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## Voice Profile

A weekly in-depth interview

"Somebody always said when people take things out of your pocket, and hurt your family, then you go for the jugular – and I did."

~Peter Massaro

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## Board OKs Paredes, budget plan

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

The West Haven Board of Education voted unanimously for Superintendent Neil Cavallaro's recommended budget and his advisement to approve Dana Paredes as the principal of West Haven High School.

Their meeting room was nearly filled and there was much applause when the board voted to instate Paredes as the official principal of the high school. A West Haven native, Paredes had served as the acting principal since October.

Board member Jim Morrissey called Paredes "a true Westie through and through" before the vote to confirm her nomination. He said anytime he has had questions or concerns Paredes had a good answer.

"You're thought of tremendously by the staff and the students," said Morrissey before the vote. "My oldest daughter had you as a teacher her freshman year and she loved you. I'm so proud to make you principal tonight of West Haven High School."

The 2019-2020 educational budget, which was approved by the board and now needs approval from the city council, saw an increase of 1.33 percent, or \$1,240,000 from the year before. The \$91 million budget saw increases via contractual raises, benefits, and operations costs. One issue the superintendent said needed to be addressed was the degradation of the maintenance fleet.

Chris Everone, supervisor of facilities for West Haven public schools, said the budget is a "good one."  
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Photo by Josh LaBella

Board of Education chairman Rosemary Russo listens to the budget presentation along with Mayor Nancy Rossi (left) and member Bob Guthrie at last week's meeting.

## 20th 'Icy Plunge' at Savin Rock Saturday

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

The 19th annual Icy Plunge for the Cure will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Savin Rock Beach.

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

The Icy Plunge 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, the first of which took place Jan. 13, 2001 — in support of breast cancer research and education.

The benefits, 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 established 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 has 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 plunge, which netted \$25,000, Sabo said.

Since the inaugural plunge, 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 Forward, an education and wellness program for cancer patients at Smilow.

Organizers hope to make this year's event the biggest ever, with invitations extended to Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and her predecessors, former Mayors Edward M. O'Brien, John M. Picard and H. Richard Borer Jr.

After the plunge, organizers will hold a raffle with prizes donated by area businesses.

Sabo said the event is a celebration of survivors and a remembrance of loved ones who have died of the disease.

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

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## Government Meetings

## Weather

**Friday Feb. 1** Clouds and sunshine with clouds later in the day. High 23F.



Sunrise: 7:03 am  
Sunset: 5:07 pm  
Wind: NW 9 mph

**Saturday Feb. 2** Sunny skies. High near 27F.



Sunrise: 7:02 am  
Sunset: 5:09 pm  
Wind: NW at 5-10 mph.

**Sunday Feb. 3** Partly cloudy. High 32F.



Sunrise: 7:01 am  
Sunset: 5:10 pm  
Wind: W at 9 mph

**Monday Feb. 4** Mostly rainy skies. High near 39F.



Sunrise: 7:00 am  
Sunset: 5:11 pm  
Wind: W at 10-15 mph.



## Kids' Forecast

Adilyn Klotzberger, age 1, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., predicts a winter mix in today's weather forecast.

## Things to Do

To have your event featured here email it to: [info@westhavenvoice.com](mailto:info@westhavenvoice.com)

### Concert postponed

The Nutmeg Symphonic Pops Concert scheduled for Sunday is postponed to a date in March due to a unanticipated conflict at St. Louis Church. For information call Dino Ciaburri at (203) 812-0606 or (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. 1. Soup will be served starting at 6 and the concert begins at 7. A collection will be taken for the band.

### Doo-Wop Dance

The West Haven Italian-American Civic Association will host a Valentine's Day Doo Wop Dance at 85 Chase Lane on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m.. Music is by Charles the DJ till 12. Free Beer, Wine or Soda. Cash Bar for mixed drinks. BYO Snacks! Coffee And at 11. Tickets: \$20 per person. Call Lou at (203) 934-3339 or (203) 464-1976 or Ben at (203) 933-4423 by Feb. 13.

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### Thursday, Jan 31

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

### Monday, Feb. 4

Board of Education Special Meeting, 5:45 p.m. in BOE meeting room, second floor, City Hall.

Board of Education Regular meeting, 6 p.m.

## Did you know...

On Jan. 31, 1865, the 13th Amendment was passed, abolishing slavery. It was adopted after passage by the states on Dec. 6 of that year.

On Jan. 31, 1919, Jackie Robinson was born, later to become the first black player in MLB history.

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# Massaro's trip into politics is personal

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

City Councilman Pete Massaro (D-6) first became interested in public service in 1973 after a major fire on what was then known as Orange Avnue, now the Boston Post Road. But, he said his removal from his job as chief of West Haven Fire Department – Allingtown in 2016 is what made him decide to join politics.

Massaro said he worked as a firefighter -- moving up to chief -- until former Mayor Edward O'Brien removed him from his post "with no just cause."



PETER MASSARO

He said the former mayor told him the reason for his removal was due to Massaro not supporting him in the election. He learned like many before him politics in the city is a game of hardball.

"I thought it was a free country," said Massaro. "To make a long story short I got involved in politics because of that. Somebody always said when people take things out of your pocket, and hurt your family, then you go for the jugular -- and I did. We removed quite a few of them [O'Brien supporters]."

Massaro said once he got to the City Council he found it very frustrating. While people told him it would be fun, he said he didn't find that to be true.

"It's not nice to sit up there and rip people's contracts apart, not give raises, do furlough days, and increase taxes," said Massaro. "That's my main concern. A lot of people are retired now, including me, and it hurts the elderly people."

According to Massaro, the previous administration deficit bonded when political opponents warned against it, and that's what caused the state to come in. He said the taxpayers also need to realize they

were the ones who elected those officials. The Municipal Accountability Review Board was empaneled within hours of the new administration taking office in January 2018. He said it was a pattern he's seen in the past.

"For some reason the City of West Haven loves to vote for the most popular person," said Massaro. "Not the person who knows how to run a business or how to run a city. They have to learn every time you do that it hurts (them). It also hurts the employees of the city."

Massaro said he will defend any union and any city employee as long as they do their job. He said he ran for office to make sure everybody "gets a fair shake."

He said with the state closely monitoring the city's finances, his current goal is to knock the deficit down.

"It's going to be tough," said Massaro. "It's going to be a hard road and everybody is going to bleed a little bit including taxpayers and city employees. I don't like it, but that's the only way we're going to come out of this."

Massaro said the entire first year of his term was spent dealing with the state. He said MARB has requested a consol-

idation study of the three fire departments, and the city can't afford it. He says he wants to be optimistic for the future of West Haven and is unsure if he will run for a second term.

On the topic of the mayor, Massaro said he thinks she is doing an excellent job and is

trying very hard.

He said Mayor Rossi said it was going to be a hard road from the start.

He also said it was a shame that city Democrats are always fighting against each other and, if they were not, they could help the taxpayers more.



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# Dear Felicia

As I scribe this week's mis-sive, honey bunch, it seems the local yokels are planning the most recent edition of the Icy Plunge, that annual trek to the beach to help cancer awareness. Well, effen the mavens of the weather stations are correck, it might, indeed, be "icy" or I should say icier than normal. A big chill is supposed to hit us by the time yew git this week's edition, and it is to stay with us up until the late week-end, we are told.

I hope the boys and girls who are taking part in the Plunge have plenty o' warm clothes for afterwards, there could be some serious after-affects effen they ain't careful. Meanwhile, that snowstorm we need to clean out the air seems to be eluding us. Plenty o' locals are under the weather, and momma used to say that cold and snow are needed to clean things out. Methinks we need something to git rid o' the germs, that's for sure.

Here in the Asylum by the

Sea, January is giving way to February and with it the budget cycle is beginning. As yew remember a couple weeks back our just-hired finance director determined that the job was a bit more than he expected and up and left. That means we have a new guy who is trying to git up to speed just as the new budget process begins. That could be good for him, who knows.

