Michael Madera led the offense in the tournament with eight goals, Mickey Dowd scored six times, Mike Page had five tallies, Zach Goetze added three goals, and Dylan Bosworth scored twice.

Goaltenders Bryan Hong and Jacob Silva were spectacular throughout the tournament. Hong was perfect as he did not allow a goal over the four days, and also took home the goaltending title in the Skills Competition.

The Westies opened the tournament with an 8-1 victory over the Hartford North Stars from Maryland. Madera, who won the shootout title in the Skills Competition, led the offense with four goals and two assists, while Bruno Martone added three assists, and Dowd had a goal and an assist.

West Haven took a 3-0 lead in the opening period and never looked back. Goetze opened the scoring 1:31 in off an assist from Madera, Page scored off an assist from Brady Price 3:22 later, and Madera scored off an assist from Dowd with 4:14 left in the period.

Madera gave West Haven a 4-0 lead off an assist from Goetze 3:20 into the second, and Dowd scored off an assist from Madera 52 seconds later. Leading 5-1, Madera extended the lead with a goal off an assist from Martone with 3:09 left in the period.

Madera, from Martone and Goetze, and Bosworth, from Martone, gave the Westies their final goals in the third period. Silva was solid in goal for the Westies, making nine saves.

West Haven won its second straight contest to open the tournament with a 6-0 victory over the New York Lumberjacks.

Madera led the way with three goals and an assist, while Dowd, Page, and Bosworth also scored once apiece. Martone, Price, Haygen Axelrod, and Goetze also had assists in the win, while Hong was stellar in goal, making 10 saves in the shutout.

The Westies improved to 3-0 and advanced to the Gold Medal game with a 5-1 win over the Maine Wild Saturday evening.

Goetze and Dowd led the way with two goals apiece, Page added one goal, Dowd and Madera added two assists and Goetze also had a helper.

Page gave the Westies a 1-0 lead off an assist from Price 4:54 into the game, before Goetze scored the first of his two straight goals off assists from Madera and Dowd. Leading 3-1, Goetze set up Dowd with 6:29 left in the third, before Madera and Goetze set up Dowd for the final goal with 2:13 to go.

The Westies took home the title with a 7-1 victory over Hartford in the Gold Medal game Sunday morning. Dowd led the offense with two goals and three assists, Page scored twice, Goetze had three assists, and Madera had a goal and an assist.

Trailing 1-0, West Haven evened the game with 2.2 sec-

onds left in the opening period when Madera scored off assists from Goetze and Dowd. Ray Heenie gave West Haven a lead it never relinquished 3:03 into the second off assists from Dowd and Goetze, before Jason Alling scored a power play goal 42seconds later for a 3-1 advantage.

The Westies iced the game in the third period with four goals. Dowd scored 43 seconds in off assists from Madera and Heenie, and Page sandwiched two unassisted tallies around a goal by Dowd.

Hong and Silva again were outstanding in goal, combining for 16 saves.

Connor Moriarty, Cody Rocchio, and Chris Consorte all played well in the tournament.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team went 1-1 over the past weekend. Saturday brought the Greenwich Blues to the Bennett Rink in

West Haven, where the Blue Devils came out on top 8-1.

The Westies got the scoring started early in the first minute, with Carl Murgo getting the first goal of the day. Dante Hardt was credited with the assist. Justin Pniewski scored with 11 minutes left in the first off an assist from David Brown.

Less than a minute later, Colin Deane scored, with Matt Morgan getting the assist. Morgan then scored two back to back unassisted goals to close out the first period.

Hardt scored the first goal of the second period, with Joey Honcz and Murgo getting the helpers.

Jayden Spreyer then scored top shelf to make it 7-0. Cade Simone got the helper on Spreyer's tally.

Pniewski then scored his second of the game to finish the scoring for the Westies. Sean Bosworth was credited

with the helper.

The Blues were able to score in the third to make the game 8-1, after West Haven went scoreless in the final period.

Brendan Smith played an excellent game in goal.

Cade Simone, Hardt and Kevin Gardner all played well in the contest.

On Sunday the Blue Devils traveled to the Northford Ice Pavilion to take on the Great New Haven Warriors, where they were sent home with a 4-2 loss.

Pniewski scored both goals for the Westies, the first goal in the first period, and the second goal in the third period. The first goal went bar down from the tops of the circles. Morgan was credited with the assist on Pniewski's first goal.

Smith played a complete game and made key saves to keep the score where it was.

Nolan Cole and Matt Wezenski played well in the loss.



