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Voice Profile

A weekly in-depth interview

"As the industry has contracted we've been able to attract and retain some of the best people and they have a great attitude and great skills."

~ John Robinson

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Photos by Michael P. Walsh

Celebrating love

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, center, joins Anthony and Lucille Martone during the city's 29th annual Valentine's Day party Feb. 14 at the Savin Rock Conference Center. The Martones, who have been married for 67 years, were among 20 couples married for at least 50 years. quor Shoppe of West Haven. John and Mary Malenda, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January, were recognized as the youngest couple. Below -- Newlyweds Enid Santiago and Patricio Zhicay, center, are joined by City Clerk Deborah Collins, left, and Justice of the Peace Grace Hendricks on Feb. 14 at City Hall. Accompanied by their 3-year-old son, Liam, Santiago and Zhicay were among six city couples united.



Old times Rossi-O'Brien trade barbs re: grand list hike

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

When Mayor Nancy Rossi announced a nearly \$30 million increase in the city's grand list it seemed like a cut-and-dry story. Apparently, not so much. So says her predecessor and possible opponent.

Within a week of the announcement, former mayor Ed O'Brien stated in a press release that Rossi was taking credit for his achievements. O'Brien, who is preparing to run for mayor in this year's election, shared his grievances on his Facebook page and in a press release.

"With all due respect, many of the properties that Mayor Rossi is taking credit for bringing into West Haven's grand list, were signed, sealed and delivered during my administration through the tremendous dedication and hard work of many individuals," O'Brien said on Facebook. "Don't claim credit where it doesn't belong, Mayor Rossi."

O'Brien said in the press release he did not want the efforts of his administration to "attract, retain and grow strong, revenue raising businesses to West Haven" to go unrecognized.

Mayor Rossi was quick to fire back and issued another press release as a "reply" to O'Brien's. She said her administration has continued the work of previous ones while also adding new projects. She also critiqued O'Brien's handling of certain economic development projects.

"The Regional Operations Center (Yale) on Route 34 had been promised a tax abatement by the former administration. My administration did not grant any tax abatement, and therefore the project is fully taxable," said Rossi. "Public hearings, site plan review and groundbreaking were all accomplished under my administration; this project was not shovel ready."

Regarding Allingtown, the mayor said O'Brien's administration had told the Department of Economic and Community Development they had bonded for a sewer pipe and other infrastructure when they had not. She also said the previous administration had given a tax abatement, "to the fullest extent of the law," to Atwood and Park Place. She then went on to comment on the Haven project, which she pointed out started under for-

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Weather

Friday Feb. 22 Partly cloudy skies AM, overcast in the afternoon. High 44F.



Sunrise: 6:37 am
Sunset: 5:33 pm
Wind: NW 5-10 mph.

Saturday Feb. 23 Rain likely, around a half an inch. Low 36F.



Sunrise: 6:35 am
Sunset: 5:35 pm
Wind: E 5-10 mph.

Sunday Feb. 24 Periods of rain. High 49F.

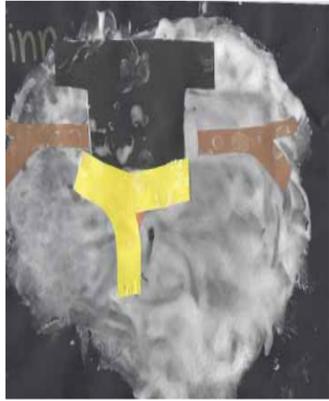


Sunrise: 6:34 am
Sunset: 5:36 pm
Wind: ESE winds shifting to SSW at 10 to 15 mph.

Monday Feb. 25 A mostly clear sky. Low 24F.



Sunrise: 6:33 am
Sunset: 5:37 pm
Wind: NW at 10 to 20 mph.



Kids' Forecast

Finn McLaughlin, age 3, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., predicts warmer weather and his snowman melting.

Things to Do

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The West Haven Historical Society is sponsoring a "Soups On!!" luncheon on Sunday Feb. 24 from noon-1:15. Cost is \$5 per person and will be held at the Poli House, 686 Savin Ave., opposite the Green. Various soups prepared by UNH Catering service will be served along with muffins and breads, coffee and tea. Immediately following the soup luncheon

there will be a Presidential and West Haven History Trivia contest). Call (203) 932-0088 for further information.

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 by calling (203) 937-3651.

The West Haven Italian-American Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting *Pizza Wars*, to crown the best pizzeria in West Haven. All proceeds will be to benefit the Italian Studies Scholarship. The date is March 9 at the I-A Club from 11-3. Minimum donation is \$5.

Feb. 25 -- West Haven City Council regular meeting. Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Meeting begins with public session.

Feb. 26 -- Planning and Zoning, City Hall, 7 p.m.

West Haven Building Committee, City Hall, 7 p.m.

West Haven Housing Authority, City Hall, 8 p.m.

Feb. 28 -- Charter Revision Commission. Harriet North Meeting Room. 6:30 p.m.

On this date:

1173 -- Pope Alexander III canonized Thomas a Beckett, Archbishop of Canterbury.

1613 -- Michael Romanov, son of Patriarch of Moscow, elected first Russian Tsar of the house of Romanov

1782 -- US Congress resolves establishment of a US mint

1842 -- 1st known sewing machine patented in US, John Greenough, Washington, D.C.

1878 -- World's 1st telephone directory issued, 50 subscribers in New Haven.

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Rossi appoints Khondker to CDA's advisory panel

By Michael Walsh
Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi has appointed 19-year-old resident Roman Khondker to the West Haven Community Development Administration's Citizen Advisory Committee.

Khondker, who is halfway through his senior year at The Sound School Regional Vocational Aquaculture Center in New Haven, was sworn in Feb. 4 at a ceremony in the Harriet C. North Community Room at City Hall.

During her remarks, Rossi thanked Khondker for volunteering to serve on the nine-member committee, pointing out that he has a strong desire for serving the city he has called home since emigrating from Bangladesh nearly a decade ago.

"You will learn a lot about the day-to-day needs of some of our most vulnerable residents," Rossi said. "I hope you stay positive and will be a compassionate member of the committee."

According to CDA officials, Khondker will help consider grant applications and allocate Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for programs that serve low-to moderate-income people.

"Our Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan says that this committee is the 'foundation of its citizen participation process,'" Rossi said at the swearing-in ceremony. "And I think citizen participation is the foundation of a healthy democracy."

Rossi said she was in office for about five weeks when Khondker came by City Hall expressing interest in his appointment to the

committee.

"He delivered a letter of interest on Jan. 11, 2018," Rossi said. "In it he described West Haven as friendly and amazing. How great that these were his first impressions of this city."

Rossi, a Democrat, said she met Khondker last August while he was running in the Republican primary for state representative and was "very impressed."

In his letter, Khondker wrote that he came to the U.S. in 2010 and became an American citizen in 2017.

"How many new citizens make public service one of their first priorities?" Rossi asked. "I am still impressed by Roman's enthusiasm and passion for public service."

Registration open for tai chi

Instructor Jonathan Davis is back, starting March 5 and March 7, with a new six-week format for tai chi.

The tai chi exercises will incorporate the Five Traditional Chinese Elements to benefit participants' overall health and well-being.

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Dear Felicia

February 21, m'dear. One more month and it'll be spring - at least in the calendar. Around these parts, things don't start getting warmer until mid-May cuz the water and all. Still, after weeks of cold weather, it's somethin' to look forward to.

Whilst many of us are lookin' forward to spring and what comes with it, the politicos in our neck of the woods seem to be pernting their sights on the fall. Of course, they would. Y'see honey bunch, it's 2019, an odd year. In odd years we have municipal elections in the Nutmeg State for the most part. Soooo, politicos, possible politicos and wanna-be politicos are gearing up for the November election.

As I've been tellin' yew since the beginnin' of the year, there was a search going on to see effen the factions of the Demmie Party were gonna coalesce around one candidate - that being herroner - or, like so many other "election cycles"

find a primary candidate to see if they could knock off the incumbent.