He and herronner will be working to cobble together a new spending plan for next year, which is usually announced in March. Then we start the whole review process, which takes us into May. Now, Sammy Bluejay was in t'other afternoon and reminded Cobina that some givens are gonna have to be conceded as we git closer to the announcement.

Under the five-year plan as agreed to by the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB), this will be the foist year of an increase in the mill

rate to begin the move toward more kopecks in the city coffers. As yew remember the plan calls for a maximum (at least for now) of 40 mills when the five-year plan is completed. Of course, who is to say that won't change.

That translates to each homeowner and apartment owner paying 40 smackers for each thousand dollars the building is assessed up to 70 percent of the total. That's not including fire taxes, which will be around 13 or so, depending on the districk. That means once this plan is over, the effective rate is gonna be well over 50, closer to 55 mills. That's a lotta money, and that's not including the auto and property taxes.

Sammy noted that the General Assembly just proposed a range where the auto taxes could go, and he suspects – and Cobina agrees – that most will go with the higher limits of the range rather than the lower. Methinks I saw it could be somewhere around 40. All this is still to be determined, but the way the Assembly likes to pass tax increases, keep yore eyes on this.

*Nelly Nuthatch was by the domicile and sez that there is a report that the school sale of one building might be the boon that is hoped for at least in one section of the burg. Nelly sez that with the sale of Stiles school pending, and the sale of at least one business*

*over there on the same block, talk is of a developer coming in and taking over the entire area.*

*This ain't the foist time this has been contemplated, and about a decade ago one o' the property owners got rid of his tenants and tried to capitalize on the train station being a bit away only to give up the plan. That would be the boost that the area around Wagner Place needs effen a developer can be convinced to get involved.*

*When the station was proposed one plan called for a revamp of Wagner Place into some sort o' period piece with stylized light fixtures and facades, etc. That plan, like the one for the law school at the Armstrong Building passed quietly into history, and was never heard from again.*

*The train station was supposed to be a boost to the economy, and did give one benefit with the construction of the supermarket over there, but not much else has happened.*

*Yew know one thing, effen any of this is remotely true, there is gonna be one guy who will be on it faster than yew can say "all aboard." Mikey Mercuriano will sniff this one out effen even a smidge of it is in the works. We shall see.*

About a mile and a half away, meanwhile, we have the Haven projeck which we are told is gonna be coming "any time now." Iva Lootey, who was at the press conference back in 1997 when H. Richard Borer, Jr. foist announced it as

the "Water Street Project," sez that "any time now" is what should be put on a sign in front of the project area: The Haven – any time now!

The problem is when it was announced in 2014, then-Mayor Ed O'Brien based much of his budget on the permits and other fees that the projeck was gonna generate prior to becoming a taxable shopping area. Here we are almost five years later and nary a thing has been done, but it'll be here "any time now."

Of course, some demolition took place, but that was more for show as we got to the 2017 mayoral elections – much like we said it was at the time. Since then the rest of the properties have been purchased, but nothing is happening. Who knows, maybe 2019 will be the year. I do know this even some city officials are not happy that things are moving jest a tad faster.

Still, Cobina is looking for a traffic pattern report or study. That will be the signal that something is ready to happen. Lower Elm Street has become difficult to traverse during certain parts o' the day cuz of the highway reconstruction and the way there is a rather circuitous route into the berg from Kimberly Avenue.

Like I keep saying, the traffic is gonna be bigger in volume once this plan is completed, and then there is the matter of the Kimberly Avenue Bridge. That was a "temporary" span that was supposed to last a maximum of 15 years. It's been there since 1969. Just a few things to think about.

*The wag is sayin' that the Charter Revision Commish is continuing its foray into the workings of the city, and once the package of changes is presented to the public, it will be quite something to digest. Hard as it is to believe, the commish has been working for more than a year, and is set to put out its plan in July. Once it does, the City Council will take up the package and determine when and if the things to the voters.*

*It's been a long slog so far, and there is no reason to believe it won't continue to be a slog as we head toward July. The wag echoes Ed Granfield, the chairman, when he sez that the commish has had a first-class education in civics during this period, and probably knows more about how things work than do politicians. We won't say that is a perty low bar, but yew git the drift.*

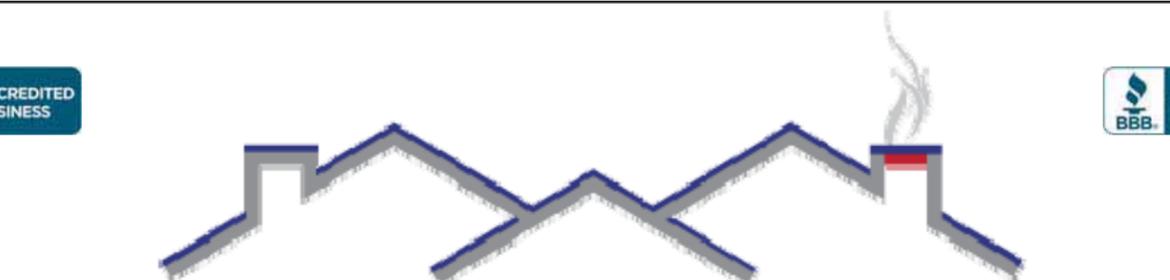
*It'll be interstin' to see jest whot happens come July and the back-and-forth that comes from the politicos when the recommendations are put forward.*

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

*Cobina*

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# Council OKs tax deferral; gets clerk

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

In a two and half hour meeting the city council heard concerns and complaints from residents, swore in a new City Council clerk, and approved a State Special Act offering tax deferrals to federal workers affected by the longest government shutdown in US history. It also was highlighted by a back-and-forth between Mayor Nancy Rossi and the former chairman of the Finance Committee.

Lee Tiernan, West Haven Corporation Counsel, swore in Stacy Riccio as City Council clerk at the onset of the meeting. Riccio is a former council member.

Public session for the meeting, which was slated to last five minutes, went on for nearly an hour as citizens spoke about topics including a proposed ordinance limiting eminent domain and an Acorn Group development project that has been stalled.

One resident from Allingtown, Shawn Brown, claimed the city had misused \$1.5 million designated for the borough. He said the city continued to raise taxes on Allingtown, which he called West Haven's "red-headed step-child."

"We hear it's [the money] going to the wrong place that has

nothing to do with the people," said Brown. "If it is, we still want to know where it is. Either give us an answer or, I promise you, those of you that are from Allingtown will not come back."

Councilman Peter Massaro later said the funds Brown was referring to was being spent on infrastructure such as sidewalks in the Allingtown area.

Councilwoman Tracy Morrissey spoke at length regarding data on vacation buybacks for city workers.

She said wanted all "black books" and a list of all vacation buybacks from Dec. 1, 2017 to present, a list of all approvals of the buybacks, and a list of all employees who did not take insurance but did get reimbursed.

"I do not like the idea of black books," said Morrissey. "I've been told that the black books do not have any legal standing. So, I would like to see in writing that none of the black books, people will be compensated. Because with a black book you're logging extra hours work, but are you logging all the hours that you're taking off? Where's the balance here?"

Mayor Rossi said she found some of the claims that Morrissey made very alarming. She said Morrissey is only looking to check records from

Dec. 2017 when the previous administration took an over \$6,000 payout when he left.

"There was no documentation whatsoever," said Rossi. "So I suggest if we're holding one person to a standard, we hold all of them to a standard."

Rossi said the standard should go back to the beginning of former Mayor Ed O'Brien's term. She said they should look at vacation buybacks and payouts and that while Morrissey was Finance Committee chairman she did not investigate comp time payouts.

"One person got \$133,000 comp time," said Rossi. "So, number one, I don't know  
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Photo by Josh LaBella

Former City Council member Stacey Riccio takes the oath of office as the new clerk, given by Corporation Counsel Lee Tiernan.