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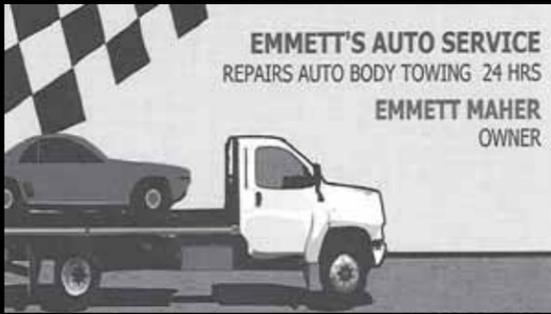
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| 9  | Night flier                   | 48          | Traveling,<br>maybe     | 22 | Rendezvous             |
| 12 | Conks out                     | 51          | George's<br>brother     | 23 | Rope fiber             |
| 13 | State with con-<br>viction    | 52          | Boyfriend               | 24 | Pump up the<br>volume  |
| 14 | Formerly called               | 53          | Frat party garb         | 25 | Ultramodern<br>(Pref.) |
| 15 | Healing                       | 54          | Plaything               | 26 | Getting there          |
| 17 | 1933 dam org.                 | 55          | Black, poeti-<br>cally  | 27 | Culture medi-<br>um    |
| 18 | Porter                        | 56          | Stalk                   | 29 | "Hail!"                |
| 19 | Different                     |             |                         | 30 | Chart                  |
| 21 | What @ means                  | <b>DOWN</b> |                         | 35 | Vast expanse           |
| 22 | A crowd?                      | 1           | Smell                   | 37 | Intelligence           |
| 24 | Soon, in verse                | 2           | Cattle, old<br>style    | 39 | Pueblo build-<br>ing   |
| 27 | Exist                         | 3           | On pension<br>(Abbr.)   | 40 | Mimic                  |
| 28 | Cain's pop                    | 4           | Depth charge            | 41 | Make booties           |
| 31 | Chaps                         | 5           | Temptrass               | 42 | Infamous fid-<br>dler  |
| 32 | Workout venue                 | 6           | "- Got a<br>Secret"     | 43 | Stay away<br>from      |
| 33 | Eggs                          | 7           | D.C. VIP                | 44 | Source                 |
| 34 | Cookware                      | 8           | Passion                 | 45 | Wise one               |
| 36 | Cleopatra's<br>slayer         | 9           | Promptly                | 46 | Cheese choice          |
| 37 | Dance lesson                  | 10          | "- Only Just<br>Begun"  | 49 | Kan. neighbor          |
| 38 | Core                          | 11          | Shakespear-<br>ean king | 50 | Confucian<br>concept   |
| 40 | "I think, there-<br>fore I -" |             |                         |    |                        |
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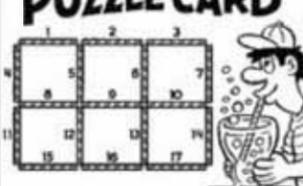
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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**PUZZLE CARD**



**A BUBBLY BAFFLER!** Your problem is to remove six straws from the 17 shown here and have two squares left.

**ODD MAN OUT!** To the right is a list of five words. Can you figure out which word doesn't belong on the list?

**A THANKSGIVING WORD FEAST!** See if you can pass around the four five-letter words needed on the right to fill in our word square. There is a helping of definitions for each. All words must read the same across and down.

1. Holiday centerpiece (given). 2. Where everyone lives.  
3. They call it debating. 4. Worthless closet items.  
5. It's also called stealing.

Answers: 1. Feast 2. Farm 3. Feast 4. Feast 5. Feast

**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.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦  
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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**Junior Whirl**  
by Charles Barry Townsend

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This lad is waiting for his pals so they can play baseball. The grid above has room for eight words that contain "LAD." Try to fold his team in less than three minutes.

Hints: THIS LAD ...  
1. ...is all dressed up.  
2. ...comes from the garden  
3. ...will serve the soup.  
4. ...is very romantic.  
5. ...can make you sick.  
6. ...can make you happy.  
7. ...was in the Civil War.  
8. ...goes with strawberries for dessert.

Answers: 1. Lad 2. Salad 3. Lard 4. Bird 5. Lady 6. Lard 7. Lard 8. Lad

**Answers to last week's puzzles**

**King Crossword**  
Answers  
Solution time: 21 mins.

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| EROS    | POI    | UNTO |
| SARI    | EMS    | TEEN |
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| VATICAN | ANIME  |      |
| ELAN    | DUB    | GRIN |
| ROUGH   | BALLET |      |
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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
Answer

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## SBA names top lenders

The SBA Connecticut District Office celebrated another stellar year -2018.

Ten lenders were honored for their outstanding lending in multiple categories. In Fiscal Year 2018, ending September 30, 2018, the SBA Connecticut District Office backed 864 loans throughout the state totaling \$317 million dollars.

