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#### Voice Profile

A weekly in-depth interview

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~ Latanya Watts Joyner

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# School sale reboot hits deadline

By Josh LaBella

Voice Reporter

The city is continuing in its attempt to sell two school buildings which are no longer in use. A hoped-for sale to the West Haven Housing Authority fell through recently, forcing officials to look elsewhere.

Fred A. Messore, the commissioner of planning and development for West Haven, said requests for proposals (RFP's) for the Edgar C. Stiles and Thompson Schools went out last month and the dead-

line for them was Monday. He said the West Haven Housing Authority had looked into Thompson school before he was hired by the city.

"I think there was an option on it that was granted to the Housing Authority," said Messore. "With the idea that they could possible partner up with a developer to do a proposal. I think they did a pretty extensive review into that process because they had put together a set of plans."

John Counter, the executive

director of the West Haven Housing Authority, said the plans included 55 units of housing. He said the project would have aimed to support the elderly, disabled and veteran population of the city but they were not able to get tax credits for funding.

Messore said the development agreement with the housing authority expired at the end of 2018. He said the Municipal Accountability Review Board has recommended that the city try and sell

off some of their assets, these buildings included.

"I looked at it as an opportunity to put these two properties back out to the market and see what the market would dictate in terms of a development readapted use for these properties," said Messore. "That's where we're at now."

According to Messore, they did a walk through with people interested in the schools in Dec. and questions came in Jan. 8 as part of the RFP. He said the request will be sent

into the purchaser's office by Jan 15. He said he thinks the city is looking for proposals that coincide with what their ideas and visions are as well as what zoning would allow.

David Killeen, the assistant city planner, said Stiles School is located in an area identified as a transit oriented district because of its proximity to the train station. He said this is competitive with other communities in the area because it allows for a higher density for development. He said Thompson School, which is in a public facilities district, is a bit harder.

"It envisions predominately government type uses," said Killeen. "A few years ago, when the proposal came in from Housing Authority, we provided relief by modifying the public facilities district to accommodate a certain amount of housing. We may have to go back and retool that. It depends on what proposals come in."

Messore said they had a good response though the process of the RFP and are just waiting to see the written responses. He said eight groups visited Stiles School and five groups looked at Thompson School, with some overlap.

Both Stiles and Thompson were closed in a revamp of the city's school system a decade ago. The system downsized the number of elementary schools, and combined all its sixth grade students into Carrigan, which was one of two middle schools prior to the consolidation. Sixth graders

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Teams compete to aid students

By Josh LaBella

Voice Reporter

More than two dozen people crowded into the back of Randall's Restaurant to participate in fundraiser to aid a program that offers school supplies for in-need students. The game was Trivia, and participants had to be up on various categories during the event.

Dana Parades, principal of West Haven High School, said the program, Westies on Wheels, has been running for six years and that she and others started it to buy school supplies for students in West Haven who need it most.

"In July and August we buy tons and tons of school supplies. We fill up school buses, and we go into all the neediest areas in West Haven and distribute free backpacks, school supplies and hygiene supplies," said Par-See Trivia, page 9



Photo by Josh LaBella

Teams competed in several categories at Randall's Restaurant over the weekend to help Westies on Wheels.

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#### Weather

#### Friday Jan. 18



Cloudy with occasional showers for the afternoon. High 41F.. Chance of rain 50%.
Sunrise: 7:13 am
Sunset: 4:50 pm
Wind: S 5-10 mph

#### Saturday Jan. 19



Cloudy with rain and snow. High 41F. Chance of rain 60%. Sunrise: 7:16 am Sunset: 4:44 pm Wind: NNE at 5 to 10 mph.

#### Sunday Jan. 20



Snow showers. High 33F.. Chance of snow 50%. 3 to 5 in expected Sunrise: 7:15 am Sunset: 4:45 pm Wind: N at 10 to 20 mph

#### Monday Jan. 21



Snow showers, scattered in the afternoon. High 27F. Chance of snow 40%. 1 in Sunrise: 7:15 am Sunset: 4:46 pm Wind: NNW at 10 to 20 mph.

#### Kids' Forecast

Ava Colletta age 2, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., is hoping for colder weather and a snowstorm to build more snowmen.

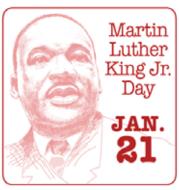
# Things to Do

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#### Monday, Jan. 21

The Southern Connecticut Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians is hosting a celebration of the life of the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the evening of Monday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.at Church of the Holy Spirit, 28 Church St. The Rev. Richard Meadows, Jr., Rector of the Church of St. Michael's and

#### MONDAY



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All Angels in Baltimore, and former Rector of St. Luke's, New Haven will preach and celebrate.

West Haven High School Sophomore and Holy Spirit parishioner Nora Mullins will lead the congregation in song.

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# Government Meetings

#### 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.

#### Monday, Jan 28

West Haven City Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7 p.m.

#### Thursday, Jan 31

Charter Revision Commission, Harriet North Meeting Room Regular Meeting, 6 p.m.

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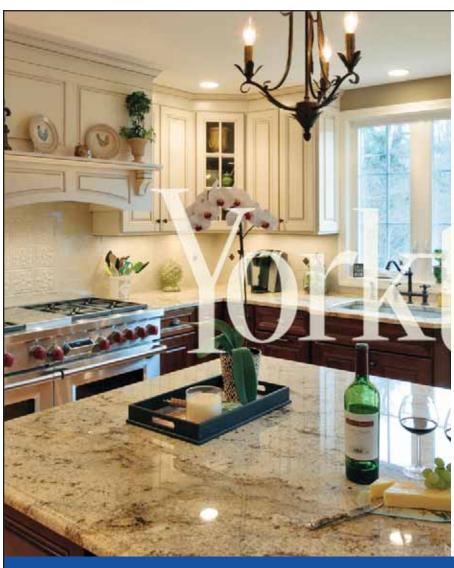
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#### Did you know...

The city's 19th Icy Plunge for the Cure will take place on Feb. 2. Registration forms are avialable at the Humun Resources office on the 2nd Floor of City Hall.

On Feb. 2, registration startsat 8 am in the Savin Rock Conference Center with the Plunge stepping off at 9:30 am







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# Veterans' Council continues to serve city

By Josh LaBella

Voice Reporter

West Haven veterans continue their service well after their time in the military. That was the message at a recent session of the West Haven Veterans' Council and the West Haven Vietnam Veterans.

Members of both groupsrun fundraisers to support the community in a number of ways. Alan Beck, vice president of the Veterans' Council, said their mission is to help out whoever needs it in the

"That's our biggest mission," said Beck, "A couple years ago Steve [Carney] and Dave [Ricci] and us started a scholarship fund for the West Haven High School."

Steve Carney, the treasurer of the council, said in the last two years the group has donated \$6,000 to the scholarship fund at the high school. He said this year they plan to

"What our stipulation is of Savin Rock three times.

that they don't give it to the smartest kids with the highest GPAs," said Carney. "It's that it goes to the kids who need it most. We want them to doll out four \$1,000 scholarships. It's not a ton of money but, if you come from a family that's not in good shape, they appreciate a thousand bucks."

Carney said the groups also do food and clothing drives. He said they used to do a lot more but the group has gotten smaller over the years. He said there are about 10 to 12 people who come to their meetings and about half of that do a majority of the work.

"I got to say, the guys that do the work break their balls," said Dave Ricci, the group's president. "They hump. They're good and dedicated."