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## BOE: Principal, budget get OK

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lic schools, said they have stopped using two vehicles which tradesmen drive because they were no longer safe. He said the plow trucks are in "okay" shape but he would like to replace them down the road.

"I think the everyday trade vehicles are what we're looking to replace," said Everone, "just to keep our workers safe when driving."

Cavallaro said they were looking to buy the vehicles outright. Board member Patrick Leigh said he would like to see a cost analysis to see if leasing a vehicle would be cheaper. Cavallaro said nothing was set in stone until the final budget is passed.

In reference to the fleet, Cavallaro questioned how much more money they should put into things that have outlived their usefulness. He said the budget was austere and that 2019 was the year they are making their case.

"Regardless of what we can get, we can do something," said Cavallaro. "Where do we want to be in five or ten years? I think we've had that discussion before and that's something we need to look at. That's not to say we can get everything at once. But it's time to put a plan in place and start fixing and repairing."

"If we get two [vehicles] out of this now, I think that's a home run for us," said Everone. "If we could replace a couple each year. We're not looking to do the whole fleet at once. It's not feasible."

The budget also included funds for seven new security guards, one at Harry M. Bailey School and one at each elementary school. The budget noted this was a part of their continuing effort to create a safe environment at their schools. It also laid out funds for increasing technology in the K-8 grade levels.

Board member Robert Guthrie said the 1.33 percent increase was an incredibly responsible budget. Mayor Nancy said the MARB told her they will be requesting a more in-depth view of the board of education budget this year.

### Val Santamauro

January 18, 1968 -  
December 14, 2018



The family of Val Santamauro would like to extend their deepest appreciation to all of those who participated in the celebration of Val's life.

To the family and many friends of the late Val Santamauro, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many kindnesses, and for the condolences and support that we have received.

To his Pallbearers - Robert Reed, Paul Butler, Paul Marino, Michael Scala, John Moore and William Levitt he was so grateful to have childhood friends like you and he loved you all dearly.

To all of those who sent flowers, mass Cards, a phone call, text message, sent food or made donations to the Kidney Foundation in Val's name, we thank you. Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow.

We would also like to extend our thanks and gratitude to the first responders from the West Haven Police & Fire Department who made countless calls to our home and also to the wonderful staff at the Hospital of St. Raphael Emergency Room and ICU. Your kindness and generosity were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Santamauro Family

## Infanticide now in NY; cannot happen here!

Let us not mince words. What occurred in the New York Assembly last week was nothing short of infanticide. The Democratic majority in the New York State Senate, following the lead of the Democratic majority in the House passed a law that now allows the abortion of children up to birth. It eliminates criminal penalties for partial-birth abortion, eliminates "abortion" from the criminal code, and takes away any protection for the unborn child in the case of criminal action or accidental death. In other words, it did what abortion advocates have attempted to do since *Roe v. Wade* in 1973 - make the unborn child a non-person.

What happens next is important to the nation. Under this law the whole house of cards built by the Supreme Court in 1973 concerning "viability" of the fetus is thrown out. It is still to be determined if this law will be upheld by federal courts or the Supreme Court. Still, this is a Rubicon crossed by radical leftists.

A cartoon going around the internet shows a baby saying it was born at 12:05, but it also says in New York it could be killed at 12:04.

The new law sets the "right" to an abortion as fundamental and not to be limited in any way. Of course, as with most abortion advocates, the "health of the mother" is given as the reason for the changes. Does anyone really believe this?

The term itself is an etude in deflection. We never really know what that term means, it is never defined. It is like the similar use of the term "values" by left-wing operatives. They will say that this or that issue is "against our values as a nation," but what they mean is never fully explained. What values? What are they?

Margaret Sanger, patron saint of the abortion culture, was a believer in eugenics and believed that abortion should be used to limit the number of children issued by the lesser lights in society, including ethnic and racial groups.

Eugenics was all the rage 100 years ago, and had a big influence on Europeans, including Germans. Sanger was a racist, believing African-Americans and southern Europeans were going to be a drag on society and must be limited. The same was true for those with various mental and physical maladies.

A stark reminder of just how far we've come over the last 70 years is this: Many men and women were hanged after the Nuremburg trials and other post-war tribunals for the very thing that was legalized in the New York Assembly last week. They dangled at the end of a rope. The politicians last week gave a standing ovation.

What does this have to do with Connecticut? The Nutmeg State, once a bastion of New England morality, has become as corrupt politically as New York. Our politicians are as radical as those in Albany. We fear our state will follow the lead of New York, and attempt to push us to a place we should not be.

New York State gave abortion advocates what they have wanted for the last 46 years - full and legal abortion up to term. It is murder, pure and simple, and it has the approbation of the state.

The spectacle of cheering the possible death of those who cannot protect themselves -- who have no voice is repugnant to true American values and our way of life. It cannot - must not -- happen here.



## You are not impeaching him

By Rich Lowry  
*Syndicated Columnist*

The walls supposedly are always closing in on Donald Trump. The end is always beginning.

He's going to quit. He's going to be impeached and removed.

He's going to decide not to run again.

Somehow or other, he's going to relieve everyone of the responsibility of ever thinking of him again, and especially of the responsibility of defeating him in an election.

Such scenarios are a constant topic in private conversations. The allure is obvious.

It is the promise of deliverance. After tormenting his enemies for so long, Trump's going to make it easy for them. He's just going to go away.

It is true that the odds of Trump somehow not serving out his term are, given his erratic personality and the wild card of the Mueller investigation, higher than those for a normal president serving in normal times. But they are still slim.

Perhaps special counsel Robert Mueller's report will send a torpedo into Trump's bow. It seems more likely that a report will contain damaging and embarrassing revelations that, whatever the initial shock, will

be quickly absorbed by the political system and especially Trump's supporters.

The velocity of the news cycle, driven in part by the sheer volume and pace of Trump controversies, works in his favor.

The resignation of Jim Mattis rocked Trump's administration to the core -- for all of about 36 hours.

And does anyone remember the revelation that talks over a Trump Tower project in Moscow went on longer than first realized? Probably not.

Why would Trump ever quit? This is a man who has fought and clawed for every ounce of public attention -- good or bad -- he can get throughout his adult life, and now, occupying the biggest bully pulpit on the planet, he's just going to walk away?

Despite media reports that Trump is perpetually furious and feeling besieged, he has never shown the slightest brittleness or sense of being overwhelmed in public. He's always his same ebullient, combative, outrageous self.

He's the least likely president to get worn down by an impeachment fight. What would discourage or deflate the normal human energizes him.

The same applies even more to his running for re-election.

After enduring several years of having to govern, not his natural aptitude, why would he throw away the opportunity to campaign, which he clearly relishes?

Because he'd be convinced he'd lose? Short of a Mueller catastrophe, this doesn't seem very likely.

Remember: All sorts of people tried to convince him he'd lose last time, and they were all wrong. Having won the presidency once polling at a little over 40 percent in the RealClearPolitics average, he'd surely figure that he could do it again.

For any president, winning a second term is the highest validation. Trump, so sensitive to status, must feel this imperative more than most.

Besides all this, no one should really hope for a premature end to the Trump presidency. Whatever the circumstances, it'd be a trauma to the republic and not accepted by a significant plurality of the electorate. The wish fulfillment of Trump's critics is better directed toward the less spectacular, yet difficult-enough task of beating him in 2020.

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**Dear Gripe Vine Readers:**

As I indicated in last week's column, after I published a number of open gripes that as soon as I heard from the mayor's office, I would report back to you with Mayor Nancy Rossi's comments on their progress. Alas, I heard nothing.

Perhaps Mayor Rossi issued orders to the various department heads to follow through on your complaints and perhaps, hopefully, her requests were followed up to completion.