Early on, Ed O'Brien the former head honch of the burg determined that he would be running. Sammy Bluejay has been reportin' to Cobina on that progress, and he sez that after trying to garner the backin' of a few people in the party without much success, he's gonna go independent. Sammy sez that the former mayor has had a fallin' out with some of his more powerful former supporters, and now has to go the road less traveled.

Meanwhile, Sammy has been kep' apprised of the talk that Debbie Collins, the town clerk, is gonna throw her chapeau into the ring and look to primary in September. People are saying that Collins has been heard in some local watering holes talkin' about it. It's jest a matter o' time whether she pulls the trigger or not.

That'll be an interesting primary, one has to admit.

Well, whatever, herroner is not a happy camper with what the former mayor and maybe what others have said cuz she's put out a press release perty much throwing down the gauntlet telling her possible and/or probable opponents to put up or shut up. She's told 'em to go to the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) meeting on March 6 and present their cases in Hartford - like they're gonna traipse up to the capital to palaver with a bunch o' bureaucrats. That ain't gonna happen, methinks.

In a bold move, she's said effen yew got a better plan, and can explain what part you took in the city's insolvency, have at it. She's more or less told O'Brien to explain himself and his four straight deficits, and Collins or whomever else to explain how they took part and/or what better plan they might have.

This puts the mayor - at least for the time being - in the driver's seat. She is setting the tone for what's coming. She is setting the issheew, and she is calling on them to defend themselves. Interesting.

Nelly Nuthatch was in t'other afternoon and sez she was by the high school recently. It seems some facade portions are being completed so a better idea o' what the building is gonna look like is beginning to take shape. Remember this is gonna be a long process,

but there are lotsa people who're interested to see how things are gonna look.

We'd bet though, the iron workers who've been there would've been happier effen these things were in a bit sooner. What with the temps at 0 or below a couple times and all that wind over there, they'd be happy to get a bit o' coverage.

Tennyrate, it's startng to shape up and that piqued Nelly's interest. She's flutterin' by there on a regular basis.

We got a feelin' that one group o' people that would be happy to see demolition start at the Haven projeck site is the Center Fire Dept. members. For the second time in as many weeks there was a fire over there, with a small blaze reported at the former Bilco Door location. Last week it was a building on Richards Place. Despite roadblocks to keep cars away, the problem, according to Iva Lookey, is squatters or homeless people. They are lookin' to git outta the cold and probably starting some fires that are getting outta control. That seems to be what happened at the Richards Place fire.

Ergo, the WHFD will be very happy as a unit when the demolition starts and those who inhabit the streets at night will be forced to go somewhere else. Right now, the area is what some call an "attractive nuisance." Some o' the same

people here are seen in the summer down the beach along the boardwalk and use another setch thing the pool down there. Over the years, people have been shooed outta there the same way they're gonna be shooed outta these buildings.

Of course, the wag was in t'other afternoon and brought up the grand list, which was the genesis (circling back) of the challenge by herroner to future opponents as stated above. In last week's issue we reported the city is itself reportin' a \$30 million increase in the grand list.

Now, the "grand list" is a fancy moniker for the total taxable property in the city. And, natchurly, it's important cuz without it we wouldn't have a way to calculate the mill rate - the amount of taxes per thousand dollars of assessment. Sooooo, a \$30 million hike makes things a bit better for everyone. A \$300 million increase would really be helpful.

Like the wag says on occasion, the city don't have a "tax" problem, it has a "revenue" problem. We don't git enuff - something like the state, but without bein' as profligate as the General Assembly. Now, a \$30 million increase is not exactly a way to Easy Street. One could make the case that setch an increase is jest the natural order of things, that the value of things tend to go up.

Yeah, that's kind o' true, but one has to remember that over the last decade, the city saw at least two times where the grand list went down after revaluation of property...and more than once it was jest flat. Sooooo, an increase of any type would warm the cockles of any poltico's heart.

This story ain't finished, and certainly won't be until herroner decides on the budget. Like we've said the MARB is insisting on revenue hikes which mean tax hikes. Already we're seeing For Sale signs go up, and one has to believe the promised tax increases are part o' the reason.

Meanwhile, it is interesting the feigned outrage by some politicos now that His Excellency the Governor has determined that his promise not to raise taxes will be violated. Using a page out of fellow Greenwich Lowell Weicker's playbook, he is saying the situation is much worse than he thought; ergo, he must do something to increase revenue. Sooooo, tolls and whatever else he thinks. Of course, our part of the state will be impacted more than any other, but what do the people in Hartford care. Instead of changin' their spending behavior, these guys just wanna continue to spend into oblivion.

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Rossi-O'Brien: *Grand list hike renews feud*

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mer Mayor H. Richard Borer, Jr. .

"The Bayview Park had restrictions that were never dealt with. So my administration spent countless hours getting permission from the federal government to transfer the restrictions to another park and sold the park to the developer for a little over \$250,000," said Rossi. "The site plan review was under my administration and we are currently waiting for the DOT process to be completed and an OSTA certificate, Office of State Traffic Administration, to be issued."

Concerning the grand list growth she said the largest percentage of the increase came from personal property taxes which her administration "aggressively identified" through audits. Rossi said the issue of economic develop-

ment was about delivering for West Haven, not about taking credit.

"Whatever projects are in process when I leave office, my sincerest hope is the next administration will continue those as well," said Rossi. "To me, that is called passing the torch."

Rossi also took aim at the city's deficit, saying that when O'Brien left office the city had authorized deficit bonding in the amount of \$17 million resulting in the MARB takeover of city finances. Throwing down the gauntlet, the mayor challenged O'Brien, and anyone else considering running for the position, to come to the next MARB meeting on March 7.

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sion, ideas and plans for West Haven and how they would implement them to improve the financial challenges West Haven now faces," said Rossi. "I think West Haven deserves an explanation of their actions and the consequences we now face because of their decisions and shortcomings."

O'Brien, who announced a few weeks ago that he was considering a run at his old office, has since let it be known to some in his circle that run might be as an independent.

The three-way split in the Democratic Party, which has the so-called Picard faction in power with Rossi's ascendancy, has refused to back O'Brien's most recent run, and is, instead, looking for another candidate. Reports have them considering City Clerk Deborah Collins.

A three-way race in November, then, is a strong possibility, with Rossi facing a Democratic opponent in September, the winner then facing O'Brien and a Republican in Novem-

ber.

The nastiness between O'Brien and Rossi goes back to before Rossi announced her intention to run in 2016. But the enmity between the two was most apparent in the primary run, which saw Rossi beat in the incumbent by a handful of votes.

Almost on a weekly basis the two sparred over policy, finances and whatever else they could find, and usually in the most vitriolic terms. Things aren't expected to change.

Therapy canines focus of Milford summer camp

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

A Milford business is calling for young animal lovers to sign up for a new summer program they have will be starting in July. And it's just the thing if you espeically like our canine friends.

Animal Assisted Therapy Services, a non-profit which aims to "build the human/animal connection as a motivator for therapeutic and recreational purposes," is launching a program for children between the ages of 11 and 14.

"The focus is learning more about the development, training, and role of a credentialed therapy dog," said Christine Patella, a recreational therapy certified dog trainer from AaTs said in a press release. "Participants have the opportunity to work directly with our AaTs credentialed therapy dogs at our center in Milford."

The cost of the program is \$250 a session. The program, which is on Oxford street in Milford, will be from 9:30 to 2:30 on July 8-11 and 15-18. AaTs works with children and adults with physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities.

Some of the goals of the programs, according to the press release, are to foster love and care for their animals, introduce children to volunteer and career opportunities that involve animals and to promote social interactions between fellow peers who share common interests. Patella said it would be a hands on experience.

"Participants will be engaged in practicing basic training skills, agility play, grooming, dental care, and a myriad of other activities designed to increase bonding with the dogs and fellow peers," said Patella.

Director Beth Patella holds a master's degree in recreational therapy. Patella specializes in Animal Assisted Interventions as part of her therapeutic practice. She is also a certified sound therapist and often incorporates this musical intervention with her clients and groups. The non-profit said their emphasis is on the connection between nature, animals, farms, food, and a healthy style of living.