Carney said bringing the mobile Vietnam Memorial Wall to West Haven is another example of the work the groups do. He said the wall donate another four thousand. came to Bradley point in front

Ricci said bringing the wall to the city cost \$7,500, of which the city loaned them half. He serving the community is something they feel they have to do. Carney said some of them also want to change the perception of Vietnam veter-

"When we came home," said Carney, "we weren't look at very well. People didn't care. If we can do some good stuff, we can maybe change the perception of who we are in general."

Carney said it is important to him that they focus on local

He noted that national organizations such as the Wounded Warrior Project have large sponsors and get millions donated each year.

"I would rather give a thousand dollar scholarship to a senior at West High School," said Carney. "A thousand dollars is a lot more important to that kid than it is to an organization that's making millions and million and millions of dollars."

Ricci said the students write them thank you letters after receiving the scholarships and they seem very appreciative.

Carney said the organizations are sponsoring a concert on the Green in June for the

third year in a row. He said a main way they would fund their philanthropy was by selling t-shirts at the West Haven Apple Fest but people are not buying as many as they used to. He said they want more people to join so they can generate more ideas.



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#### Town Hall confab slated for Jan 29

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and her staff invite residents to participate in a town hall meeting Jan. 29 at City Hall. The community event is aimed at bringing residents closer to elected officials and promoting transparency between City Hall and constituents, organizers said.

The meeting is 6-8 p.m. in the Harriet C.

North Community Room on the second floor of City Hall, 355 Main St. It is sponsored by the mayor's office and the University of New Haven Mayor's Advisory Commission.

Organizers said people can ask Rossi questions as she engages with them on a variety of topics affecting West Haven.



# Dear Felicia

Yew knew it couldn't last. We hear-tell that the white stuff is expected after weeks of nothin' but rain. Yup, though we've had a wet couple o' months, we had one early snowstorm back in late November, and thought that was gonna bring in a long cold snap.

We got the cold snap this week, but dodged a large bullet over the weekend, but the scare-mongers at the weather bureaus are saying we're gonna have a humdinger this weekend—"a big snowmaker" according to one service. So, yew know what's gonna happen, honey bunch. Effen yew thougt of stocking up with foodstuffs just because, yew should've done it by the time yew git this missive.

Effen the weather reports continue with what has been predicted as I scribe this week's letter, then the local stores are gonna be very, very busy. Yew know how it goes, people stock up for a month,

and then we wait. The storm ain't quite as bad as expected – until the next dire prediction. We shall see. Cobina's lumbago, which is the best predictor o' bad weather I know, hasn't acted up yet. That could change. We shall see.

As far as things here in our Asylum by the Sea, finances and more finances – and things financial – are in the news when it comes to this burg. Things were all in a lather last week, when on Friday the finance director, who has only been on the job for about five months, up and quit. He gave a terse letter to herroner who is said to be shocked about the abrupt resignation.

Sammy Bluejay happened by earlier in the week, though, and said that there was some friction betwixt the Mayor's Office and the comptroller. We didn't know exactly what the friction or its cause was, but Sammy sez that there was a disagreement. Toward the end of the week, the news was that things had been perty much

smoothed over and the two were on good terms again.

Then came Friday. We got a call that himself, Ron Cicatelli, had been escorted outta the building. Of course, when that happens, people think the worst: he was fired or he did something that put him in trouble. Nope. This time the reason was that for some reason he'd had enough of the job and decided to leave.

Just a few days earlier, a conversation with a maven of the Actors Colony had told our editor that Cicatelli had decided to put down stakes in the area and move his family here. That seems strange now, considering the chain of events.

The good news for all was that the city was gonna hire a second in command and his game is Frank Ciepilski, and he hails from Fairfield. He was able to scooch into the top slot with nary a hiccup. That's a good thing, cuz the budget "cycle" as they like to call it these days begins in earnest over the next few weeks. We know that, based on the agreement with the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) through the five-year plan, taxes will go up again this year and for several years into the future.

But what we don't know is how this is gonna affect the spending side of the budget package. Remember, the MARB is expected more cuts over the next few years cuz the city has promised to make sure its budget balances out on both sides of the ledger – something that the fictional spending plans of the past have failed to do. It's gonna be an interesting couple o' months, that's for sure.

Natchurly, that story has to be hooked into the decision by the aforesaid MARB to release \$8 million to the city. That is the money the state failed to provide when it went through its own budget spasms in 2017. The city, which was told it was supposed to git \$12 million in financial aid, thought it was being frugal by only planning for \$8 million. It got none, and that really put us in the soup.

Of course, when the city bonded to finance the dozenyear-old deficit, it got more than it bargained for with the imposition of the MARB, and the possibility of having the state take the entire city over. The MARB made herroner put together the five-year plan, and promise to make more cuts. It also wanted to make sure the Allingtown Fire Dept. is fully funded regarding its pension, and wanted a report on the possible consolidation of the other fire services.

Let's hope that the MARB doesn't think it can force the city into consolidation. There are plenty o' people who will give them a quite primer in the ins and outs of how the Home-Rule districts will have to dissolve before that could happen, and no state agency can force that. Right now, given the city's financial constraints, who in their right mind would

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want consolidation? We can't fund what we have now, and the word is there are a lotta people in Allingtown ruing the day they dissolved the old AFD.

We shall see where this leads, but the date for transfer of the cash – which fills a gap in last year's budget, not this year's – is set for April 30, pending all conditions being met

Nelly Nuthatch was in t'other afternoon and broached the topic of Ed O'Brien seeking his old job back, given the recent developments. Nelly sez that with the MARB dangling the \$8 million for the last time, and with the fack that even the loss of the finance director is part of the broader picture, O'Brien's hill to climb might be just a bit steeper. He already has to explain how he let city finances git as bad as they did, running four deficits in a row, but also how things were allowed to git outta control.

O'Brien is expected to run come the summer, and there are people who are lining up to support him. What some people don't understand is how he can defend the decisions he made and then run as some type of savior for the city. Nobody questions his love for West Haven, but the four years he was in office were not the best

Still, don't be surprised effen there is a primary come the summer, and that it is a down-anddirty campaign. The two principals do not like each other, and aren't afraid to say that publicly. It will be quite a few weeks leading up to the caucuses in July and the primary in September.

That brings us to the elephant in the room: the Haven projeck. Effen things are even gonna have a chance to git right in this town, the Haven is gonna be one of the reasons. Cobina has a lotta queries concerning how things are be logistically, especially with the traffic off the highway. But, there is talk – yet again – that the demolition of the various properties are to happen "soon," but this is a song we've heard before.

Many a projeck around these parts was supposed to start "soon," with things getting held up. Effen yew remember, one of the ways O'Brien increased revenues at least on paper, was for permits for the Haven project – and then prayed it would begin. Effen this thing don't get started soon, we could see another year where the only progress we see over there is abandoned houses collapsing. Let's hope it don't git that far.

Mitt luff und kizzez, **Cobina** 



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# 'People person' Joyner hones skills

By Josh LaBella Voice Reporter

When students struggle at reading, every other subject becomes harder to grasp. One local instructor spends her professional life evaluating and honing the reading skills of local students so they can have more successful academic careers.

Latanya Watts Joyner, a reading consultant at May V. Carrigan School, said as she taught students in first and second grade she realized they needed good reading skills to learn math, social studies, science and all subjects students are tasked with.

"If you didn't do well in reading," said Watts Joyner, "it was just going to be hard. So then I wanted to help more [students] in just reading."

Watts Joyner said she has worked in the West Haven School system for 20 years and at Carrigan for around eight. The New Haven native and Southern graduate said she got hired in West Haven after student teaching at the Seth G. Haley and Edith E. Mackrille elementary schools. She said she always stresses to students how important an ability reading is.

'I always tell the kids that if you can't read, or you don't read well or you need help reading, then everything else will be hard in life," said Watts Joyner. "So it really is a lifelong skill."