However, my mailbox is empty, and I have heard nothing. It is up to you, my readers, to pick up the phone and let me know the status of your complaints.

You can either email me at [gripevine4wh@aol.com](mailto:gripevine4wh@aol.com), drop a letter in the mailbox to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice, 666 Savin Ave. or if you are in the neighborhood of our office at that address, you can leave your inquiries or responses with my editor, Bill Riccio. Meanwhile, I will continue printing your complaints and we begin this week with:

**Dear Gripe Vine Readers:**

I saw the complaint regarding Peck Avenue flooding and stopped by one of the residences during the recent storm. There were a few inches of standing water in a couple of yards and the water appears to be draining from a pipe near Washington School.

The water problem is so bad that it has flooded basements. I'm going to look into the matter with the Engineering Department and Public Works to see what is causing this issue. Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

*Aaron Charney*

**Third District Councilman  
Dear Councilman Charney:**  
Thank **YOU** for displaying

your interest in my readers' complaints. This issue has been delivered to the Mayor's office and published in Gripe Vine numerous times.

I am hoping that your investigation will provide some answers for the neighborhood residents and my readers.

I will be looking forward to your inquiries into the Peck Avenue flooding problem.

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

I have asked Councilman Charney to provide Gripe Vine with a list of streets in each district of our city. My reasoning? Numerous readers have told me they don't know what district they are in. I will publish this list, district by district along with your Councilman's phone number and email address. If you don't know who he or she is, how do you know who to contact? Watch for this information in Gripe Vine.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Near the corner of Morgan Lane and Shingle Hill Road, there is a pothole 14 x 14 and is so deep I bent my rims and punctured my tire. My car is presently being repaired.

*Morgan Lane*

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

There is a pothole at 764-782 at 1st Avenue. It is so large, the pothole. When entering Dana Street it is hard to miss it. Someone, please fix this road hazard.

*Dana Street*

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

There is a 50- 60-foot-tall dead tree at 58 Barbara Lane. It's a hazard to the neighborhood.

*K of Barbara Lane*

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

There is a commuter parking lot at 1st Avenue, near 411 1st Ave., where someone leaves large bags of bread for the seagulls and birds, however there is bird feces all over the



**ELEANORE TURKINGTON**

parked cars from this feeding area. It's a mess, please clean it up.

*1st Avenue Commuter*

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

There is ice on the street at 1-99 Ashford St.

Can someone from the city

check it out?

Even if the ice is gone when they get there, there probably is a slant or dip that encourages this problem and it should be checked out.

*AS Griper*

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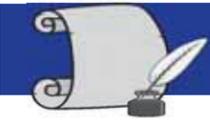
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## Part I, The Post Rider

Nowhere is there a statue honoring the first post rider in the New World; likewise, there is nowhere a painting honoring his first riding of the mail circuit from New York City to Boston. In fact, we will never even know his name, for it has been lost to history. What we do know, however, is that he departed New York on Jan. 22, 1673, and after two arduous New England winter weeks, he arrived in Boston on Feb. 5.

His route was perilous: he followed faint moccasin paths, and here and there a cart path from farm to farm. The danger was very real, for he passed through more than 200 miles of backwoods territory, which were filled with dangers, natural and otherwise. Some nights no doubt, he partook of the hospitality of various farmers and villagers along the way, but no doubt he also spent many other nights sleeping alone under the stars.

The landscape he rode through was a combination of rolling hillsides, bogs, marshes, high ridges, and tangled forests. Some sections of his ride followed

ancient Indian pathways, and eventually these formed what we today call the Boston Post Road. When the post rider reached the New Haven Colony, he drew mail from his saddlebag and exchanged it for mail that was waiting for him.

Then, instead of heading east as we might expect, he turned north, perhaps up what today is Whitney Avenue, and set out for Hartford, thence to Springfield, thence to Worcester, and finally to Boston. To cross the Connecticut River south of Hartford was truly a daunting task in this time, and one which the post rider chose to forego; hence he took what would later come to be known as the upper route to Boston.

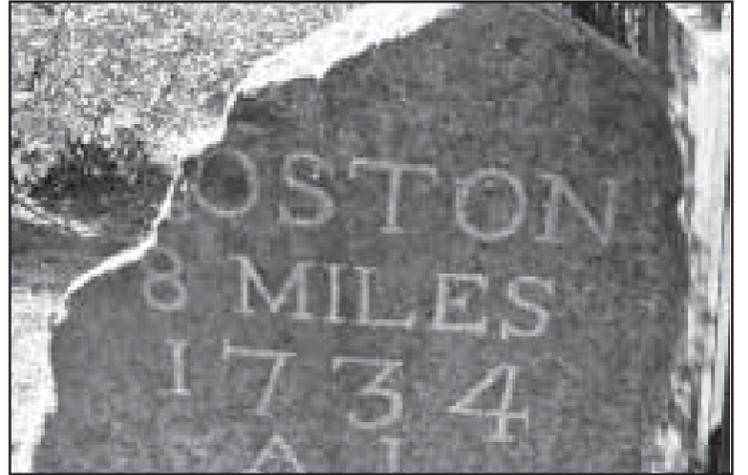
This pioneer mail carrier rode at the command of Charles II, king of England, as well as the governors of New York and Connecticut. The Post Road which would later develop would be the very road over which news of an American revolution would travel one hundred years later.

What else do we know about this mysterious first post rider? Precious little indeed; about all that we actually

know is this: when chosen by Govs. Lovelace and Winthrop, he was a "stout fellow, active and indefatigable, and sworn as to his fidelity." He was paid a salary, which was augmented by charges for letters and packets he picked up and delivered along the way.

Little could that first lonely post rider suspect as he rode through wind and snow, that from his small beginning, a great mail system and a network of "post roads" and "turnpikes" would develop as the years passed.

To be continued



Above -- A milestone on the trail. Below -- An artist's rendition.



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# Council: *Votes plan*

Continued from page 5 about anybody else's books. As I've said before, but it bears repeating because somehow people aren't getting it, I'm keeping track of the hours I put in."

Rossi said the time she puts in and takes off is well documented. Later in the meeting, the council approved State Special Act 19-1, which established a furloughed federal employees' tax deferment program..

The program hopes to ease the financial burden for West Haven federal employees who were furloughed by the 35-day government shutdown.

Initiated by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, the resolution, "Furloughed Employee Tax Deferment," instructs the tax office to establish a program deferring real estate and motor vehicle taxes for affected federal employees consistent with the West Haven Charter and Connecticut Special Act 19-1 under House Bill 5765.

According to the state statute, enacted by the General Assembly on Jan. 22, an affected employee is defined as "a federal employee who, during the shutdown, is (A) a resident of this state, and (B) required to work as a federal employee without pay or furloughed as a federal employee without pay."

Rossi said the tax deferment program will give federal employees immediate relief by allowing them to postpone paying their taxes. The resolution was adopted 8-0, with five council members absent for the vote.

Voting "yes" were Nicholas W. Ruickoldt, D-2; Aaron Charney, D-3; Majority Leader Robbin Watt Hamilton, D-5; Peter V. Massaro, D-6; Portia Bias, D-7; Tracy A. Morrissey, D-8; Louise Martone, D-10; and Minority Leader Richard DePalma, R-at large. Absent were Bridgette J. Hoskie, D-1; Mitchell L. Galligano, D-4; Sean P. Ronan, D-9; Chairman Ronald M. Quagliani, D-at large; and David C. Forsyth, D-at large.

Rossi thanked the council for adopting the resolution just in time, as the second installment of the city's tax bills are due Feb. 1. She also thanked Quagliani for amending the council agenda to include the resolution. Rossi said an unknown number of city residents who work for the U.S. government were affected by the partial shutdown, which ran from Dec. 22 to Jan. 25. Michael Walsh, City PR director, contributed to this story.