"We even tend our own garden at the Center and prepare delicious, healthy food for both dogs and people in our kitchen," the trainer said.

According to Patella, at the conclusion of the session participants take the dogs on a therapy visit to an assisted living facility in the community under the supervision of AaTs trainers and therapists.

"They will discover first-hand the unconditional love, joy, and healing the animals bring to residents and patients," said Patella.



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Mayor Rossi and former Mayor O'Brien imposed a truce on their long-standing feud last year when the former chief executive was honored as Irishman of the Year by the Irish-American Club.



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Rossi has set the tone

The mayoral election is months away, but Mayor Nancy Rossi is staking her position soon and challenging others to do the same. In a press release this week, the mayor has challenged former Mayor Edward M. O'Brien and any other potential candidate to state their positions on fiscal policy and expanding the city's tax base.

Ostensibly, the statement by the third floor of City Hall was in reaction to questioning the city's announced \$30 million increase in the grand list. The grand list is the monetary total of all taxable property and is used to help determine the mill rate in any given budget-making cycle. The budget for Fiscal Year 2020 is now being constructed by the mayor and Finance Director Frank Ciepilski for unveiling next month.

In reality, a \$30 million increase in the grand list shouldn't be a big deal in the general scheme of things. However, in a city that has seen decreases in the grand list or flat-lined number in the last decade, an increase is, indeed, positive news. And, the particulars of the mayor's press release are accidental (we use the term in the philosophical sense) to the seminal question of fiscal policy and decisions made heretofore and those to be made.

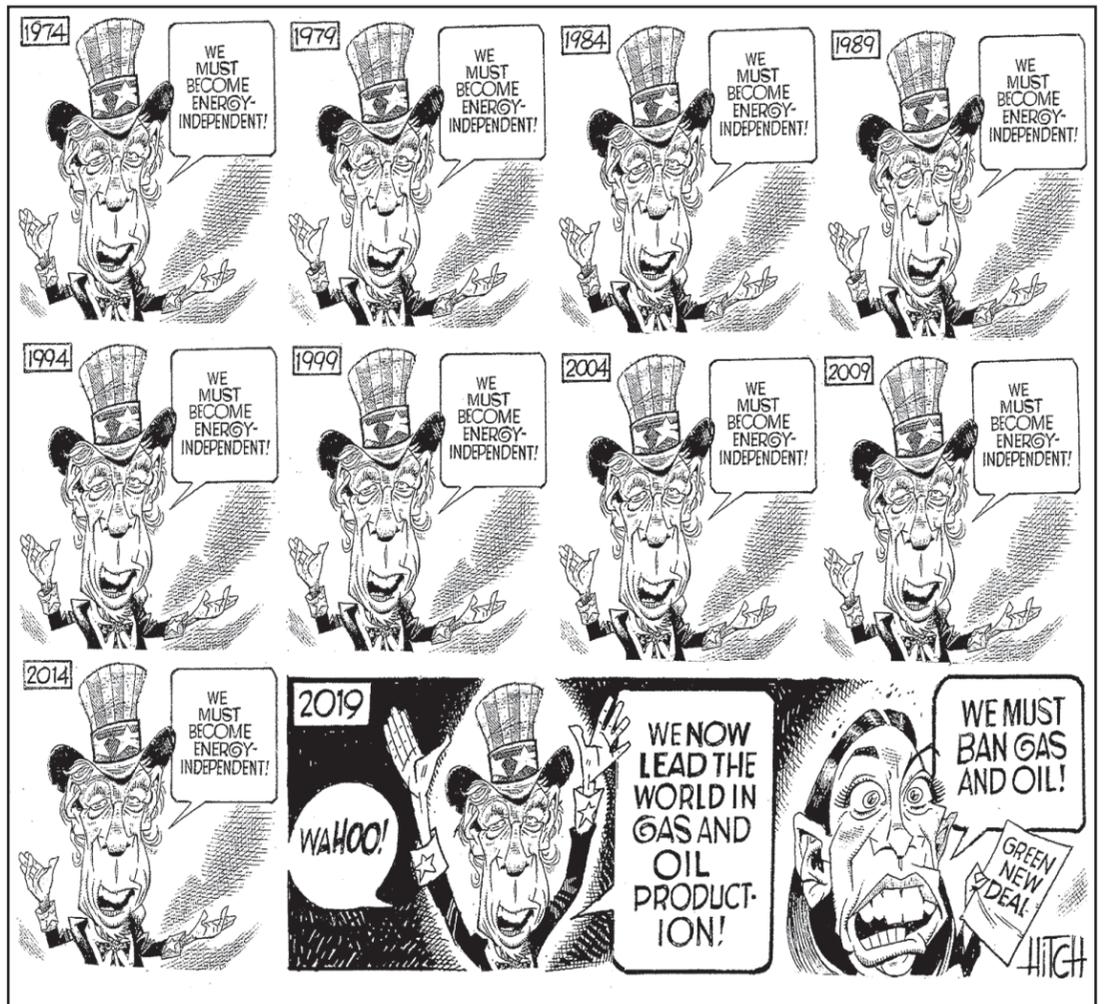
In that regard, Mayor Rossi has thrown down the gauntlet to Mr. O'Brien and any other would-be candidate. And to be clear, O'Brien has been forthcoming in his desire to return to the mayor's office. It has been reported that he has fallen out of favor with some in the Democratic Party, and will seek an independent run. Meanwhile, other possibilities are being floated as primary contenders for City Hall, among them City Clerk Deborah Collins.

What Rossi has done with her challenge, this week, is put the city's fiscal health on the front burner and make it the issue of the next election. Full stop. In O'Brien's case she has challenged him to appear before the next meeting of the Municipal Accountability Review Board and defend decisions made which led to deficits in four straight budgets. That meeting is set for March 7 in Hartford. But the same challenge is posted to anyone else who is seeking her office or any other that may have served in the administration:

"Although the former mayor sends out press releases and comments on social media, he has never acknowledged or took any responsibility for the annual budget deficits and the poor financial condition he left the City of West Haven and its taxpayers. He has yet to attend a Municipal Accountability Review Board Meeting (MARB). My request to the former mayor and anyone considering running for office is to attend the next MARB meeting, scheduled for Thursday, March 7, at 10 a.m. in Hartford.

"There will be a public speaking portion at the beginning of the meeting and I respectfully request that the former mayor speak--as well as anyone else considering running for office. The candidates can speak to their role in the consecutive budget deficits and the deficit borrowing, as well as, their vision, ideas and plans for West Haven and how they would implement them to improve the financial challenges West Haven now faces. I think West Haven deserves an explanation of their actions and the consequences we now face because of their decisions and shortcomings."

The challenge is clear, and the markers have been set. Rossi has challenged opponents or would-be opponents to map out their plans -- and defend them.



Democrat's double standard

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

If Democrats are held to their own standards, then all three embattled state officials in the Commonwealth of Virginia should resign.

Even if Gov. Ralph Northam didn't appear in blackface in an image in his medical-school yearbook, he confessed to once darkening his face as part of a Michael Jackson costume.

Attorney General Mark Herring, who called Northam's conduct indefensible, also used blackface once. Meanwhile, Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax has been accused of sexual assault.

If ever wearing blackface -- even in the 1980s, as both Northam and Herring did -- is a career-ender, and if we are supposed to "believe all women," then all three Democrats have to go.

Virginia is an indication of an inflamed and unforgiving Democratic mood that will define the party's battle for the 2020 presidential nomination.

Democrats are about to embark on the first "woke" primary, a gantlet of political correctness that will routinely wring abject apologies out of candidates and find fault in even the most sure-footed. The passage of time will be no defense. Nor the best of inten-

tions. Nor anything else.

Any lapses will be interpreted through the most hostile lens, made all the more brutal by the competition of a large field of candidates vying for the approval of a radicalized base.