Watts Joyner said working with people is her favorite part of the job. She said she loves working with students but that another large portion of her job is professional development so she gets to work with teachers as well.

"I'm a people person," said Watts Joyner. "So it's good for

Watts Joyner said some of her favorite memories are seeing how excited students get when they have just learned something.

"The kids are excited to learn," said Watts Joyner. "They're creative. They're funny. There's stories I can recall that just make you laugh. I like the job."

According to Watts Joyner, students learn at different speeds and may have to follow different paths to success. She said a challenge of the job can be having to slow down a lesson or figure out a different way to teach it to help students succeed.

"That's probably the hardest part," said Watts Joyner. "But they all get there. Maybe just at different times."

Her days and schedule greatly vary depending on need, Watts Joyner said. Some days, she said, she could be in one classroom and the next day three. She said when a teacher comes to school they need to be ready to try things that are fresh and new – whatever helps the students achieve.

According to Joyner, she was worried when moving from first and second grade to fifth and sixth that it might be different but that proved not to

"Sometimes people are under the misconception that the students don't want to learn or they can be difficult," said Watts Joyner. "Not even just in West Haven, in any district. That's just not true. They do want to learn and they do want to be here."

Watts Joyner said she still remembers her elementary school teachers and that it is important to form that relationship. She said it is critical that students have someone they can connect to and reach out to with problems.

"They inspire something



Photo by Josh LaBelle

A self-proclaimed "people person," Latanya Watts Joyner enjoys the interaction with her students.

in you," said Watts Joyner. say, 'You're a great student but "They push you to learn and you can be even better."

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# Opinion

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# City finances still priority The Rossi administration had a mixed bag of a

The Rossi administration had a mixed bag of a week, last week, with some good news, and some bad news – at least we think it is bad news.

The Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) gave its *imprimatur* to the release of \$8 million in funding that was withheld from the city, pending its restructuring of spending, and the implementation of an acceptable five-year plan for financing city operations.

Readers will remember this money was lost in the budget battles of 2017, leaving then-Mayor Edward M. O'Brien's budget with an \$8 million gap. The state had promised \$12 million in funding prior to the budget standoff that lasted well into the summer that year, but the money was eliminated from our budget and other municipal budgets. West Haven, however, was dependent on those funds.

When the city opted to bond to eliminate the 12-year-old operational deficit, the imposition of scrutiny under the MARB, and forced the city to jump through fiscal hoops in order to regain the funds promised. The funding was tentatively approved by MARB, which means the city will be able to fill the remainder of the gap that was not bridged by massive cuts over the last year. Meanwhile, the five-year plan offers nothing but new tax hikes over its life in order to increase revenues.

Still, Mayor Nancy N. Rossi will not receive the money until a review of the city's fire services is complete and the audit for the last fiscal year (2018) is completed. A deadline has been set for April 30. By that time it is expected all reports will be presented.

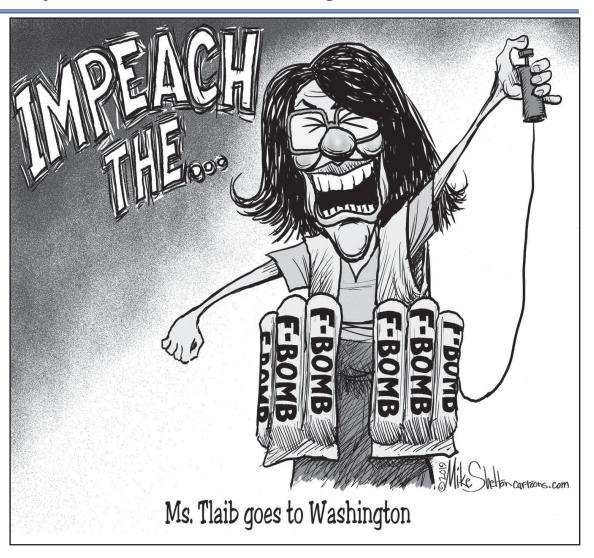
We note with interest the MARB's look into consolidation of the city's fire services, but wonder why it would be part of any review. In order for the city's two remaining independent services (Center, known as the First Taxation District, and the West Shore Fire Dept.) to consolidate, they would – like Allingtown did in 2012 – have to have voters in both districts elect to end the Home Rule statutes that govern them. We don't see that happening anytime soon. And, that would be only the first step in dissolution of the districts. Frankly, the independent fire services are out of the MARB's purview.

The bad news came with the sudden departure of Ron Cicatelli as the city's Finance Director. In a one-line letter, Cicatelli resigned from his position Friday and was escorted out of City Hall with his belongings. It is known that he and the mayor's office had some diverging opinions, but no one expected him to leave

Cicatelli, who took the job in September, was replaced by Frank Cieplinski on Monday. Cieplinski was supposedly in line for the assistant job, but was able to move into the top position.

It remains to be seen – and we expect the reasons will come forward – why Cicatelli determined to leave. His was considered a fresh face in the city's financial line-up, with a different perspective on how the city should maneuver through its fiscal morass. While there was tension on the third floor of City Hall over diverging opinions, just last week it was reported Cicatelli and his family would be permanently moving into the area. Cieplinski is from Fairfield, and will bring, we hope, the same fresh perspective that was exhibited by his predecessor.

Unfortunately, it seems the New Year of 2019 offers the same focus of attention 2018 did. The city's ongoing financial crunch is going to remain front and center for some time to come.



## 'Green Deal' top-down plan

By Rich Lowry

Syndicated Columnist

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's so-called Green New Deal makes the obligatory nod to the original New Deal, but FDR's handiwork is much too modest an antecedent.

The Green New Deal calls for a top-down revolution in the operation of American society so sweeping that it would be disturbing if it weren't so wholly ridiculous. It shows all the thoughtfulness of a college sophomore pulling an allnighter to write a term paper for his Millennial Socialism 101 class.

The Green New Deal, as explained in draft legislation to create a congressional committee to pursue it, would transition to 100 percent renewable sources of national power in 10 years. Since renewables only account for 17 percent of U.S. power now (7.5 percent from hydropower, which might not pass muster under the Green New Deal), the plan would require shuttering more than 80 percent of current sources of American power.

This isn't like a European country adopting an ambitious goal for renewables (Denmark wants to be at 50 percent by 2030); it is a country with more recoverable oil reserves than Saudi Arabia

and Russia spurning a stupendous source of national wealth to take a flyer on a lunatic experiment.

The architects of the Green New Deal apparently believe that once you have lost touch with reality with one proposal, you might as well pile on as many wild-eyed schemes as possible.

It would build a new energy-efficient grid, itself a massive proposition.

It would upgrade every -not just many, not even most, but *every* -- residential and industrial building for energy efficiency. There are 136 million homes in the United States.

It would eliminate emissions from industry, including farming, offering instead a vision of investment "in local-scale agriculture."

It would eliminate emissions from transportation, which sounds like mandatory electric cars and hydrogen-powered planes.

Because the Green New Deal aspires to achieve all of socialism in one energy plan, it includes a federal job guarantee with a living wage and perhaps "basic income programs" and "universal health care."

There's nothing the Green New Deal can't do. It would "mitigate deeply entrenched racial, regional, and genderbased inequalities in income and wealth," and, oh yeah, "virtually eliminate poverty."

The case for the Green Energy Plan is based on the alleged climate crisis being so dire that it must overwhelm all cost- and-benefit analysis. Actually, we have already been making incremental progress in reducing emissions, thanks largely to natural gas, which the Green Energy Plan can't abide. While global emissions have been increasing since 2005, U.S. emissions have been declining.