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## Marking a milestone

Mohammed Abed, age 4 a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., practices making the number "100" with play dough. The class celebrated the 100 days of school

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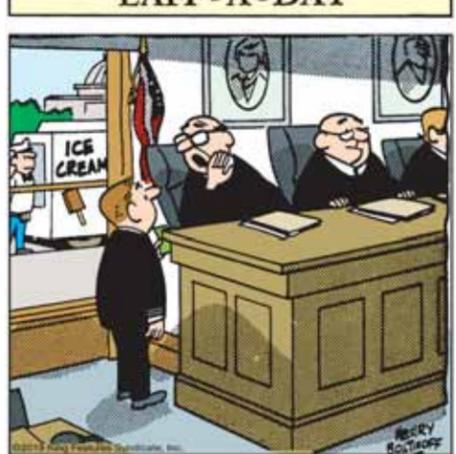


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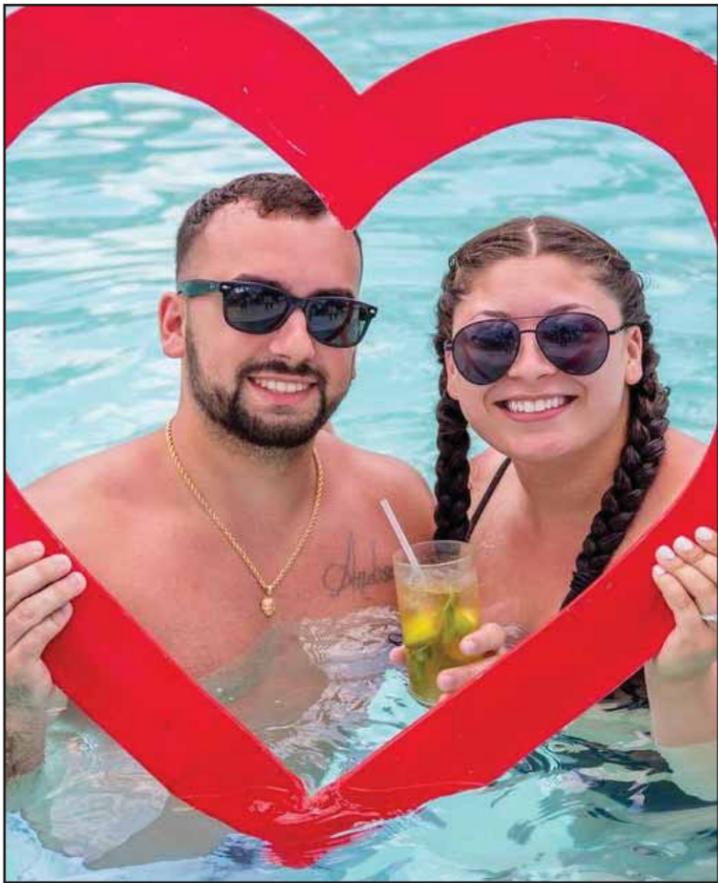
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## Cutting a path

West Haven's Keegan Riccio cuts her way through the Sacred Heart Academy defense in last week's game at the Westies' gym. Keegan led the Blue Devils to a 54-46 win that improved their season record to 2-7. See more on page 13.

# Knights roll to 13th win of season

It was another busy week for the winter sports teams even though swimming had only one meet and hockey was in midst of 10-game layoff. Track runs third at SCC West, basketball stays unbeaten, and wrestling has successful week in both of their meets. Get your updates below.

**Basketball** -- Notre Dame won the 12th and 13th games of the season with a pair of wins over Guilford and Career last week. The Green Knights ended the week with a 58-43 win at Career where Jaiden Kimbro led a quartet

of double figure scorers with 13 points. Kimbro, who had been battling a cold, went on a personal 8-2 run to start the fourth quarter as Notre Dame increased their lead from 39-30 to 47-32. Against Guilford on Jan. 22, defense carried the Green Knights, who got off to a slow start and trailed until midway through the second quarter. Jimmy Zantor's three-pointer gave Notre Dame the lead for good and the defense allowed only 13 second half points as they pulled away for a 77-41 win.

**Wrestling** -- The wrestling

team had a successful week winning a dual meet over Shelton and then finishing fifth at the Rodney Smith Invitational Saturday. Alex Barbour paved the way for a successful day at the Rodney Smith Invitational in East Windsor. Barbour won his weight division to help lead the Green Knights to a fifth place team finish scoring 101.5 points for the meet. Barbour, who won the 182-pound division, was one of seven Notre Dame wrestlers to reach the semifinal round. Barbour won his championship match by fall in the first period over his

Montville opponent. Against Shelton on January 23, Kevin Sevigny pinned his Shelton opponent to clinch a close win, 45-33, over the Gaels. Chris Fillion and Gianni Liguori also claimed key wins for the Green Knights, which has also won five matches by forfeit in the SCC Division II win.

**Indoor Track** -- Warren Murphy was part of two winning events as the Notre Dame Indoor Track team placed third at the SCC West Sectional on Jan. 23 at the New Haven Athletic Center. Overall, the Green Knights won three events and had a top three performer in nine of the 15 events.

Notre Dame garnered 73.5 points to finish third. The Green Knights improved their finish by three spots from the 2017-18 season when they ran sixth at the same event. Murphy won the 300 meter event in a time of 36.24 and later partnered with Daniel Range, Neel Agir, and Christian Pangrossi to win the 4x400 relay event. The quartet crossed the finish line in 3:34.67. Murphy also ran the opening leg for the 4x200 relay team that placed third.

Jason Sawicki won the high jump clearing six-feet. He also placed third in the 55 meter hurdles in 8.48 seconds. In the 55-meter dash, Carlos Aurora continued his stellar running by finishing second in 6.72 seconds.

All totaled, 17 student-ath-

letes and four relay teams finished in the top six and qualified for the SCC Championship Meet on Friday at the New Haven Athletic Center. Notre Dame will have a competitor in 14 of the 15 events at the SCC Championship Meet.

**Swimming** -- Alex Ozonoff won three events but the Daniel Hand swim team emerged victorious with a 97-78 SCC win over Notre Dame at the Albertus Magnus pool on Jan. 21.

The Green Knights captured five of the 12 events during the meet. Ozonoff won the 200 freestyle in 1:59.35 and 500 freestyle in 5:20.64. He then teamed with Sean McDermott, Malachi Blatchley, and Gavin Kanlong to capture the 400 freestyle relay in 4:11.90. The other two Notre Dame wins came courtesy of McDermott in the 100 breaststroke in 1:09.35. Bill Hinckley won the 100 backstroke in 1:04.90.

**Hockey** -- The hockey team had the week off and in fact are in the midst of a mid-season 11-day hiatus.

They returned to action last night, hosting Greenwich and will host Hamden on Saturday in a 5:30 game at the Bennett Rink.

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



Photo courtesy NDWH

The indoor track team placed third at the SCC West Sectional courtesy of three solid performances from Warren Murphy, who is shown with his 4x400 relay teammates. Murphy won the 300-meter dash and this quartet won the 4x400 relay event.

# Westies hand Law first defeat

The West Haven boys' basketball team jumped all over the Branford Hornets on Tuesday evening at the WHHS Gym, hitting numerous three-pointers and building a 21-7 lead after the first quarter on its way to a 68-21 victory. Quannel Straughter led the Blue Devils with 17 points, including five 3-pointers while Malcolm Duncanson scored 12 points in the win. Also chipping in were Laron Holmes with eight points and Jordan Berrios with seven points for the Westies.

On Friday night, the boys traveled to Milford to face the undefeated Jonathan Law Eagles, looking to qualify for postseason play. The Westies got what they needed with a hard-fought 62-59 victory, improving their record to 8-5 on the season. The Blue Devils took an early lead only to see the Lawmen battle back several times but when push came to shove, it was West Haven's defense and the Eagles' inability to sink free throws that resulted in the West Haven victory. Quannel Straughter led the Blue Devils with 26 points while Muffee Cooper had 15 points in the win.