Being a progressive hero of long-standing doesn't afford any protection. Consider Elizabeth Warren. She certainly deserves all the grief she gets for her laughable identification of herself over the years as an American Indian. But for the identity-politics left, her fault runs deeper.

After taking a DNA test to prove her (distant) Native American ancestry, she stood accused, in the words of a member of a tribe in South Dakota, of "privileging nonindigenous definitions of being indigenous."

According to The New York Times, she had also tread "too far into the fraught area of racial science -- a field that has, at times, been used to justify the subjugation of racial minorities and Native Americans."

Yes, Warren stood exposed as implicitly in league with the oppressors of Native Americans -- and here she had just wanted Donald Trump to stop calling her Pocahontas. She apologized, and presumably will keep on doing it as long

as she's running.

It's a season of apologies. When candidate Kirsten Gillibrand went on "The Rachel Maddow Show," the MSNBC host hit her for having in the past used the term "illegal alien," although it was standard and technically correct usage. Gillibrand allowed that she was embarrassed by her past positions on immigration.

In every presidential campaign, candidates have to explain and backfill to get with the party's latest program. What will make this so much more intense for Democrats is the belief that even past mistakes involving the choice of words or symbolism are affirmatively injurious of other people. And that such mistakes represent deep sins to be repented of.

Even Kamala Harris, who calls racism, sexism and transphobia matters of "national security," isn't safe. She was once a prosecutor, after all. Reviewing her record, a New York Times op-ed writer said that "she needs to radically break with her past."

Who doesn't? No one will be woke enough to emerge from this process unscathed.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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By Eleanore Turkington



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I noted in The Voice that the city will no longer be picking up grass clippings and that per state law, grass clippings cannot be mixed with leaves.

I called Public Works about this and was told we have been in violation of the state law and thus are finally starting to comply with it. I then called the Department of Environmental Protection to determine why compostable grass clippings are verboten in the leaf bags.

Evidently, grass clippings add nitrogen to the compost and are a very desirable addition, but the way the state law was written years ago, because leaves break down in a simpler manner than leaves and grass combined, a municipality needs to obtain a slightly more advanced state permit to matter to compost leaves and grass together.

Evidently, this is a very simple manner and I got the feeling that we are one of the few municipalities that don't have it. In fact, the Environmental Protection Department told me they were going to contact Public Works about it (I did not in any way request that they do this), and suggested I contact them again.

I did this as well as notifying the mayor's office. It is beyond my comprehension why, after flaunting state law for years, rather than simply obtain the proper permit, our fair town decides to simply stop picking up grass clippings.

I am hoping this situation is resolved in a way that doesn't further burden the already burdened citizens of our city but based on previous performance I have my doubts.

I am writing you so that you may make all aware, via the paper, of the true situation. There is no need for the city to stop picking up grass clipping.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There is still no response from Louis Esposito. Is mayoral assistant a paid job?

If so, why is West Haven paying him? (The letter writer is referring to the lack of responses from the mayor's office.) I think a response is way overdue.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

One thing people in West Haven talk about is Land Trust.

I was told if we got enough people to become a member, we could outvote them out at their annual meeting and open a little space.

It is only a very small portion needed and would only build on the north side of the boardwalk.

It would be nice to know.

A True Environmentalist

Gripe Vine Readers:

If you are interested in learning more about the plans this letter writer refers to, send your request to me and I will forward to this letter writer.

Gripe Vine Readers:

As I explained in my last column, I am placing your complaints in my column along

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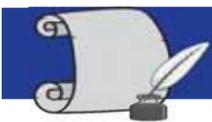
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

**Judy Rettig
June, 1995**

It was any mother's dread: her babies were gone and she couldn't find them anywhere. She ran frantically from yard to yard along Fairfax Avenue, searching in vain for them—for they were just little—and if they were to survive they needed to be fed, and right away! She felt the kind of desperation that only a mother can know.

And the nightmare was about to get worse—for a white van pulled up next to her—and a moment later she was cornered, captured and taken away in the back of the van.

A few minutes later, the young mother—a year-old greyhound mix—was removed from the van and turned over to Dog Warden Judy Rettig.

Judy examined the dog, guessed that she was about a year old, and noted that she had recently given birth to a litter. She took the dog in her car and went back to Fairfax Avenue where she searched for the babies; and although the dog grew more and more agitated, her litter was no-

where to be found. Finally, Judy and the dog returned to the Animal Shelter, alone.

The new mother was not Judy's only pressing problem however: she also had a tawny little orphaned kitten at the shelter, who weighed less than a pound and was dying of malnourishment. Desperate action was called for, so Judy decided to use the dog as a surrogate mother to literally nurse the kitten to health; and her idea worked!

Every three hours, Judy Rettig would bring the kitten to the dog and tell her, "Here's your momma," and the dog would feed the cat. The kitten, who was named Simba for the character from the Lion King movie, began to grow and flourish immediately. And for her willingness to help, the dog earned the name Elsie, for Elsie the Cow, the longstanding trademark of the Borden Dairy Company. Two months later, Elsie was adopted, changed her name to Ellie, and spent the rest of her years living with her new family on Jones Hill Road.

Is this kind of story unusual? Not for Judy Rettig, who once saved a 90 pound Labrador

retriever by carrying it down a ladder; another day, she crawled through a storm sewer filled with rats and rushing water to free a trapped dog.

"I guess I'm just obsessed," she says. "Anyway, I'd do it all over again in a minute without hesitation, if I could."

But she no longer can.

Judy Rettig grew up on Richard Street. She never knew a time when there wasn't a dog in her house. Growing up, she would bring home injured animals and nurse them back to health. "If I found a dead animal, I gave it a little funeral service."

After college, she went to work as a supervisor for the City of West Haven; and when she learned that the city needed a dog warden, she applied for the job. "Everyone thought I was crazy. It meant a big pay cut for me, but I saw this as my calling." Under her care, the animal shelter was rebuilt, and became a regional showplace.

Dogs of all types were brought into the shelter; some were sickly or deformed, and no one would take them home. So Judy Rettig brought them to her own home and made them

part of her animal family. "At one time I had 17 dogs in the house. It's amazing, but they all got along so very well." Perhaps they knew how lucky they were.

Judy was out picking up a stray dog in the small hours of a summer night in 1993, when she saw a thirteen year old girl riding her bicycle along Campbell Avenue; she picked the girl up and took her home. While talking to the girl, Judy realized that there are some children who need to be given a purpose, lest their lives should go down the wrong path. Right then, she recruited Kristian Dowdell to be the first member of Kennel Kids. Today, Judy's Kennel Kids are grown into adults: some are veterinarians, some are dog groomers, and most have at least one—sometimes several—pets!

Today, Judy Rettig lives a life of convalescence in Florida, where the climate is more agreeable to her condition. Some years ago, she contracted a disease known as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, and today she can only get around by means of a wheelchair. But her faith in God gives

her strength and sustains her, along with the faithful support of loved ones. "One day, I hope to get better," she says.

"My heart will always be with West Haven," says Judy; "I was born and raised there, it's my town, and I will always love it."

And caring for little critters of all types will remain her life's purpose; for as she said, "they make me feel like I have Christmas lights strung around my heart."

In all, Judy Rettig worked 22 years for the city. She is warmly remembered by her Kennel Kids; and she is remembered by the many families whose lives she touched; and she is especially remembered by this writer, who once brought home a dog named Ellie.



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Robinson's gambit a success

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

John Robinson, CEO of GHP Media – still known locally as “Herlin Press,” believes smart commercial printers used to find a narrow niche in the business and focus on that. Dumb commercial printers, such as himself, he said, like to do a lot of different things. That business gambit has taken a small, well-known local printer to the next level.

“That strategy I think has actually proven viable these days,” said Robinson, “because the universe of printers has shrunken so dramatically.”

Robinson said when he got into the business 40 years ago there were at least 30 commercial printers the size of GHP within a 20 mile radius but today there is maybe four.

He said the printing company does virtually everything including work for the fine arts, most museums in Connecticut and New York as well as for the fashion industry. He said they also do a lot of work for schools and universities. According to Robinson, they take on jobs big and small.