Even if we were to kneecap ourselves with the Green Energy Plan, the world's biggest emitter wouldn't follow suit. According to research by the green group CoalSwarm, China is now developing as much new coal capacity as currently exists in the U.S.

Pressed on the plausibility of the Green New Deal by Anderson Cooper on "60 Minutes," Ocasio-Cortez said we must pursue change we don't conceive as possible. The Green New Deal certainly meets that standard. It's the perfect program for a movement that has no idea of how to make means meet ends, and doesn't even care to try.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



#### **Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

You may remember, in previous columns I have noted many of your complaints have been ignored by city offices. I also noted that Gripe Vine will be publishing your gripes each week affording the mayor's office an opportunity to view your sentiments on neighborhood and citywide problems. In preparing Gripe Vine in this way, I have discovered that some of your complaints have been addressed by city departments. Not many, but here and there.

So, I am going to continue publishing your complaints in this manner. Today we will begin with the following letter:

#### **Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Flooding yards in this area (Peck Avenue) is not a new issue. However, I discovered during this last storm that there is water not entering my yard from the Old Field Creek flood plain, but a pipe in a stand of trees on the Washington School property.

I called the mayor's office, (follow the thread) routed to Public Works, to the Board of Education (BOE) to the Superintendent's office. I have been waiting for a call back from the BOE Maintenance Group so I can ask them to come and see the water after we received the additional two inches of rain that was predicted the day I wrote this letter.

I am about to call again, but figured the more visibility that can be brought to this drain damaging water in my yard (which then goes into my home and my neighbor's as well,) causing much unnecessary drainage.

If the pipe can be routed directly into the creek and not my home and yard, the flooding may be reduced since the flooding is due to human error/oversite. Any contacts in the BOE who can assist with this issue would be appreciated.

#### Dear NPA:

I will be waiting to hear from you on this issue.

NPA.

#### Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There are "No Thru Truck" signs at both ends of Meloy Road but there are tractor trailers using this very, very



**ELEANORE TURKINGTON** 

busy road every day. This road should be off limits to big rigs. Fines will stop them. Signs mean nothing.

**HELP** 

#### Dear HELP:

The traffic division at the West Haven Police Department is alerted by this dangerous practice through publication in Gripe Vine. Please be sure to notify me of any changes.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

## By Eleanore Turkington

Can't something be done about the 10 to 12 speeding razor bikes that go through the stop signs at Main and Third Avenue? Can't they slow down on Main Street?

Main Street Resident
Dear Main Street Resident:

Once again, publication of your complaint and other readers' complaints appear in this column. Your issue is being read by thousands of readers including the departments the gripes are directed. Let me know if this dangerous practice has stopped or if you see police supervision has begun.

Dear Eleanore Turkington: Why is the high school lit up like a Christmas tree every night? Maybe the powers to be don't care, but we taxpayers should not be paying for this light extravagance!

Neighbor at Cherry Lane **Dear Neighbor:** 

Lights out should be the name of the game. I feel con-

fident some of them are necessary to prevent vandalism, but curtailment should be considered. Keep in touch on this issue.

#### **Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

There is a car, a 1960 Chevrolet, that is parked halfway over the public sidewalk and the driveway every day for years on Atwater Street. Can this situation be improved?

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#### **Dear Safety First:**

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#### Historian's corner

#### **By Dan Shine**



The Swan siblings: Barbara and Marcia, with Sy, Jr.

#### Sy Swan Part II

Sy Swan met Virginia Freije at a meeting of The Young People's Syrian/Lebanese Society of New Haven in 1941. They married in 1943.

Family life in America during the 1950s and 1960s was often like this: Father was the breadwinner, worked long hours, and as a result his presence in the home was often fairly sparse. Meanwhile, mother stayed at home, taking care of the cooking, cleaning, housework and raising the family almost singlehandedly. Such was the case with the Swan family, but it was often raised to the extreme, since Sy worked seven days a week until shortly before his death.

However, his children have some golden memories. Often, Sy would take Virginia and the children in the family's motorboat for a picnic dinner on Charles Island in Milford. Some evenings, he would meet them on the beach at the end of the day, bringing along a dinner that he had prepared for them to share. And there would be conversation and smiles and laughter to make the dinner complete.

Sy's son, also named Sy, remembers his father as an avid outdoorsman, who would often take him hunting and fishing. The family's boat often took father and son out onto Long Island Sound, where they would explore various islands, sometimes stay-

ing overnight. One time, the boat struck a submerged rock, damaging the its propeller. As evening fell, they paddled the damaged boat to a nearby island that came complete with a lighthouse—they spent the night in that lighthouse and got acquainted with its two attendants. It was an unforgettable adventure.

Daughter Barbara remembers that after Sy's death, life became something of a blur, while the family struggled to develop new responsibilities and routines for those he left behind. Virginia took over the running of the restaurant, and son Sy, 13, joined her as soon as school got out each day. Daughter Barbara, 11, took care of Marcia, 4, with the help of Rose Anderson, a wonderful woman who worked in their home, assisting with household chores and taking care of the younger children.

A huge theme was family: Virginia's younger sister, Phyllis, who had worked alongside Sy since the second year the restaurant was open, lived with them in West Haven during the week (and spent weekends at her family home first in Ansonia and then in Derby) and was an invaluable support for Virginia both at home and in the restaurant, being the main chef once Sy was gone. Without the help and emotional support of a close family--Virginia had 5 siblings--life would have been much more difficult for Virginia. In addition, there was Virginia's best friend, Marion McQueeney and her family, who were a tremendous support to the Swan family.

And so, Virginia persevered, and she kept the restaurant going, even as she raised her three children with an admirable, quiet strength and saw to it that each of them graduated from college. In 1975, she sold the restaurant and took a less demanding job at City Hall. She died in 1987.

Today, the Swan children, now in their Golden Years, credit their parents for the strict parenting and strong examples that they set; for all three have gone on to good, successful lives, fulfilling their parents' wishes; and all have carried on the traditions of Sy and Virginia Swan.

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From left, Robert S. Morton, director of West Haven Youth and Family Services, presents a wooden "Community Service Award" plaque to Steven R. Mullins, worshipful master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Annawon Lodge 115, and lodge Secretary Frank J. Andrulli III on Jan. 3 at City Hall. The Masons were recognized by Morton on behalf of the West Haven Interagency Network for Children for donating the lodge hall at 263 Center St. for WHINC's Halloween dance for special-needs children. Morton is the chairman of WHINC.

# Trivia: Contest helps fund 'Wheels' program

Continued from page 1 ades, "to any student who is in need so that everybody can start the year ready to go."

Parades said they go to four different locations every year, including Meadowbrook and Savin Rock Conference Cen-

She said Westies on Wheels fundraises all year and that the trivia night is just one type of event they host.

"We usually make about \$5,000 a year," said Parades. "I don't know how much we made for this year so far. But whatever we make we give out. Whether we make \$3,000, that's what we give out. If we make \$5,000, we give out supplies until they're gone."

During the event, teams of up to six answered 10 questions from each of the categories – which included general history, literature, and 1990's television. After each category, Parades tallied up each groups correct answers and announced who was in the lead. The team that won the

game, and the gift basket reward, was named "Dumb and Dumberer."

Parades said every year the response is huge. She said last year they gave out around 900 backpacks alone. She said businesses such as Costco also donate supplies to the pro-

According to Parades, there are a few teachers and about 30 students who volunteer to help with fundraisers.

Lauren Kozlowski, a science teacher at West Haven High School, said the program started with them collecting supplies at her house.

She said, as a school teacher, it is rewarding to help give students the supplies they need.

"Being a school teacher, when you've got kids that need supplies and they don't have them," said Kozlowski, "and now they do have them and they don't have to feel embarrassed. It kind of levels the playing field so that everyone can start off the school year on the same foot."