This week, the Westies had road games at Xavier on Monday and Fairfield Prep on Wednesday.

The girls' basketball team traveled to Wallingford last Tuesday to take on the Lyman Hall Trojans. The Westies lost, 58-41, to the Trojans. On Friday evening, the Blue Devils hosted the Sacred Heart Academy Sharks and bounced back with a 54-46 victory. Natalia Frazer led the Westies with 15 points, Ny'Aire Serrano had 11 points and Diamond Dixon added 10 points in the win.

This week, the girls hosted East Haven on Monday, Amity on Wednesday and finish the week with a trip to Milford to take on the Luralton Hall Crusaders on Friday at 7.

The boys' hockey team faced long-time rival Hamden on Wednesday evening at the Bennett Rink. When Kevin Moriarty took a pass in the slot and fired it home to give the Westies a 1-0 lead just 49 seconds into the game, things looked good for the Blue Devils. Unfortunately for West Haven, the Green Dragons scored three goals in the first period, six more in the second period and then tacked on another 1:45 into the third period to take a 10-1 lead. Moriarty got his second goal of the game, assisted by Niko Kyle and D.J. Carfora with 4:31 left to make it a 10-2 final. Jared Pliszka made 15 saves in the first period, Charlie Miller stopped eight shots in the second pe-

riod, Noah Iversen made 15 saves and Dan Kelly came in to stop the two shots he faced late in the game between the pipes.

On Saturday night, the Blue Devils headed to the Rinks at Shelton to face the Notre Dame of Fairfield Lancers. After the Lancers tallied 6:54 into the second period, Kaden Morgillo evened the score 54 seconds later assisted by Nick Boanno. Unfortunately for the Westies that would be their only offense of the night and the Lancers scored with 4:51 left in the period and then hung on to the lead to defeat the Blue Devils. Jared Pliszka was once again solid in net, making 34 saves to keep the boys close.

This week, the boys hosted East Catholic on Monday and played a road game against the Amity Spartans at the Bennett Rink on Wednesday.

The West Haven/SHA girls' hockey team traveled to Northford on Wednesday evening to take on the Hand/Coginchaug/Old Lyme Tigers. The girls picked up their ninth win of the season with an 8-2 victory. Jenna Hunt ripped a shot from the left circle top-shelf to give the Westie Sharks a 1-0 lead 7:23 into the game and then Taylor Nowak snapped off a shot from the slot with 1:52 to go in the period to increase the lead to 2-0. Nowak got her second goal of the game assisted by Jianna Cohrs and Mackenzie Gardner and then

CC Condon tallied assisted by Francesca Criscuolo to pad the lead to 4-0. After the Tigers got one back before the end of the period, the Westie Sharks added goals by Nowak, Condon, Nowak again (her fourth) and Megan Froehlich for the 8-2 final. Criscuolo had two assists while Meghan Dupre and Froehlich added an assists. Kyleen Crowe made 19 saves between the pipes for the win.

The Westie Sharks visited the Masuk/Barlow/Newtown/Luralton team on Friday afternoon and improved to 10-2 on the season with a 6-1 victory. The girls got a balanced offensive attack with six different players scoring goals. Francesca Criscuolo got the Westie Sharks going with a

goal 5:12 into the game and CC Condon scored at 9:40 assisted by Maya Boyhen to give the girls a two-goal cushion. Taylor Nowak tallied at 8:03 of second assisted by Jianna Cohrs and less than three minutes later, Veronica Lynn made it 4-0. A minute later, Mia Celentano increased the lead to 5-0 and Hailey Alfano capped the scoring for the girls 43 seconds later assisted by Megan Froehlich. Masuk spoiled Kyleen Crowe's bid for a shutout with a third period goal for the 6-1 final. Crowe finished with seven saves.

On Saturday afternoon, the girls hosted the Fairfield Ludlowe-Warde Mustangs. After falling behind 1-0 just 3:47 into

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# Westie Blue In Touch

By Mike Madera

Coming into Friday evening's showdown with Jonathan Law and West Haven, Law coach Jamie Anderson felt the two teams were mirror images of each other. After 32 minutes, Anderson was true in his assessment.

In the end, West Haven made two more defensive plays, on its way to a 62-59 Southern Connecticut Conference Quinnipiac Division victory over Law at Jonathan Law. The win allowed West Haven to qualify for the post-season after an absence from the state tournament a year ago, and sent Law to its first defeat of the year.

"I'm a little disappointed because we were in a position to close them out and we did not do so," West Haven coach Tyrese Sullivan said. "Our inexperience showed. But, I am happy in the fact we won and we responded through the adversity."

Law was looking to get off to its first 12-0 start since the 1988-1989 season when Anderson was a junior on that team.

"Their spirits are good," Anderson said. "They know they will come back and work hard. Like I just told them, this is not a football game where one play causes the outcome of a game. There were a lot of things throughout the course of the game which forced us to be down eight points. It was a game of runs. Their guards are very good. They are quick and they handle the ball very well."

The adversity Sullivan talked about came in the final quarter when Law tried to overcome an eight point deficit and had four opportunities in the final 1 minute, 51

seconds to either tie or win the game. Each time, West Haven came up with a big defensive play or Law failed to convert at the free throw line.

Trailing 58-50, Law went on a 7-0 run, capped with a 3-pointer by Diontae Eady and a bucket by Zane Birks, but Law missed a free throw with the opportunity to even the contest.

Law then had a chance to take the lead, but a steal and basket by West Haven's Mufee Cooper with 1:12 remaining gave the Westies a 60-57 advantage. Law's Antonio Brown got his team within a point with a bucket with 54.5 seconds to go, but another missed free throw prevented Law from evening the contest.

"We are really good at focusing on the ball," Anderson said. "They are a really good team. They are scrappy like we are. We mirror each other well."

After Law (11-1) missed three more free throws in the final 45 seconds West Haven took a three point lead when Malcolm Duncanson drained a pair from the free throw line with 27.5 seconds to go. Law had one last opportunity to draw even, but could not convert in the final seconds

"We are trial by fire," Sullivan said. "We are learning as we go. The good thing is we are gaining experience in tournament atmospheres. They are learning how to close out games. We did not do so against Fairfield Prep, but we did so tonight and that is a positive."

The Westies (8-5) were in control early on after going on a 15-0 run in the opening quarter for a 17-7 lead. Cooper, who had six points in the

opening quarter and finished with 15, started the run with a bucket, then gave the Westies a 14-7 lead with a steal, basket and free throw. When Laron Holmes followed with a basket and free throw, and Quanrel Straughter sank another bucket as part of his game-high 26 points, West Haven led 19-7 with 1:58 to go in the opening quarter.

"We have played in a lot of games like this," Straughter said. "We have had time to adapt to these games. This was the one we needed to qualify tonight. We did not make it (postseason) last year and we are here to show we are a new team."

Law got back in the game with a 7-0 run of its own to get within 21-17 on buckets by Ru Akhtar, Brian Felag, and Brown. The Lawmen evened the game at 23 on a 3-pointer by Eady with five minutes to go in the opening half, then took a 25-24 lead with 3:47 to go on Eady's basket. West Haven followed with a 6-0 run for a five point lead.

"We accomplished our first short-term goal and that was

to win eight games and get in," Sullivan said. "Now, we will set more short-term goals. We want to get a good seed in the SCC tournament, then win

our first game of the tournament. We want to get ready for the state tournament and set some short-term goals for that too."



Photo by Todd Dandelske

## Player of the Week

Taylor Nowak (11) is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. In three games this past week, Nowak scored seven goals to lead her team to three victories.