“We do work for everybody,” said Robinson. “Everything from \$30 business cards to quarter of a million dollar

coffee table books.”

GHP has 160 employees and, last year, did \$128 million in revenue. He said for the past 8 years the company has been profitable, even with thin margins. Robinson said he bought Herlin Press in 2001 and combined it with his own company, Gist.

“We’ve acquired something like 16 or 17 other companies,” said Robinson, “in the last 15 or 16 years and tucked them all in here.”

Robinson, who graduated Yale Business School in 1980, said he wanted to go into manufacturing because he likes making things. He said he decided to stay in Connecticut because he likes the state. According to Robinson, GHP tries to give back to the community.

“We do a lot of student publications,” said Robinson. “We give students tours to kind of expose them to what we’re doing here.”

One of the biggest changes in the business, Robinson said, is the speed with which jobs go through the shop.

“It used to be we had pretty much two weeks to do almost anything,” said Robinson. “And if it was a complicated job, a coffee table book, we had two or three months. To-

day we sometimes have a day or two.”

Another drastic change in the industry, he said, was the method of storing the plates used to remake old jobs. Robinson said it used to be film and they had 5,000 square feet of floor space dedicated to

storing old jobs.

“Today we have two square feet in a computer,” said Robinson. “We store probably 5 times as many.”

Robinson said geography gives his company an edge over the competition, being so close to New York. He said the

company is also blessed with a lot of good employees.

“As the industry has contracted we’ve been able to attract and retain some of the best people and they have a great attitude and great skills,” said Robinson. “They’re what make the business run.”



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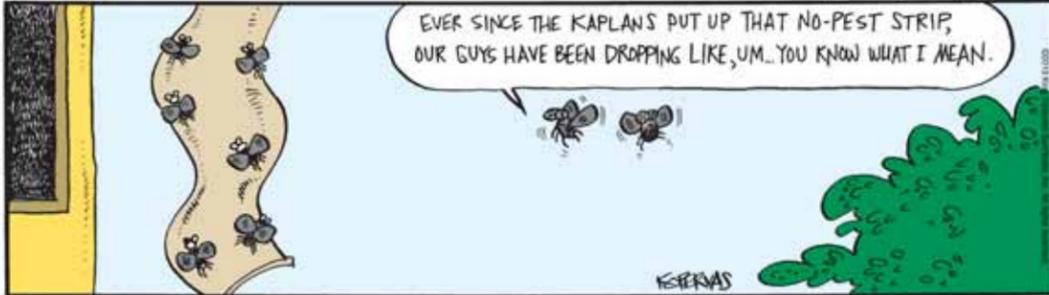
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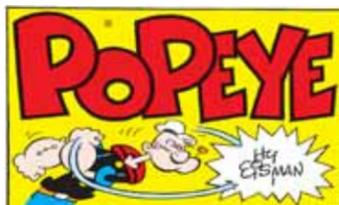
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Project walk

Children from the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., recently participate in the Forest School Project, led by teachers Laura Ziltye, Kathy Malone and social worker Chloe Smith. Dr. Patricia Major, professor-emeritus of the Southern Connecticut State University School of Education, oversees the project.



Popular app prone to hacking: UNH

A team of researchers at the University of New Haven discovered that Bigscreen, a well-known and popular virtual reality (VR) application, and Unity, the game development platform BigScreen is built on, are vulnerable to hackers.

Bigscreen, which describes itself as a "virtual living room," enables users to watch movies, collaborate on projects together and more.

Without users' knowledge and consent – and without tricking users into downloading software or granting access to the computer – University of New Haven researchers were able to:

- ~~ Turn on user microphones and listen to private conversations;
- ~~ Join any VR room including private rooms;
- ~~ Create a replicating worm that infects users as soon as they enter a room with other VR users;
- ~~ View user computer screens in real time;
- ~~ Send messages on a user's behalf;
- ~~ Download and run programs – including malware – onto user computers;
- ~~ Join users in VR while remaining invisible. This novel attack was termed as a Man-In-The-Room (MITR) attack;
- ~~ Phish users into downloading fake VR drivers.

There is YouTube proof of concept video summarizing and demonstrating the findings.

"Our research shows hackers are able to monitor people day in and day out – listen to what they are saying and see how

they are interacting in virtual reality," said Ibrahim Baggili, founder and co-director of the University of New Haven Cyber Forensics Research and Education Group (<https://www.unhcfreg.com>). "They can't see you, they can't hear you, but the hacker can hear and see them, like an invisible Peeping Tom. A different layer of privacy has been invaded."

Baggili and his team presented the research findings to Bigscreen and Unity. Bigscreen CEO and Founder Darshan Shankar said Feb. 14 the company has patched the issues. Unity recently added language to its website warning users the platform can be "used to of."

Baggili and his team have not performed tests to determine if vulnerabilities still exist.

The researchers – Baggili, Elder Family Endowed Chair of Computer Science and Cybersecurity and an internationally recognized expert in cybersecurity and digital forensics; master's student Peter Casey; and Martin Vondráček, visiting master's student from Brno University of Technology, recently uncovered the technology vulnerabilities while testing the security of VR systems through a National Science Foundation-funded project.

Martin Vondráček then wrapped up the research into a command and control tool to show the severity of the findings.

For disclosure details, go to the University of New Haven Forensic Sciences Research

& Education Group website: <https://www.unhcfreg.com/>.

According to Bigscreen, users log up to 20-30 hours a week using the system, with some logging over 1000 hours. TechCrunch reported

in 2017 the company had 150,000 users.

Baggili and Casey have uncovered susceptibilities in other popular virtual reality systems – including HTC Vive and Oculus Rift – revealing that hackers could alter the ex-

perience of users. Several years ago, Baggili and his team uncovered liabilities in the messaging apps WhatsApp, Viber and others that affected more than 1.5 billion users, garnering significant international media coverage.

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Clear the way!

The Sting's Jase Upchurch drives to the basket in Fundamental League play last Saturday. The Starzz' Cassidy Carrano defends. Playoff action began last week.

Sharks finish year at 17-2

The West Haven/Sacred Heart girls' hockey team wrapped up its regular season with two wins over Branford and Hall/Conard to finish the season 17-2 and climb to No. 2 in the playoff rankings. On Wednesday evening, the Westie Sharks defeated the Branford/North Branford/Sheehan/Lyman Hall Wings, 5-2.

Mia Celentano gave the girls a 1-0 lead with 2:44 left in the first period assisted by Brooke McNabola and Francesca Criscuolo. The Westie Sharks increased the lead to 2-0 when Jenna Hunt scored with 30 seconds left in the period assisted by McNabola and CC Condon. After the Wings cut the lead to 2-1, Criscuolo re-

established the two-goal lead assisted by Condon and Celestano. Condon made it 4-1 assisted by Hunt and then Megan Froehlich capped the scoring for the girls with 1:14 left in the second period, assisted by Taylor Nowak to make it 5-1. The Wings got one back in the third period for the 5-2 final. Kyleen Crowe made 17 saves in goal for the victory.

On Friday evening, the Westie Sharks celebrated Senior Night and then went out and sent a message with a 4-0 victory over the 17-2 and 4th-ranked Hall/Conard War Chiefs. The girls struck early when Jenna Hunt found the back of the net 3:01 into the game to make it 1-0. Then it was the Taylor Nowak show. Nowak scored with 6:03 left in the period and then again from her knees in the slot with 3:30 left in the first period to increase the lead to 3-0. Nowak completed her hat trick when she tallied with 3:16 left in the game for the 4-0 final. Kyleen Crowe made 27 saves in perhaps her best game of the year, making numerous, spectacular saves to preserve the shutout.

The Westie Sharks opened the SCC playoffs on Wednesday evening, hosting the winner of the Notre Dame of Fair-

field vs Branford winner. If victorious, the girls will play in the SCC Championship game on Friday at 7:15.