Kozowski said it is instantly gratifying to be a part of Westies on Wheels.

She said it is amazing how many people line up to get supplies and that it is nice to be able to service a need in the community.

Parades said the turnout could have been better, but it was about what they expected. She said they never make a lot of money at one time – it comes in "drips and drabs."

"We make a couple bucks

here, a couple hundred bucks noted that most of the people there," said Parades. "A couple hundred bucks will buy us like 400 packages of pencils in July. We probably made two or three hundred dollars [tonight]."

Pete Trenchard, a history teacher at West Haven High School, said he came to the trivia at Randall's to support Westies on Wheels, to hang out with colleagues outside of a classroom setting, as well as to compete against them. He

attending the fundraiser were teachers within the West Haven School system.

"I think it shows you how much everybody cares about our jobs and the community that we teach in," said Trenchard. "Most of the people in this room also live in West Haven. So we teach here. We live here. We care about the community. We care about the kids that we teach and just want to see them succeed.'







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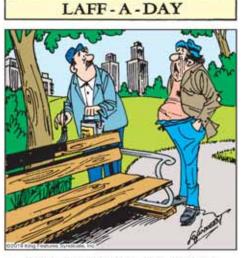






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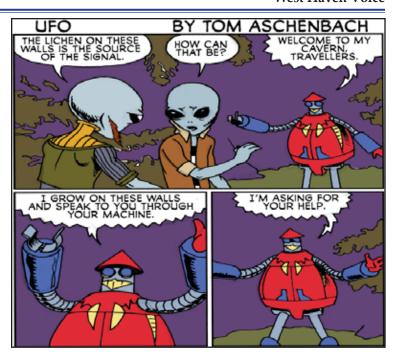






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#### Rossi urges women get a mammogram

From left, Yale New Haven Hospital mammography technologists Elizabeth Sorensen and Coretha Thomas give Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, Health Department intern Paulina Lopez and Health Director Maureen B. Lillis a tour of the YNHH Mammography Van in the parking lot of City Hall on Nov. 29. Flanking the van's digital mammography machine, Rossi, a champion of breast cancer awareness, encouraged women 40 and older to get a yearly mammogram, a low-dose X-ray to examine breast tissue and check for breast abnormalities.

#### Rep. Borer to head up vets' panel

State Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-West Hav115en) has been appointed to serve as House Chairman of the legislature's Committee on Veterans' Affairs by Speaker of the House Joe Aresimowicz.

Borer, known for her unwavering support of veterans' issues, did not hesitate to accept the job when she got the call.

Rep. Borer said her new role would be another step toward helping the state's vets.

"I am elated to have been tapped by the Speaker to serve the CT General Assembly in this role.

"Whether it's improving healthcare, mental health access, jobs or family support, we need to continue to focus on supporting this critical population who has sacrificed for all of us."

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs, established in 2005, oversees all matters relating to military and veterans.

Expanded eligibility for veterans to receive local property tax exemptions and tuition breaks at Connecticut's public colleges and universities, as well as protecting personal information of members of the Armed Forces and veterans to safeguard information collected by businesses are some of the issues the committee has championed over the years.

"Rep. Borer's commitment to improving the quality of life for our military and veterans makes her a great choice to lead this important committee," Aresimowicz said. "

In addition to the new assignment, Rep. Borer will continue to serve on the Environment and Public Health Committees.







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# Sports

Thursday, January 17, 2019

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#### Scramble

Fundamental League Wildcats scramble for the ball in last Saturday's contest with the Gators. The 'Cats slipped by, 32-6. The winter sports season is in full swing after the holidays, with teams vying for postseason berths.



# 9-0 Knights topple trio of rivals

Basketball stayed unbeaten, hockey suffered a pair of tough losses, wrestling posted a shutout and track ran well at the nearby Yale Classic in a busy week of Notre Dame ath-

Basketball -- It was the first three-game week for Coach Jason Shea's squad and they played well each night to stay undefeated. In a 63-49 win at Shelton on Monday, the Green Knights used a 15-2 run late in the third quarter and early in the fourth to pull way for the win. Trevon Setzer-Smith led the way with 15 points.

Notre Dame then beat Cross on Wednesday led by Jaiden Kimbro's solid night. Kimbro was part of a big third quarter that saw the Green Knights outscore the Governors, 24-15, to take control of the game. Kimbro made four three-pointers in that frame as

Wrestling -- A combination of stellar wrestling by Notre Dame and several forfeits led to the Green Knights beating Cheshire, 76-0,in an SCC dual meet on Tuesday, Jan. 8. Seven Green Knights won via pin while Notre Dame also won six matches by forfeit as Cheshire did not have a wrestler in that weight class. The team then went on to participate in the Hand Duals on Saturday. Notre Dame went 1-3 on the day beating Wilton, 60-12, in final dual of the day. The Green Knights fell, 59-24, to Bristol Central, 54-23 to Wethersfield, and 40-39 to Ludlowe. Christian Fillion, Jason Kern, Luis Stephenson, Rob Lowe, Gianni Liguori, and Porter Schexnayder all

Green Knights (9-0) ended the

week with a 72-32 win over

East Haven with Zach Laput

'20 leading the way with 13

points as 10 players scored in

the game.

on the day. Indoor Track -- The team fared well at the Yale Interscholastic Track Classic which was held on Jan. 11-12 at Yale University's Coxe Cage. The 4x400 relay team team won its preliminary heat and placed fourth overall and second in Connecticut. The team of Daniel Range, Neel Agir, Christian

won three matches on the day.

Lowe was undefeated at 3-0

part of his 18-point night. The Panagrossi, and Warren Murphy crossed the finish line in 3:36.92. Only Classical Magnet ran a faster time of the Connecticut schools who participated. Murphy then ran third in his heat and 18th overall in the 300 dash running in a time of 37.03. Jason Sawicki cleared 6-0 in the high jump to place fifth. He also ran fourth in his heat and 26th overall in the 55 hurdles, finishing in a time of

> Hockey -- The Amity hockey team scored two third-period goals to come from behind and beat Notre Dame 2-1 on Jan. 9. The game was scoreless for nearly the first two periods with both goalies matching spectacular save after magnificent stop. Amity's Malachi Zurolo made 39 saves while Notre Dame's Connor Smith was just as efficient stopping 37 Amity shots. Nelson Bordeleau scored on a rebound with 3:45 left to provide winning goal. Charlie Andriole scored for the Green Knights to give them a 1-0 lead. John D'Errico was the lone Green Knight to light the lamp in a 3-1 loss at Northwest Catholic on Saturday...

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Jaiden Kimro goes to the basket in an earlier game against East Lyme. Kmbro had 18 points, including a pair of three pointers, in a 65-47 win over Cross last week. Notre Dame basketball entered this week with a 9-0 record before playing Hillhouse Tuesday and Hamden Friday.

# Westies knock off Rams, 'Jackets

The West Haven boys' hockey team came up with two, big wins last week. On Wednesday evening the Westies hosted the Cheshire Rams at the Bennett Rink, Robbie Forleo circled behind the net and made a pass into the slot where Niko Kyle's shot was denied but, Kaden Morgillo was there to score on a rebound with 1:49 left in the first period to give the Blue Devils a 1-0 lead. After a scoreless second period the Rams took advantage of a giveaway and evened the score at 4:38 of the third period. The teams battled for the remainder of the period but neither was able to capitalize, necessitating overtime. In the OT, Cheshire's attempted clearing pass was intercepted by Richie Greene, who spun around and threw the puck toward the front of the net, where Kaden Morgillo made a beautiful tip over the Ram goaltender's shoulder and into the top corner at 1:48 to give the Westies the 2-1 victory. Jared Plizska made 22 saves between the pipes for West Haven.