Photo courtesy of WHHS

## Letter of Intent

WHHS Lacrosse player, Nikolas Camara, signs his letter of intent to attend Cadwell University on a lacrosse scholarship. Pictured to his left is his Great-Great Aunt Rose Endrody, to his right is Grandmother Maria Camara, back left is Grandfather Richard DeMorro, Grandmother Diane DeMorro, Mother Nicolle Camara, Coach William Wezenter, Coach Pat Reed, and Grandfather John Camara.

# Westies: *Sharks* win 11th

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the game, the Westie Sharks scored four, unanswered goals for a 4-1 victory, picking up their 11th win. Taylor Nowak evened the game at 1-1 with a shot from the slot 7:22 into the first period assisted by Jianna Cohrs and then CC Condon crashed the net, jamming home a rebound with 4:11 left in the period to give the girls a 2-1 lead. The Westie Sharks increased the lead to 3-1 when Cohrs took a pass from Brooke McNabola and found the back of the

net 4:45 into the second period.

Then Nowak finished the scoring with a goal assisted by Megan Froehlich with 17.5 seconds left in the second period. Kyleen Crowe stopped 23 Mustang shots between the pipes to preserve the victory.

This week, the Westie Sharks hosted the Amity/North Haven/Cheshire Blades on Tuesday, headed north to face Northwest Catholic/Mercy on Wednesday and finish the week hosting the Guilford Indians on Saturday at

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# Squirt A team beats Watertown, 6-4

The West Haven Squirt A hockey team went 1-0-1 over the weekend with a 4-4 tie against Southeastern A and a 6-4 win over Watertown A.

The Blue Devils are now 23-15-4 overall on the season. On Saturday morning at Rose Garden Ice Arena in Norwich, the Westies battled the Southeastern Seahawks to a 4-4 tie. Ethan Kelly, Sean Studley and Cameren Lipford each had a goal and assist to lead the offense.

The Seahawks took an early 1-0 lead, before the Westies tied the game with a power play goal late in the first period.

Leo Mazuroski made a nice cross-ice pass to Lipford for a wrist shot. Ethan Kelly pounced on the rebound and knocked it in.

The Blue Devils came out strong in the second period. Kelly hit ahead to Studley who cashed in the breakaway opportunity 1:03 into the period.

Less than a minute later, Lucas Iversen found Rafi Treat for a wrist shot that went five hole and the Westies led 3-1. Southeastern scored a pair of goals, one on a 5-on-3, to pull even after two periods.

With five minutes remaining in the game, Studley carried the puck into the offensive zone and flipped a backhand pass to Lipford who went five-hole for a 4-3 lead, but Southeastern tied it again a minute later.

The Westies had a few chances in the final minute of the game, but they could not find the net. Maddex LaFountain was solid in goal for the Westies and posted 22 saves in the game.

On Sunday morning, West Haven rode up to Taft School's Mays Rink and knocked off the Watertown Red Wings, 6-4. Lipford registered a hat trick and Aedan Guarino scored twice to pace the Westies. The Blue Devils took a 1-0 lead with only seven seconds left in the opening period. Studley made a slick pass ahead to Ethan Kelly to get out of their own zone and Kelly tapped it ahead to a streaking Lipford before the winger buried the breakaway.

Just 19 seconds into the second period, Guarino redirected Jonathan Charbonneau's point shot for a 2-0 lead. A minute later, Studley led Lipford over the red line. Lipford skated between two Red Wings and buried his backhand shot for a 3-0 advantage.

After Watertown got on the board, Guarino scored with a spin move in the slot and a shot off the post and in as Gavin Coady and Kelly assisted. Watertown scored again, but Kelly shed a few defenders and found Lipford in the high

slot for a rising wrister and a 5-2 lead after two periods.

The Red Wings closed to 5-4 in the third before Ethan Kelly iced the game with a great effort. He weaved through a few Red Wings and converted a wrist shot while falling down to close the scoring.

LaFountain was terrific at times in goal for the Westies and finished with 19 saves in the win.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team split a pair of games this weekend, losing to New Canaan, before topping Darien.

West Haven opened the weekend with a 6-5 loss to New Canaan at the Edward L. Bennett Rink.

Zach Goetze led the offense with a pair of goals, while Michael Madera had three assists and Mickey Dowd and Haygen Axelrod each had a goal and an assist.

Brady Price gave West Haven a 1-0 lead 1:25 into the game with an unassisted tally, before New Canaan evened the game with 3:54 left in the opening period.

West Haven got the goal right back off the ensuing faceoff as Madera won the draw to Dowd who scored six seconds later.

With the game even at two, Goetze gave the Westies a 3-2 lead with a goal off assists from Madera and Dowd. Goetze increased the lead to two goals 50 seconds later off assists from Madera and Axelrod.

New Canaan stormed back to score the next four goals in the third period, before West Haven got closer on a goal by Axelrod with 1:17 to go.

The Westies rebounded with a 5-3 victory over Darien Sunday in West Haven.

Dowd led the offense with two goals and an assist, while Madera added a goal and an assist.

Danny Johnson gave West Haven a 1-0 lead off an assist from Ray Heenie 2:54 in, before Darien evened the contest after one period. Trailing 2-1 in the second period, West Haven took a 3-2 lead when Madera scored off an assist from Dowd, and Goetze scored off an assist from Dylan Bosworth.

Darien evened the game 3:51 into the third, but Axelrod set up Dowd for the go-ahead goal with 1:10 to go. Madera and Dowd broke in on an odd man rush with Madera feeding Dowd for an empty-net tally with 25 seconds remaining.

Mike Page, Connor Moriarty, Cody Rocchio, and Chris Consorte played well offensively, while Jason Alling and Bruno Martone played well defensively. Bryan Hong and Jacob

Silva each played well in goal.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team won its only contest of the weekend, beating the Southern Stars, 6-1, at the Bennett Rink.

The Westies scored in the first five minutes and went on a five-goal scoring streak in the first period.

Sean Bosworth scored the first goal of the game off a slap shot from the point, with Carl Murgo getting the assist.

Justin Pniewski scored less than a minute later off a feed from Nolan Cole.

SqMatt Morgan then scored with seven minutes remaining in the first for an unassisted tally.

Colin Deane scored just 14 seconds later, with Murgo getting his second assist of the game. Bosworth scored the final goal of the period, his second of the contest as Pniewski was credited with the helper.

After the Stars were able to score at the beginning of the second, Jayden Spreyer then answered for the Blue Devils for the final goal of the game, with Joey Honcz getting the assist.

Brendan Smith made some outstanding stops to keep the Stars to one goal.

Dante Hardt, Cade Simone, Matt Wezenski, Dave Brown and Kevin Gardner all played well in the win.



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# Wizards end season 8-0

The West Haven Wizards won their final meet of the season against the New Milford Barracudas, 364-287, ending the regular season undefeated at 8-0.

The 8-and-under girls earned one or more of the top three finishing spots in each of their events.

The medley relay team of Anna Piskura, Aubrey Holthaus, Sophia DeLauri and Linnette Mendoza took a 1st place finish in the 100-yard. Anna Piskura, London Ryan and Noami Shubin took all three spots in 25-freestyle; Aubrey Holthaus and Sophia DeLauri took first and third in the 25-yard butterfly; Piskura, Arianna Rose and Ryan swept in the 25-yard backstroke; Holthaus and Linnette Mendoza earned 2nd and 3rd place in the 100-yard individual medley; Emma Dorjee, Holthaus and DeLauri earned swept in the 25-yard breaststroke; Piskura and Rose earned first and third in the 50-yard freestyle, and Mendoza, Ryan, Shubin and Dorjee finished the meet with a first place finish in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

This season there have been many close races

with exceptionally close finishes, but this meet featured the closest race of the season. Erin Morton touched out the New Milford swimmer to win the girls 11/12 200-yard individual medley by 1/100th of a second.

At the end of the last home meet of each season, it is the Wizards tradition to honor their graduating swimmers with a "Last Lap" ceremony.

This year the Wizards have only one graduating swimmer.