The boys' hockey team had a tough week dropping its two games to Notre Dame of West Haven and Glastonbury. On Wednesday evening, the Westies hosted the Green Knights and couldn't get the offense going in a 4-0 loss to Notre Dame. Jared Pliszka stopped 34 shots between the pipes for West Haven.

On Saturday afternoon at the Bennett Rink, the Blue Devils fared no better in a 5-1 loss to the Tomahawks. After Glastonbury scored just 19 seconds into the game, the Westies were able to tie the game with 2:21 left in the first period when Kevin Moriarty took a pass from Kaden Morgillo and found the back of the net. But that would be the extent of the West Haven offense on the day while the Tomahawks struck four times in the second period for a 5-1 victory. Jared Plaszka made 30 saves in goal for the Westies.

This week, the boys finish up their regular season schedule. The Blue Devils traveled to Hamden to renew their rivalry with the Green Dragons on Wednesday and then head to the campus of Wesleyan Uni-

versity to take on the Xavier Falcons on Saturday at 10am.

The boys' basketball team also celebrated its seniors and then went out and grabbed a 58-41 victory over the Guilford Indians on Wednesday evening at the WHHS Gym. Tyrese Hargrove led the Blue Devils with 14 points, Shea Sheffield and Malcolm Duncanson each had nine points while Mufee Cooper, Quannel Straughter and Jamel Lowey all had seven points in the win.

The Westies trailed 23-19 at halftime but took control in the second half to pull away from the Indians for the victory.

On Saturday afternoon, the Westies were defeated by the Weaver Beavers 71-65 in Hartford.

This week, the Blue Devils concluded their regular season with a road game at Cheshire on Monday and will wait to see who they draw in the CIAC playoffs, when the pairings are announced on Wednesday.

The girls' basketball team finished up its season with a 6-14 record.

On Monday evening, the Blue Devils lost 85-48 at Jonathan Law but rebounded with a 68-48 victory to end the season.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

Player of the Week

Kyleen Crowe (30) is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. In two games this past week, Crowe turned aside 45 of 47 shots to help the Westie Sharks post a pair of victories. To read about the Player of the Week and learn about all of your West Haven sports, including game stories, photos, videos and more, visit www.westieblue.com.

Knights' grapplers finish in third

Swimming posts win over Hamden, wrestling places 18th at Class L Meet with Alex Barbour moving on to State Open, hockey split the week beating crosstown rival West Haven, and basketball suffers first loss of season in regular season finale.

Wrestling -- On the heels of a third-place finish at the SCC Championship Meet last week, Alex Barbour contin-

Wizards go into finals

The West Haven Wizards had an amazing weekend at Yankee League Swim Trials. Sixty-three Wizard swimmers will advance from all the age groups with 6 additional swimmers qualifying as alternates. Fifty-two swimmers will advance to Yankee League Finals, and the 8-and-under age group will send 11 swimmers onto the All-Star Pentathlon in two weeks.

From the 8-under age group, the following swimmers will advance to the All Star Pentathlon: Sophie Fonch, Camilla Procino, Ella Sutton, and Winter Valdivieso as an alternate. Cam Nash, Evan Piskura, Jaxson Ryan and Gabriel Gyurkovics as an alternate. Sophia Delauri, Linnette Mendoza, Anna Piskura, London Ryan and Aubrey Holthuas as an alternate. Sean Fitzpatrick. The following swimmers will go on to Yankee League Finals this coming Saturday: Girls; Carli Cassone, Aryanna Gorske, Hayden Jacob, Leah Mendosa, Aarya Mulmi, Caly Nyack, Chloe Wardman, and Alexa White. 9/10 Boys; Nathan Charron, Phinn Lattanzi, Raymond Listroi, AJ Meglio and CJ Sutton. 11/12 Girls; Christina Ayala, Lauren Blake Khando Dorjee, Adriana Giachino, Lia Hey, Erin Morton and Caroline Tirollo. 11/12 Boys; Ean Anatonone, Collin Charron, Jacob Collette, Gavin Falcigno, Andrew McLarty, Dylan Morrissey, Roman Shubin, Lucas Vital, Lucas Yavagnilio and Nevan Vidosevic and Jeffrey Flores as alternates. 13/14 Girls; Eileen Barrington, Sidra Barry, Kaelyn Falanga, Jillian Goldbeck, Sofia Lora, Kaleigh Morton, Macie Rascoll, Kaylee Taulty and Molly Wilson. 13 and over Boys; Jacob Llama, Christopher Velez and Mateo Yahagnilio. 15 and over Girls; Katherine Ayala, Anya Celmer, Madysen Elias, Emily Eschweiler, Leonarkis Espinosa, Morgan Falanga, Madison Hobart, Hannah Rascoll, Sophia Shubin, Emma Tirollo, Kaya Vital and Carly Weber.

ued his stellar wrestling placing fourth at the CIAC Class L Championship Meet. As a result, he will continue his season at the State Open Meet this coming weekend. Seeded second in his weight class, Barbour won three of his five matches in the two-day competition. He began the event with a pair of wins to stay in the championship bracket. He pinned Windsor's Thomas Griggs and then won a 12-2 major decision over RHAM's Harold Barnes. He would lose in the quarterfinal round via a 9-4 decision to Maloney's Nick DeBaise. Barbour rebounded with a tough 2-0 decision over Newington's Aiden Lozada before falling to Stan Godlewski in an equally tough match, losing via a 9-8

decision.

Swimming -- Notre Dame won 10 of the 12 events in its swim meet against Hamden en route to a come-from-behind 92-89 win. It was the third win of the season for Notre Dame. With the Green Dragons holding a slight one-point lead heading into the final event - the 400 freestyle relay, the Green Knights won the event and as a result captured the win. The relay team of Sean McDermott, Aaron Abrina, Michael Iasalvatore, and Gavin Kanlong won the event. McDermott won four events while the trio of Bill Hinckley, Jonathan Farricelli, and Alex Ozonoff all won three events for the Green Knights.

Basketball -- The basketball

team went into its final regular season game against Cross on Friday, hoping for its second undefeated regular season in three years. Unfortunately, the Green Knights lost, 65-60, in overtime. Notre Dame found itself down 14 points early in the fourth quarter only to rally and tie the game on a Connor Raines layup with 10 seconds left in the game. Cross scored the first four points of the extra session and held on for the win. Notre Dame moved to 19-0 earlier in the week with a 48-41 win over Fairfield Prep. Notre Dame used a 9-2 run over the final two minutes to break a 39-39 tie. Jaiden Kimbro led Notre Dame against Prep with 12 points, while Raines was the Green Knights

leading scorer with 17 against Cross.

Hockey -- Connor Smith made 39 saves in posting a 4-0 shutout win over crosstown rival West Haven on Wednesday, Feb. 13. Notre Dame received four goals from four different players in the win. Charlie Andriole, Zach Schroeder, John-Michael Childs, and Connor Faughnan tallied goals. The Green Knights wound up splitting the week when they suffered a 3-1 loss to Fairfield Prep. Ian Hayden scored Notre Dame's lone goal.

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Westie Blue In Touch

By Mike Madera

West Haven / Sacred Heart Academy girls hockey coach Erin Blake has seen her share of solid players in her coaching career. What she had not seen entering this season was a 100-point scorer in her program.

Blake can now cross that off the list. With a goal 8 minutes, 8 seconds into the middle period of last Tuesday's 6-2 win against Hamden, junior Taylor Nowak recorded her 100th career point for the Westie Sharks, becoming the first player in the history of the program to do so.

"We knew she was special as a freshman," Blake said of Nowak. "We saw her work ethic. The way she plays is the way she practices. She is one of the most unselfish players. Her line (Jianna Cohrs and Megan Froehlich) has really worked well this season. It is a tribute to how hard the line works in practice."

What is most amazing about the milestone is Nowak is just a junior. Not only does the multi-talented center have a handful of games to add to the list this season, she will have a full senior year to increase a total which will be very hard to catapult in the future.

If you one would ask Nowak, her humble demeanor would lead you to believe she had no idea she was approaching the mark. And you would be right.