On Saturday afternoon, the Blue Devils headed to DiLungo Rink in East Haven to take on the East Haven/Old Lyme/Old Saybrook/East Hampton/ Morgan/Valley Yellow Jackets. The Blue Devils jumped on the Yellow Jackets early when Nick Boanno scored assisted by Kaden Morgillo 1:24 into the game for a 1-0 lead.

Boanno capitalized again on a rebound of a Richie Greene shot with 47 seconds left in the first period to make it 2-0. It was Boanno 5:29 into the second period when he battled through

several Yellow Jackets, broke in on goal and his shot trickled through the Easties' goaltender to increase the lead to

The Yellow Jackets got one back on a deflection on the power play with 5:18 left in the second period to cut the lead to 3-1. The Easties tallied again 3:39 into the third to make it 3-2 before Nick Boanno made a beautiful pass to Kaden Morgillo on a 2 on 1, Morgillo's shot caromed off the post but Boanno crashed to the net and picked the puck out of midair to score his fourth goal of the game.

The Yellow Jackets responded less than two minutes later to get the Easties back to a one goal deficit at 4-3.

The Blue Devils made it 5-3 when Kevin Moriarty scored on a rebound on the power play assisted by Niko Kyle and D.J. Carfora. Thirty-four seconds later Ryan Bernardi went top shelf to put the Westies up 6-3 and then Kevin Moriarty tipped a Robbie Forleo point shot with 2:06 for the 7-3 final. Also picking up an assist on the goal was Conner Fowler. Jared Pliszka stopped 38 shots in goal for West Haven.

This week, the Blue Devils hosted the Fairfield Prep Jesuits on Wednesday evening and will have the weekend off before hosting the Hamden Green Dragons next Wednesday at 6:30.

After dropping its first game of the season, the West Haven/Sacred Heart girls' hockey team has reeled of six, straight victories, included two 4-1 wins last week. On Tuesday evening, the Westie Sharks scored two goals

the second period to cruise to victory over the Notre Dame of Fairfield/Law/ Foran/Weston/Pomperaug Lancers. Megan Froehlich took a pass from Taylor Nowak and found the back of the net 5:39 into the game for a 1-0 lead. Nowak then buried a one-timer from the slot with 4:55 left in the period to make it 2-0. Brooke McNabola's point shot made it a 3-0 lead 3:14 into the second period followed by a Jenna Hunt redirection of a Veronica Lynn shot from the point increased the lead to 4-0 with 4:35 left in the period. The Lancers got one back with 38.1 seconds left in the period but, that would be their only offense in the game. Kyleen Crowe preserved the victory in between the pipes for the Westie Sharks.

On Saturday evening, the Westie Sharks extended their winning streak to eight games with a 4-1 triumph over the Branford/North Branford/Sheehan/ Lyman Hall Wings.

This week, the streak will be tested with two, tough games on the schedule. On Wednesday, the girls traveled to Darien to face the perennial powerhouse Blue Wave and then finish the week with a trip to face Northwest Catholic/Mercy on Saturday at 4:10 in Cromwell.

The boys' basketball team dropped two games last week to Cheshire and Fairfield Prep. On Wednesday evening the Westies lost to the Cheshire Rams

On Friday evening, the Blue Devils trailed the Fairfield Prep Jesuits 32-25

in the first period and two, more in at halftime but rallied to take the lead in the third quarter setting up a classic fourth quarter. The Westies took an eight-point lead in the final quarter but then watched the Jesuits battle back. The game was tied at 50-50 with 1:50 left in the game but, Jesuits hit a 3-pointer, a foul shot and after a West Haven turnover hit another basket to extend the lead to six at 56-50. The Westies continued to battle but fell short by a score of 59-58. Quannel Straughter had 14 points to lead the Blue Devils while Mufee Cooper had 11 points, Malcolm Duncanson had 10 points and Shea Sheffield added nine points in the loss.

> This week, the boys traveled to North Haven to face the Indians on Tuesday and host the Sheehan Titans on Thursday at 7.

> The girls' basketball team has been struggling to get back on track but couldn't find the answer last week. On Monday evening, the Westies traveled to East Haven to face defending state champion East Haven.

> The Yellow Jackets never gave the Blue Devils a chance in a 75-27 loss. Freshman Davina Mendez led the Westies with five points while Natalia Frazer had four points in the loss.

> On Friday evening, the girls didn't fare much better in a 55-36 loss to the Amity Spartans in Woodbridge.

> This week, the girls hosted Lauralton Hall on Tuesday, traveled to face the Harding Presidents on Wednesday and finish the week hosted the Hillhouse Academics on Friday at 7.

# Panthers hand Huskies first loss of season

West Haven Girls basketball resumed play with games Friday night and Saturday morning at Haley

Jaciannna Mitchell and Ciara Harp combined for 14 points West Haven Drug and Alcohol Task Force Panthers handed the Gunning Law Huskies their first loss of the season with a 22-20 win. The Panthers also received four points each from Jocelyn Silber and Jasmine Smith. Finley Gunning hit for 12 points for the Huskies and Sophie McFarlane and Emma McFarland also scored for the Huskies.

The Panthers grabbed another win with an 18-13 win over the Prospect Beach Club Blue Devils. Rylie Boynton and Aleyia Lachance led the Panthers scoring. Micah Pullen, Heaven McKinney and Savannah McGorty led the Blue Devil attack.

The Rings End Lumbar Bruins picked two wins over the weekend. On Friday, Noelle Lawrence scored 19 points and Abby Wynus and Naveah Stegall added a combined nine in their 35-10 win over the Napoli Parts Eagles. The Eagles were led on the offensive end by Amarae Rosario, Ava Sorbo, and Justice Butler.

Samantha Boyd, Sara Went, Camilla Murphy and Jada Turner powered the Bruins over Prospect Beach Club Blue Devils, 25-9. The Eagles were led by Angelica Riley, Madison McGuire and Kira Sek.

The Gunning Law Huskies upended the Shoreline Dental Cardinals 15-8. The Huskies were led by the scoring of Samira Huckaby, Cashlin O'Neil Taryn Walker and Molly Gunning. The Cardinals were led by 6 points from Lily Granata and 2 points from Jada Fowler.

The Cardinals bounced back Saturday morning with a 19-17 come from behind win over the Eagles. Denavia Pittman, Cristel Miguel and Parish Rutledge starred for the Cardinals. Asihan Tuzcu, Brooklyn McCormack and Amalia Ortiz powered the Eagle offense.



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Playing 'D' Ahson Henderson. guards an opponent at Bailey School last week. Photo by Russ McCreven

#### It's mine!

Green Machine Michael Villa-Gomez grabs control of the ball in last week's Fundamental League game action at Bailey School's gym.

#### Knights hosting benefit for JDRF on Friday night

For the sixth straight year, the Notre Dame basketball team is hosting a fundraising game for a deserving charity and like most years, the cause hits close to home.

This year, in conjunction with the teams' home game with rival Hamden on Friday, the basketball team is partnering with the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) to raise money and awareness to benefit juvenile diabetes. The game tips off at 7 pm in Alumni Hall.

Juvenile diabetes hits home for this year's Notre Dame team as senior Jaiden Kimbro (New Haven, CT) has a younger sister, Ava, who suffers from the disease.

"My family and I appreciate Coach Shea taking on this cause for the charity game," said Kimbro, who is averaging 13.9 points and 5.9 rebounds in his senior season for the currently undefeated Green Knights.

Kimbro added, "Diabetes has affected her life in a lot of ways. She deals with it every day with her insulin and pump. She hasn't had a normal childhood for the last five years. I hope we can raise a lot of money to help find a cure."