- TD Bank - Top 7(a) Lender by Volume
- Webster Bank - Top 7(a) Lender by Dollar
- New England Certified Development Corp. - Top CDC by Volume and Dollar
- Webster Bank - Top 504 3rd Party Lender by Volume
- Laurel Road Bank - Top 504 3rd Party Lender by Dollar
- Community Economic Development Fund - Top Microlender by Volume and Dollar
- TD Bank - Top Lender to Women Entrepreneurs
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## Business Spotlight

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### CT Wedding Catering

For over a decade, Sweet Relief Catering CT has been flawlessly executing "The Big Day" for hundreds of satisfied couples. Our catering pricing and quality are unmatched - we specialize in helping you make your catering budget work without sacrificing quality or quantity. Call Sweet Relief Catering today to see how we can help you with your catering needs. We will travel anywhere in Connecticut to cater your wedding. We are familiar with many venues and can offer recommendations for menu items and event flow.



### Grilling Genuises

For two decades Sweet Relief Catering has been bringing the best grilling experience to you. From the intimate backyard pool party for fifteen to company outing of 1000. We serve your corporate or private BBQ event at Lighthouse Point Park, Cranberry Park, Penfield Pavilion, Short Beach, Camp Cedar Crest and all of Connecticut and select New York locations. Upwardly mobile, we are comfortable cooking with as little as an open field.



### CT Corporate Catering

Providing you with the best CT corporate catering. Let us worry about the food catering, while you concentrate on your guests. Our deliveries are guaranteed to be on time, accurate and of course delicious. We developed our corporate catering menus with a price conscious budget in mind.

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# Around Town

## Center plans trip

Join the West Haven Senior Center for the following scheduled trip: All trips leave from Savin Rock Conference Center.

MGM Springfield Casino Tuesday, Jan. 15, cost is \$25 per person. Bus leaves Savin Rock Conference Center at 8:30 a.m.

Trip includes \$10 free slot play. Payment is due by Jan. 4.

Registration information for rewards card to be completed at time of registration.

Flyers with details for this trip are available at the office

West Haven Senior Center 201 Noble St., or call (203) 937-3507 for more information.

## Support offered

Balancing the care of a family member, a household and a job is overwhelming.

Meet with a representative from VNA Community Healthcare's Family Caregiver Support Network for a FREE consultation to discuss your personal care-giving issues, receive tips, guidance and explore solutions.

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our family caregiver experts.

## BPGC confab

Bradley Point Garden Club of West Haven will hold its monthly luncheon followed by a presentation on beekeeping at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 15, in a new location, the Ora Mason Library lower level, 260 Benham Hill Road. New members are always welcome. Call Marie at (203) 878-8428.

Bradley Point Garden Club will also hold a bake sale on Thursday, Jan. 17, in the lobby of West Haven City Hall, 355 Main St. from 9 to 1. The public is invited.

## Student loans

The Seth Haley Memorial Loan Fund of West Haven provides eligible college students with loans of up to \$2500 to help students finish their post high school education.

Applicants must be West Haven residents who have completed two or more years of college or post-secondary work or be in their final two years of advanced work.

Any West Haven resident attending college or a post high school professional, technical or trade school can be eligible for a loan.

Repayments do not begin, and no interest will be charged until one year after graduation.

If you are interested in making an application for a loan, please Gert Beckwith at (203) 934-6921, or Ralph Lawson, (203) 934-6442 or write to 170

# Biela named Worshipful Master

By Frank J. Andrulli, III  
*Special to the Voice:*

At its annual year end election, Annawon Lodge, 115 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of West Haven elected Brother Richard Biela, 60 as the 2019 Worshipful Master. He succeeds Worshipful Brother Steven R. Mullins, who served as Master in 2018. Biela has been a member of the Lodge since 1988.

Biela, a West Haven resident, has been married to his wife Cheryl for the past 35 years. Together they have four children and three grandchildren.

Annawon Lodge was chartered on March 24, 1873 in the Village of West Haven in the Town of Orange. The Lodge's first location was the second floor of what is now called the Altshuler Building on the corner of Campbell Avenue and Main Street.

As Worshipful Master, Biela follows in the footsteps of such notable West Haven citizens as former First Selectman (Mayor) Elmer R. Scranton and educator Harry M. Bailey.

Biela will be installed Saturday in a ceremony at the West Haven Masonic Temple, 263 Elm St. at 11. The rites will include a tribute to Mullins, honoring his tenure as Master. Lunch will be served immediately following. The ceremony is open to the public.

In addition to Biela, other officers elected and appointed are: Senior Warden: Kyle Podpolucha, Junior Warden: Mark Homburg, Senior Deacon: Anthony King, Junior Deacon: Christopher Belous, Tiler: Jonathan Belmont, Treas-

urer, Gerald Calibritto, Secretary Frank James Andrulli, III, Marshall: James V. Jennette, Historian William Kennedy Barr, Chaplain: Frank Mangero, Almoner: William Lang, and Trustee: Steven R. Mullins.



RICHARD BIELA

## West Haven Historical Society's

# MYSTERY PHOTO ANSWER

This week's winner is **Jillian Woychowski**, Media Specialist at WHHS. She said:

"The Aimes lived on the corner of Main and Savin before Martinstowe, and the Poli house was built in 1915."



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