Blake informed Nowak the milestone was approaching and not surprising to Blake, Nowak had no idea she was that close.

"She works hard and is so deserving," Blake said of Nowak. "She had no idea she was close to one hundred. I

told her when she was at 94. What really stands out is she is so humble. I told her it was okay to take some credit for it. She does not like the spotlight. She does not play for her. She is all about the team. Everyone was excited for her when they announced it and I could tell she was like 'Okay, let's just play.' That's the type of kid she is."

For Taylor Nowak, success is nothing uncommon as she has played on a pair of national championship teams for the Shoreline Sharks the last two years, is a high honors student, a solid soccer player, and oh by the way, decided to pick up lacrosse as an extra sport to keep active.

What is most impressive about the 16-yaer-old from West Haven is she is still not satisfied. According to Blake, Nowak's hunger to continually get better every day in the classroom and in athletics is most impressive.

"It's her hard work," Blake said when talking about Nowak. "We knew she was going to make an impact as a freshman. We knew she would play a big role. She has good speed on the ice, she sees the ice, and she just make plays."

For Nowak, success is all relative to the hard work she has put in since playing hockey in the West Haven Youth Hockey league at the age of eight. Nowak then went on to play for Erik Erne and the Ct. Polar Bears for six years where she has taken trips to the state and reginal tournaments, before entering her third year with the Shoreline Sharks.

Nowak fit into the program quite nicely under coach Ed Rodham, as she was part of

the title-winning U-14 Tier 2 squad in Michigan, then followed by being part of the championship-winning U-16 Tier 2 program in Marlboro, Massachusetts last season. Nowak was tied for the top spot in goals in the team's division during the magical run of last season.

"I think my speed is my strength," Nowak said. "I am able to skate around people. I think the other thing is I try to stay out of the penalty box. I think I have two penalties my whole career. I don't do the dirty play. I like to draw penalties so we are a man up."

Nowak, an All-SCC and All-State selection as a high school sophomore, has been a high impact player on the Sharks team as she accumulated 102 points in her first two seasons with the Sharks, with her recording 47 points (26-21) her first year and 55 points (39-16) last season.

The junior has made an impact on the Westie Sharks from the minute she stepped on the ice. Coming up as a highly touted player, Blake and assistant coach Jocey Morrell had big plans for the incoming freshman as the program had taken a turn for the better and was led by another ultra-talented athlete in Gabi Prisco.

"She is definitely a leader on and off the ice," Morrell said. "She is a presence on the ice and is a go-to person on the power play and penalty kill. She always gives 110 percent no matter what. She understands the game. She is a

coach's dream. Taylor handles pressure very well and does not get nervous. She is someone you want on the ice at all times. She is a team player."

Playing a year with Prisco taught Nowak plenty about the sport, but also taught her about the game and playing as a team.

"Playing with Gabi was great," Nowak said. "I was there with her through soccer, hockey and lacrosse. She was always there for me. That was a cool experience."

All the junior did her first two years was put up 34 points as a freshman, 37 points as a sophomore and 29 thus far as a junior with a handful of games to go.

"Last year, when I came back as a sophomore, I wanted to build upon what I did as a freshman," Nowak said. "We have goals we want to reach. We set goals and we hope to keep elevating those goals. At first, we wanted to win in the first round of the states, then get to the quarterfinals and semifinals. We are doing it piece by piece. We are trying to go as far as we can go."

Nowak's drive is nothing surprising to those who know her. Coming from a talented and driven family, with her younger 14-year-old sister Grace a singer, and soccer and hockey player, Taylor Nowak does not settle for second best. Currently ranked eighth in her class, Nowak is beginning the college process, undecided where to go and on a major, although Pre-Med is one of her

top choices.

Blake has no worries about the academic side as she has seen first-hand Nowak's study habits, including studying while stretching a she prepares to get on the ice, and bringing a portable lamp to study on the bus to and from a game.

"She is an All-Star," Blake said. "All around, she is the total package. She is tremendous with her academics. She is always looking to be better. She brought a lamp on the bus to study and we were going to Hamden. She is looking at her notes when she is stretching. She is always looking to be better. That says something about the whole package. She is a coach's dream. She is respectful and a hard worker."

"I have always been very academically driven," Nowak said. "I always felt it was going to be my hockey and academics which was going to be how I got to a good college. There is no NHL (National Hockey League) for girls hockey. When school ends, that pretty much is it. That is where academics comes in for me to get a good job."

Nowak is quick to point out the relationship she has with Blake and Morrell and what the two coaches mean to her.

"They have done so much for me," Nowak said. "They have worked with me to enhance my ability on the ice. They are always watching out for me."

With the milestone achieved, Nowak will not take all the

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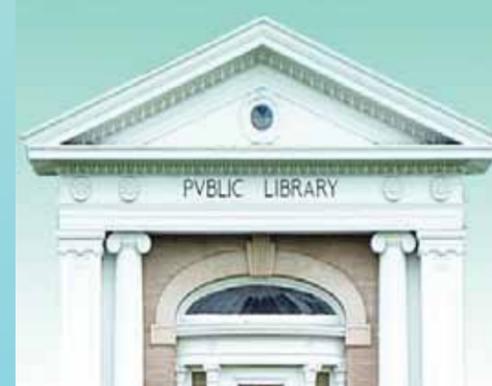
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Squirt A loses in Ocean State finals

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team advanced to the championship game of the 2019 Ocean State Classic, but dropped a 5-3 result to Darien A1 at the Cranston (RI) Memorial Ice Rink on Monday afternoon. The Blue Devils went 3-2-1 over the weekend and are now 28-18-5 overall on the season.

In the finals, West Haven took a 1-0 lead early in the second period when Jonathan Charbonneau threw the puck in front of the net from the point and Sean Studley jammed in the loose puck.

Darien rallied and took a 3-1 lead into the third period but West Haven would not go away. Charbonneau cleared the zone to Ethan Kelly who weaved his way up ice. Kelly deked and scored while crashing into the post to make it 3-2.

Darien went up 5-2 before Kelly scored again on another length of the ice charge going top shelf to finish it off. Maddex LaFountain made 18 saves in the game and the Blue Devils battled to the end, but it was not enough.

Ethan Kelly led the Blue Devil offense with nine goals and eight assists in the tournament. Studley, who scored at least one goal in every game, had eight goals and five assists. Cameren Lipford tallied five goals and five assists. Charbonneau and Ryan Pniewski each had three assists and Matthew Kelly had a goal and assist. Gavin Coady, Zach Melchior, Aedan Guarino, Lucas Iversen, and Rafi Treat all played valuable minutes on offense on the run to the championship game.

Nowak

The Blue Devils advanced to the finals in dramatic fashion early Monday morning at Lynch Arena with a 5-4 overtime victory over top seed Providence Hockey Club (PHC) Tier 1 South. Despite giving up the tying goal with only 1:28 left in regulation, the Westies came out flying in OT.

Pniewski kept the puck in the zone at the blue line and hit Ethan Kelly with a pass. Kelly found Lipford on the left wing and his rising wrist shot hit the upper corner 1:02 into the extra period to clinch a spot in the championship game.

It was Lipford's second goal of the game while Ethan Kelly scored twice and Studley once. The defense of Pniewski, Leo Mazuroski, Matthew Kelly and Jonathan Charbonneau made all the adjustments from the night before (a 7-2 loss to the same team) and were tough throughout the entire tournament. LaFountain was

strong in net and made 19 saves in the semifinal.

West Haven earned the fourth seed after going 2-1-1 in round-robin play. The Blue Devils opened with a 2-2 tie against PHC Tier 1 East at Lynch Arena early Saturday morning. Studley scored both goals, including the tying goal with just 1:04 left in the game. LaFountain was stellar in between the pipes, posting 25 saves with many clutch stops to keep the Westies within striking range.

In Saturday afternoon's second game at the Smithfield Ice Rink, West Haven posted a 5-2 win over the South Shore Kings from Foxboro, MA. The Westies trailed, 2-1, early in the second period before pulling away. Ethan Kelly and Lipford each scored twice while Studley added one.