"I am so proud of the team and their dedication and heart-felt approach to this event each year, especially with this disease affecting one of our family members" said head coach Jason Shea, whose teams have spearheaded past fundraiser nights for cancer, sickle cell disease, homelessness, and Alzheimer's in his five years as head coach.



# Westies tie 'Hawks, lose to Yale A

travel hockey team played two close games this weekend.

The Westies tied a tough Riverhawks A team, 3-3, before dropping a 5-4 decision to Yale A.

Devils The Blue 21-15-3 overall. On Saturday morning at Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Westies came back from two goals

The West Haven Squirt A down in the third period to earn a 3-3 tie against the Riverhawks.

> Ethan Kelly had a goal and two assists and Sean Studley scored the tying goal to lead the West Haven offense.

> The Blue Devils scored the only goal of the first period when Ethan Kelly won an offensive zone faceoff to his brother Matthew, who zipped

home a wrist shot from the blue line.

The Riverhawks then took control of the game in the second period and went up 2-1 at the second intermission.

The Riverhawks made it 3-1, before the Westies battled back. Zach Melchiore worked hard in the neutral zone and drew a penalty.

On the power play, Ethan Kelly won a draw back to Jonathan Charbonneau, who quickly passed to Ryan Pniewski.

Pniewski's shot was deflected by Kelly over the goalie and in.

Less than a minute later, Ethan Kelly stole the puck and found Studley in the high slot. Studley buried the tying goal with a rising wrist shot.

Leo Mazuroski played solid defense throughout the game Maddex LaFountain made 14 saves in goal for the Westies.

On Sunday, the Blue Devils faced Yale at Ingalls Rink in New Haven.

Studley and Ethan Kelly each scored a pair of goals, but it was not enough as Yale outlasted West Haven, 5-4. Kelly tallied the only goal of the first period when he stole the puck in Yale's end and roofed it with two minutes left before intermission.

LaFountain made a sprawl-

ing save as the buzzer rang to preserve the lead.

Yale tied the score at 1-1 in the first minute of the second period and looked to take the lead with a power play. But Melchiore chipped the puck against the boards where Studley grabbed it and beat a defender. His rising wrist shot went upper 90 and the short-handed tally gave West Haven the lead again.

A minute later Melchiore tipped the puck to Kelly who slid it to Studley. The winger made an easy deposit in the net and the Westies looked to be in control.

Yale rallied for two goals within 15 seconds of each other late in the second to even it at 3-3.

LaFountain made another clutch save on a breakaway with two seconds remaining to keep it tied. Yale scored twice more in the third period while Ethan Kelly scored an unassisted goal for the Westies with three seconds remaining for the final margin. LaFountain made 16 saves in goal.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team split a pair of games this week, falling to Southeastern in Norwich, before defeating Yale in West Haven.

The Westies opened the week with a 5-1 loss against Southeastern A. West Haven opened the scoring when Mickey Dowd scored off an assist from Michael Madera, but that was all West Haven could muster as Southeastern evened the game after one period and had a 3-1 lead after two.

The Westies rebounded with a 6-2 victory over Yale Sunday morning at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven. Madera led the way with two goals and two assists, Dowd had one goal and two assists, and Zach Goetze added a goal and an assist.

West Haven took a 2-0 lead after one period as Goetze scored off assists from Dowd and Madera 4:19 in, and Chris Consorte scored off an assist from Dylan Bosworth with 3:26 to go in the period.

After Yale got within 2-1, West Haven scored the next two goals for a 4-1 lead.

Brady Price scored off an assist from Danny Johnson 5:13 into the second, and Madera scored off assists from Dowd and Ray Heenie with 1:54 to go for the three goal lead.

Yale scored 13 seconds into the third to get within 4-2, but Dowd scored off an assist from Madera just over three minutes in, and Madera capped the scoring off an assist from Goetze in the final two minutes.

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#### City reminds residents of second tax deadline

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

The second installment of the city's real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle tax and sewer bills were due Jan. 1, and payments after Feb. 1 are considered delinquent and subject to interest, Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli said.

Taxpayers of the Allingtown Fire District received a revised bill for both real estate and personal property because the current levy is insufficient to pay expenses for the current fiscal year, Chambrelli said.

Pursuant to statutory requirements and as required in the fiveyear plan adopted by the state Municipal Accountability Review Board, the City Council approved an increase of .94 mill to the current Allingtown mill rate, resulting in an increase from 13.06 to 14 mills.

The revised bill replaces the second half of the 2017 grand list bill, which was due Jan. 1. The motor vehicle bill remains the same, Chambrelli said.

The 2017 supplemental motor vehicle bill is for vehicles registered after Oct. 1, 2017.

The tax office is open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St. The city has an ATM outside the office.

Taxpayers can see their tax bills, make a payment, and print their payment history for income tax purposes at www.cityofwesthaven.com and clicking on Tax Collector under the Government heading. Sewer bills are on the same page but under a separate heading.

In January, current taxes can be paid by mail to a tax office lockbox, P.O. Box 150461, Hartford 06115-0461. When paying by lockbox or the drop box outside the tax office in City Hall, the canceled check is the receipt.

After Feb. 1, taxes with interest can be paid by mail to the Office of the Tax Collector, P.O. Box 401, West Haven 06516. Payments can also be made in person.

Anyone needing a motor vehicle clearance must pay in person with cash, credit card, bank check or money order.

#### Bulk trash dates posted

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

The 2019 bulk trash pickup schedule is April 8-12 and Sept.

Residents are reminded to separate metals and recyclables from regular trash and to put out trash no more than 24 hours before pickup. Violations carry a \$100 fine per daily offense, Public Works Commissioner Tom McCarthy said.

Bulk items include couches, chairs, tables, carpeting, padding, fencing and small amounts of bundled lumber, which may not exceed 6 feet in length. No building materials, tires, mattresses, propane tanks or hazardous waste are accepted.

Options for disposing of building materials include renting a dumpster or bringing the materials to a disposal facility for a

Tires can be brought to Lakin Tire East Inc., 220 Frontage Road, for a fee.Mattresses can be disposed of for free in a container at the city's highway maintenance garage, 1 Collis St. Mattresses must be dry. Propane tanks can be brought to Taylor Rental, 304 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$10 per tank.

Hazardous waste can be dropped off for free at HazWaste Central, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven. HazWaste is open Saturday mornings from mid-May through October.

In addition to bulk trash, the city picks up household appliances, also known as white goods, and toilets. To schedule a pickup on their curbside collection day, residents must call the Highway Department at (203) 937-3644 or (203) 927-3585.

Appliance doors must be removed. The amount of bulk trash per collection is limited to 6 cubic yards, which is equal to a pile of trash about 6 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4.5 feet high.

Lauren Panza, Dan Gallipoli, Wilson Valois, Austin Greenwood.

US Servicemen Actors... SSgt Philip Lee-US Army, Seaman Mason Couch-USCG.

WH Veterans Museum& Learning Center...Frank Chasney, Arlene Painter, Irving Moy, Gordon Bergman, Ed Kacey, Bob Ellis, Bill Benson, Beth Sabo, Carole McElrath.

The Rohna Survivors Memorial Association...Janice Pumelia & Rob, Michael Walsh & Danette, Catherine Ladnier & Mickey, Ellen Weber, Jack Ballo & Barbara, Lt. Col. Jason Markiewitz.

Media...Bill Riccio (WH Voice), Mark Zaretsky (NH Register/ CT Magazine), Gabor Kautzner (WNHU/Citizen's TV).