Anya Celmer has been swimming with the Wizards for 12 years and has been an important part of the team both in and out of the pool.

The Wizards would like to congratulate Anya and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

With the season ended, the swimmers now move to competition in various open meets. Yankee League Trials on Feb. 16-17.

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

## Alley-Oop!

TJ Ogletree goes high to get this shot off in Saturday's Youth Basketball game between the Spurs and the Clippers at Pagels' Kelley Camp Gym.

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  - 8 — podrida
  - 12 Acknowledge
  - 13 "Born in the —"
  - 14 Tide type
  - 15 Korea-based sitcom
  - 16 Laterally
  - 18 Tartan patterns
  - 20 Go by
  - 21 "Star Wars" princess
  - 23 Saute
  - 24 Motorcycle attachments
  - 28 Consider
  - 31 Historic period
  - 32 Prepare to pray
  - 34 Chicken-king link
  - 35 Weaver's filling thread
  - 37 Revolvers, e.g.
  - 39 Air safety org.
- DOWN**
- 1 Moist
  - 2 Elliptical
  - 3 Parks of civil rights fame
  - 4 For some time
  - 5 Muscovites et al.
  - 6 Omega pre-ceder
  - 7 Put together
  - 8 Ahead
  - 9 2012, but not 2013
  - 10 Potato chip brand
  - 11 Church section
  - 17 Sprite
  - 19 Pack of cards
  - 22 "The results —"
  - 24 Stitch
  - 25 Anger
  - 26 Jonquil's cous-in
  - 27 Dregs
  - 29 Shady tree
  - 30 More, to Manuel
  - 33 Toy block name
  - 36 Skill
  - 38 Richard III's cry
  - 40 The whole enchilada
  - 42 Pronto, on a memo
  - 43 Fourth dimen-sion
  - 44 Winnow
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  - 50 Convent deni-zen

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**MAGIC MAZE** ● INSERT A "P" TO MAKE A NEW WORD

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Carets Exert Seeding Soil
- Clams Male Selling Sorting
- Deleted Outlaying Slashing Terrain
- Derivation Relay Slice



**A CRUSTY PROBLEM!** Hidden in the above frame is a famous proverb. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around counter-clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answers: Starting with "T" in the left rail: That is not better than none.

Answer: The wall won't break or fall (did you think the meat the egg?)

**DON'T SLIP UP** solving this magic square puzzle. Can you find the five-letter words that match the definitions below? All words must read the same both across and down.

- 1. A short literary composition.
- 2. To glide on ice (given).
- 3. Group of Pacific islands.
- 4. Very small items.
- 5. Used in bread-making.

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**BATS IN THE BELFRY!**

Don't go batly trying to figure out what these "bat" words are. To the left is a list of eight words, each of which starts with the word "bat." Using the following hints, see if you can hang them all up in five minutes.

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- 1. A type of mat.
- 2. Needed in a relay race.
- 3. A flat-bottomed Louisiana boat.
- 4. Can be wet or dry.
- 5. A lounging garment.
- 6. A large army unit.
- 7. Part of a castle's walls.
- 8. Free-diving deep-sea vessels.

Answers: 1. Bath; 2. Baton; 3. Bateau; 4. Bateau; 5. Bateau; 6. Bath; 7. Battlement & Battlements; 8. Bats

**Answers to last week's puzzles**

**King Crossword**  
Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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### Clear the lane

Xavier Fernandez drives past Piston defenders in Youth Basketball League play last week.

### City seeks units for parade set Memorial Day

The city is seeking veterans, civic groups, fraternal organizations, service clubs and marching bands to participate in the annual Memorial Day parade, which steps off at 10:30 a.m. May 27. There is no rain date.

Participants must register and list required special accommodations.

Transportation is provided for veterans who are unable to walk the 1.5-mile parade course, which follows Campbell Avenue from Captain Thomas Boulevard to Center Street. To make arrangements, call the mayor's office at (203) 937-3510.

The parade grand marshal is West Haven Vietnam Veterans member William Benson, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Download a participation form at <https://ct-westhaven.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/1730/Memorial-Day-Parade-Reservation-Form-2019-PDF>.

Forms are also available in the mayor's office at City Hall, 355 Main St., where they are due April 8. Forms can also be emailed to parade organizer Kristen Teshoney at [kteshoney@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:kteshoney@westhaven-ct.gov) or faxed to (203) 937-3705.

### Deadlines

The West Haven Voice has different deadlines for different types of items to be inserted in the paper each week.

**Classifieds** -- Classified ads have a deadline of 4 p.m. on Monday for insertion in the following Thursday paper.

**Around Town** -- Items for the Around Town section should be in no later than 9 a.m. on Tuesday morning. There is no guarantee these will be included as these items are placed on a "space available" basis

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# Around Town

## WHGC confab

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 14 at St. Louis Church on Bull Hill Road at 11:30 a.m. After the meeting, a soup luncheon and dessert will follow and our program will be on or off due to the weather.

New members are always welcome. For further information, please call Iris at (203) 937-1674.

## Senior trips slated

F. Senior and Friends has planned a trip to Atlantic City May 22-24 at Resorts Casino. The package includes two dinners, a show and \$25 coupon for slot play. Price is \$279 for a double, \$269 for a triple and \$389 for a single.

A trip to Niagara Falls is set for Aug. 5-8. Call for information on this and other trips. Call Fred (203) 389-5808 or (203) 927-4249.

## St. Patrick trip

Join the West Haven Senior Center for the following trip: Thursday, March 14

## Trash date reminders posted

The 2019 bulk trash pickup schedule is April 8-12 and Sept. 9-13.

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 fee.

Tires can be brought to Lakin Tire East Inc., 220 Frontage Road, for a fee. Mattresses

– The Log Cabin St. Patrick's Day Celebration \$67 per person Entertainment by Gerry Malone and The Lads playing Irish classics like "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling and "Danny Boy." Menu includes welcome hors d'oeuvres, complimentary glass of wine or beer, rolls and butter, Irish soda bread, Irish stew, traditional corned beef dinner, Bailey's Irish Crème cake, coffee and tea. Bus leaves Savin Rock Conference Center 9 a.m. Departs Log Cabin at 3:15 p.m.

A flyer with further details is available at the office at the West Haven Senior Center 201 Noble St. or you can call (203) 937-3507.

## 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. 1. 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.

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 Haz-Waste 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

## Al-Anon group

An Al-Anon meeting group invites new members to attend its weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the First Lutheran Church, 52 George St. For information and details, call (203) 506-1464.

## 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

of trash about 6 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4.5 feet high.

To prevent a potential fine, property owners should familiarize themselves with the city's trash guidelines at <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/260/Bulk-Trash-Pickup>.

The 2019 e-waste drop-off days are April 13, July 13, Sept. 14 and Nov. 9.

Residents can drop off electronic recyclables – typically anything that contains a circuit board or needs a battery – from 8 a.m. to noon at the highway maintenance garage.

Anything that has refrigerant, including air conditioners and dehumidifiers, is not accepted. Those items are considered white goods, and residents are asked to schedule a pickup on their weekly collection day by calling the Highway Department. The e-waste drop-off is free for residents who have such items.

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## Slater fete

A Retirement Social for Bill "Slats" Slater will be hosted on Monday Feb. 25, from 5-8 p.m. at Duffy's Tavern 241 Campbell Ave.

Cost is \$20 (cash only) and includes hors d'oeuvres & 1 drink ticket.

Tickets may be purchased from Tom Conroy, Diane Dietman, Beth Sabo, or at the West Haven Parks and Recreation Office, (203) 937-3651.

## West Haven Historical Society's

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**What was the name of the school and its location? It had a familiar name!**

**This building was torn down in 1909. Eventually another school was built at the same location.**

Send your guess to [info@whhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@whhistoricalsociety.org)  
There were no correct guesses. The new submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, January 28, 2019

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