West Haven then faced PHC Tier 1 North on Sunday morning at Schneider Arena on Providence College's campus. In the 5-1 win, Ethan Kelly and Studley both tallied twice while Matthew Kelly also found the back of the net.

In Sunday's late game, the Westies lost, 7-2, to PHC Tier 1 South. Studley and Ethan Kelly scored goals, but Providence took the top seed and dropped West Haven to fourth, setting up the semifinal rematch.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team ended its postseason by advancing to the CHC Tier 4 semifinals, before losing to eventual champion Hamden.

The Westies advanced to the playoff portion of the tournament by going 2-1 in the preliminary round, defeating Central and Southeastern around a heart-breaking loss to Hamden.

West Haven opened the tournament with a 6-4 victory over Central A. Michael Madera led the offense with four goals and an assist, while Mickey Dowd had one goal and four assists, and Zach Goetze added a goal and three assists.

Madera gave the team a 1-0 lead off a deflection of a Bruno Martone shot 17 seconds into the game, before Central scored the next two goals.

West Haven closed the opening period with the next three goals for a 4-2 lead after one period. Madera evened the game at two off assists from Dowd and Goetze, before Dowd gave the Westies a 3-2 lead off a helper from Goetze. Madera closed the first period scoring with 3:33 left off assists from Dowd and Goetze for a 4-2 advantage.

Leading 4-3, Goetze gave the Westies a two-goal lead off assists from Madera and Dowd, before Madera scored off an assist from Dowd for a 6-4 ad-

vantage. Bryan Hong and Jacob Silva each played well in goal for the Westies.

The Westies then played rival Hamden and got off to a strong start, before suffering a 5-4 defeat. Goetze and Dowd led the way with two goals apiece.

West Haven scored twice in each of the first two periods for a 4-0 lead, before Hamden rallied with three goals in the third period, including the winner with 0.6 seconds to go.

Goetze gave the Westies a 1-0 lead off an assist from Chris Consorte, before Dowd scored

off an assist from Haygen Axelrod for a 2-0 lead. Madera set up Goetze for the third goal and Martone set up Dowd for the 4-0 lead.

The Westies then needed a win to advance to the playoff round and received that vic-

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Youth Hockey: *Lose to Hamden*

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tory Saturday morning by top-
ping Southeastern, 4-3.

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

Trailing 1-0, Goetze evened
the contest on the first period
with an unassisted tally.

The Westies trailed 3-1 in
the third period before they
staged a comeback.

Madera scored off an assist
from Dowd 3:50 in to get with-
in one, before Madera evened
the contest off an assist from
Goetze with 3:04 remaining.
Goetze then set up Dowd for
the eventual winner 33 sec-
onds later.

Cody Rocchio, Consorte, and
Connor Moriarty played well
offensively, while Axelrod,

Martone, Jason Alling, and
Dylan Bosworth were solid
defensively, and Silva and
Hong played well in goal.

The Westies advanced to the
playoff portion and defeated
Ridgefield A, 3-2, in the quar-
terfinal round.

Madera scored all three goals
to lead the offense.

Trailing 1-0, Madera evened
the contest in the opening pe-
riod with an unassisted tally.

The Westies then took a 3-1
lead as Madera took a rebound
of an Alling shot and scored
4:28 into the second, before
Madera's third of the game off
assists from Dowd and Goetze
had the Westies up 3-1 with
7:37 left in the second.

Axelrod, Martone, Ray Heen-
ie, Bosworth and Alling all
played well defensively, while

Brady Price, Danny Johnson,
and Mike Page all played well
on offense.

The West Haven run came to
an end Sunday morning with
a 6-3 loss against Hamden in
the semifinals.

Dowd led the way with two
goals, Goetze scored once and
Madera had three assists in
the loss.

Hamden jumped out to a
4-0 lead in the second period,
before Dowd got the Westies
within three off an assist from
Madera. Dowd scored his sec-
ond of the game to get within
two, before Hamden ended
any thoughts of a comeback
with two late goals in the
third.

Goetze rounded out the West
Haven scoring off an assist
from Madera.

Cardinals win

West Haven Girls basketball tipped off its post-
season tournament with games at Seth Haley.
Madden Evangeliste scored all the points in overtime to lead
the fourth-seeded Shoreljne Dental Cardinals to a 22-18 win
over the Prospect Fish and Game Blue Devils.

Jada Fowler, Cristel Miguel and Lily Granata all scored
key baskets as the Cardinals rallied after trailing the whole
game. Micah Pullen, Madison McGwire and Savannah Mc-
Gorty led the Blue Devils on the offensive end.

The third-seeded West Haven Drug & Alcohol Panthers
survived an upset bid by the Napoli Parts Eagles in their 21-
14 win. Ciara Harp and Jaecianna Mitchell accounted for all
the Panthers scoring. The Eagles were led by the hot shoot-
ing of Amalia Ortiz and Amarae Rosario.

Playoffs continue this week with championship Friday
night at Seth Haley at 7:15 p.m. The instructional division
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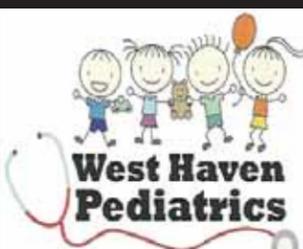
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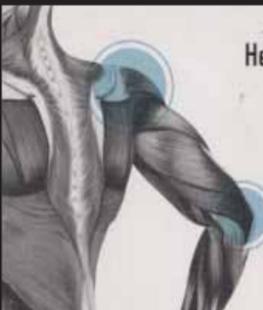
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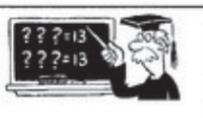
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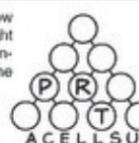


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9. What ice skaters hate.
10. A frying pan.

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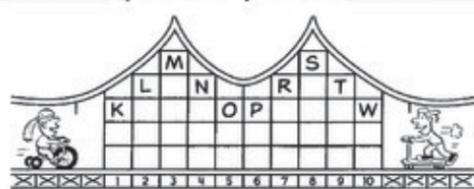
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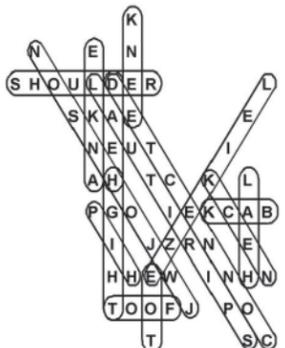
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Around Town

WHGC confab

Bradley Point Garden Club of West Haven will hold its monthly luncheon, followed by a workshop on pressed flower arranging, at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 19 in the lower level of Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road.

New members are always welcome. Call Marie at (203) 878-8428.

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 – 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.

AI-Anon group

An AI-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

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.



At a Glance

Elderly, disabled offered tax relief

Assessor Ann Marie Gradoia is accepting applications for tax relief programs for elderly and disabled homeowners.

Residents can apply for the programs, based on their 2018 incomes, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, Feb. 15-May 15, in the assessor's office on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St.

The state elderly and disabled homeowners program offers tax reduction benefits depending on income and marital status.

To qualify, the applicant or spouse must be 65 or older by Dec. 31, 2018, or permanently and totally disabled as defined by Social Security.

Income limits, including Social Security, are \$43,900 for a married couple and \$36,000 for a single person.

To qualify for the West Haven senior tax freeze program, the applicant must be 70 by the end of 2018 and have lived in the city for at least 20 consecutive years.

Income limits, excluding Social Security, are \$50,000 for a married couple and \$35,000 for a single person.

Those eligible for the

program must reapply each year.

The assessor's office is also accepting applications until Oct. 1 for additional veterans exemptions. The maximum income is \$43,900 for a married applicant and \$36,000 for a single applicant.

City recruiting parade marchers

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@west-haven-ct.gov or faxed to (203) 937-3705.

Residents get trash reminder

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 dis-

posal facility for a fee.

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.

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