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Rohna Remembrance Committee of WH...Judy Pfister, Grace Youngs Hall, Frank Consorte, Gloria Weber, Barbara Melotto, Suzanne Dolan, Jenny Weber, Helen & Charlie Dolan, Ron Conlan, Ray & Kathy St Clair, Bud Giaquinto, Mark Levine, Joe Linehan.

We thank US Sen. Richard Blumenthal, Mayor Nancy Rossi, State Reps. Dorinda Borer and Michael Di Massa, along with a large audience, for attending the "WH Remembers the Rohna" program on 12/2.

May all the casualties & survivors of the HMT Rohna sinking on Nov. 26, 1943 forever be remembered.



During the Dec. 2 tribute to the "Three Buddies" at the West Haven Veterans Museum, a sketch discussing the three men, Pacifico Migliore, Pasquale Longiodice, and John Cox, was performed. Wilson Valois, Austin Greenwood, Dan Gallipoli, Lauren Panza were the actors creating the roles.



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# Schools: Developers deliver new proposals

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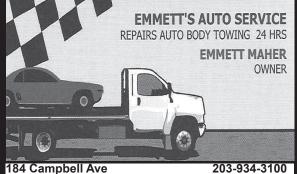
Attempts to sell both schools, along with a third closed building, Maloy School, on Malloy Road, have failed over the years. The Housing Authority proposal was one of the best attempts at unloading the buildings..

Both Thompson School and Stiles School have been closed for a decade since a consolidation of city buildings took place. It was hoped the city's Housing Authority would take over both, expanding its inventory, but funding could not be secured. New requests for proposal (RFPs) were accepted this week by developers. A decision is expected once all the proposals have been reviewed by city officials.





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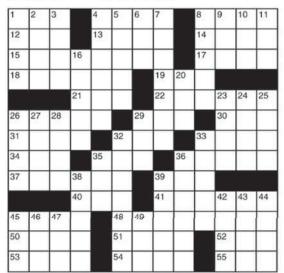
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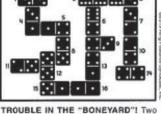
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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- 1. FACE to LIFT
- 3. NECK to TIES
- 4. TIME to CARD

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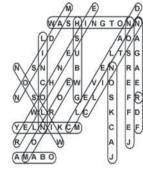
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## From the desk of ... Bill Riccio, Jr.

City officials were taken by surprise last week when the person who was the city's Finance Director, Ron Cicatelli, was escorted out of City Hall Friday morning. What started as a normal day at 355 Main St., turned out to be one of the most unusual days ever—that's saying a lot for a building that has seen some strange things since it was opened 48 years ago.

Cicatelli, who had been appointed Finance Director a scant five months ago, departed his job after handing in a one-sentence resignation letter to Mayor Nancy N. Rossi. It was then the man was allowed to pick up his personal effects and, in what is standard operating procedure in most businesses, he was given an escort.

Why he determined to quit, and why he determined to quit so abruptly has many officials, longtime observers and average citizens scratching their heads. Just last week a staff member told this writer Cicatelli was looking for new digs in the New Haven area, and planned on moving his entire family. He may, but not as a member of West Haven's Finance Dept.

Still, the question asked by many is why he quit. That is something that hasn't come out – not yet. In a city like West Haven where city officials sometimes act like sparrows on a fence in their less guarded moments, the chances of the reasons coming out are pretty good.

We do know that there was

friction between the mayor's office and the Finance Dept. in the last few weeks. Friction is normal, but takes on even more significance when a city such as ours in the monetary straits it is. We don't know the proximate reason for the dispute that was reported, but we can guess it had to do with process – it's always about process.

Given Mayor Rossi is a hands-on type of personality, friction between she and her various departments have been the stuff of the city's rumor mill for months. She is nothing if not single-minded, and has shown herself to be a bit of a noodge over the first year of her term. Being a noodge is not a bad thing, and being single-minded in a city

that needs leadership isn't bad either. The difference is in delivery.

There was talk of hiring an assistant soon, and one wonders if the very soon announced Frank Ciepilski, the person who took the job Monday morning, was in the running for that position.

Whatever the reason for Cicatelli's departure, and the luck of having someone to fill the gap so readily, the city is now entering into that yearly exercise called "budget preparation." Since last March when Rossi issued her first proposed budget, she had to defend, cajole, bargain and scratch her way into making the plan palatable for the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB), the panel that was

given the task of overseeing city financial maneuvering by the General Assembly.

Getting the Fiscal Year 2019 budget massaged in such a way that MARB approved was a gargantuan task -- one that took most of the rest of 2018. Not having a Financial Director as we get into the first phases of budget prep would be something not to be wished on a worst enemy.

Ciepilski has fine credentials, but he will have to get up to speed quickly. Cicatelli had some time to get himself acclimated to the players and the system. With only weeks to go before the Board of Finance begins the budget process, he will need a crash course.

While that was going on, the city was told it would get the funding necessary to fill a budgetary gap left when the General Assembly reneged on its commitment to West Haven in the form of state aid back in 2017. That budget battle saw most of the state's 169 towns and cities get the budgetary rug pulled out from under them. The difference is City Hall did not make any adjustments, and found itself staring down an \$8 million hole.

MARB has dangled the funding in front of city officials for more than a year – since it was empaneled after the city bonded to pay off its 12-year-old operating deficit. The money is still not safely in city coffers. Two more steps need to take place: the state wants a review of fire service and consolidation, and the audit has to come through. Once those two tasks are completed, an April 30 deadline has been set where it is hoped the funds can be put aside.

With the budget just around the corner, and the closing of the yearlong effort to redesign municipal spending coming to an end, city taxpayers know that higher taxes are coming as well. The five-year plan approved by MARB includes incremental increases over the length of the plan.

The city is not out of the woods. The next budget cycle is going to be pivotal to see if newly imposed spending limits and staffing limits can be maintained. There is a hard road ahead, and the episode of last week might be an indication of just how hard things are going to be.

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#### Profile of Attorney Mark A. Healey

Attorney Mark A. Healey has been practicing law in West Haven, CT for more than 25 years.

Mark received his education at Hopkins School in New Haven graduating with the Class of 1979.

He went on to study Economics at Hamilton College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree. He then attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and received his Law Degree in 1986.

Mark began his career in law working with a small, general practice firm that specialized in plaintiff's personal injury cases. In 1992, he opened his own law practice on Savin Avenue, on the West Haven Green, and has been there ever since.

Attorney Healey has represented hundreds of clients with regard to plaintiff's personal injury matters and has secured millions of dollars in recoveries for accident victims. He also devotes a substantial part of his practice to Worker's Compensation claims, Real Estate Closings, and Probate, Wills, and Estates.

Currently, Attorney Healey is the President of the West Haven Bar Association, a member of the New Haven Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Association, Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, and the American Association for Justice. He has been accredited by the Better Business Bureau and is rated as "Highly Ethical and Highly Professional" by Martindale Hubbell. • Will packages available with

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The program features soloists Daniel Juarez, Tenor and Kristin Smith-Gionfriddo, along with the Nutmeg-Gateway Chorale in selections from Rodgers & Hammerstein, Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, and other exciting and beautiful music.

No tickets are required. Seating is on a first-come basis. There is ample free parking in the back of the Church right next to the Hall, which is handicap accessible. The St. Louis Church Women's Guild will provide light refresh-

ments at the end of the concert. For information call Dino Ciaburri at (203) 933-2224.

#### Soup and Song

New Life Church at 255 Jones Hill Road, is featuring the sounds of Patti Dahl and Heartsong at the Soup and Song First Friday Fellowship on Friday, Feb. `. Soup will be served starting at 6 and the concert begins at 7. A collection will be taken for the band. New Life Church is on the corner of South St. and Jones Hill Road., with plenty of parking and handicap accessibility.

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