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## Voice Profile

*A weekly in-depth interview*

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~ Frank Cieplinski

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# Residents quiz mayor in Town Hall



Photo by Josh LaBella

Dozens of residents braved the sub-freezing temperatures last week to attend Mayor Nancy N. Rossi's scheduled Town Hall. Topics were varied, and included blight, development, finances and budget.

Photo by Patricia C. Horvath

## Braving the elements

About 175 participants charge in and out of the 35-degree water of Long Island Sound during the 19th annual Icy Plunge for the Cure on Saturday morning at Savin Rock Beach. The breast cancer benefit celebrated the 20th anniversary of the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program. Among those plunging for the cause were former Mayors Edward M. O'Brien, John M. Picard and H. Richard Borer, Jr. See page 9 for more details.



By Josh LaBella  
*Voice Reporter*

The questions were many, and they were varied. Dozens of residents showed up at City Hall last week for a Town Hall give-and-take.

At the Jan. 29 meeting Mayor Nancy N. Rossi faced a number of questions from residents, with concerns ranging from blight, traffic and parking problems, development, and the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB).

The meeting was co-hosted by the New Haven University Political Science Department. A junior international development and diplomacy major, Douglas Gordon, was the moderator.

Rossi, who said she preferred this form of event to giving speeches, was happy with the turnout, especially given the weather, which was in the single digits. She told the assembly she liked connecting one-on-one with people.

She said she thought the main concerns she heard that night were about development, and increasing the city's stagnant tax base.

"I think 'Development' because nobody wants to pay taxes," said Rossi. "So, the idea that if we have better development or more development, like commercial, we will have a better tax base, a bigger grand list, [and] we won't have to pay as much in taxes."

One resident from Chauncey Street asked the mayor what was being done about the lack of employment opportunities in the city. She referenced the Haven project and noted it was sup-

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## Government Meetings

## Weather

**Friday Feb. 1** Cloudy with light rain...mainly in the morning. High 48F.



Sunrise: 6:55 am  
Sunset: 5:15 pm  
Wind: WSW 10-15 mph.

**Saturday Feb. 2** Sun and a few passing clouds. High 34F.



Sunrise: 6:54 am  
Sunset: 5:17 pm  
Wind: NW 10-15 mph.

**Sunday Feb. 3** Mostly cloudy skies. Late-night snow showers. Low 28F.



Sunrise: 6:53 am  
Sunset: 5:19 pm  
Wind: N 5-10 mph.

**Monday Feb. 4** Cloudy with rain and snow in the morning. High around 40F. High near 39F.



Sunrise: 6:52 am  
Sunset: 5:20 pm  
Wind: SW 5-10 mph.



## Kids' Forecast

Noah Moore age 2, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., he is waiting for more snow to build a snowman.

## Things to Do

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

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 Civic Association will host a Valentine's Day Doo Wop Dance at 85 Chase Lane on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. Free Beer, Wine or Soda. Cash Bar for mixed drinks. Tickets: \$20 per person. Call Lou at (203) 934-3339.

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**Monday, Feb. 11**  
City Council, Council Chamber, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 12**  
Planning and Zoning, 7 p.m. City Hall; WHHS Building Committee, 7 p.m. City Hall.

**Thursday Feb. 14**  
Charter Revision Commission, Harriet North Meeting Room, 6:30 p.m.

## Did you know...

Here is a fun fact about the picture of Peter Massaro who was our Profile story in last week's edition. Turns out it was submitted by Peter (which is not a problem) but actually taken by Mark Zaretsky of the *New Haven Register* (still, not a problem, just a twist we did not know about). Had we known, we would have given Mark the photo credit he so deserves. So there you have it, a clarification of sorts. Thanks HBH for bringing it to our attention.

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# Cieplinski settles into role

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

He was prepared for the numbers. He was prepared for the meetings. But no one could be prepared for what came his way less than a month ago.

City Finance Director Frank Cieplinski said his background in corporate finance has helped him transition into his new role. It probably didn't prepare him for the "way" he got the role.

Cieplinski started in the position on the Monday after the previous Finance Director Ron Ciatelli had abruptly resigned the Friday before. Within hours he had a new office, a new job and a new role, but it wasn't a difficult transition.

He had previously worked in accounting and then finance at PerkinElmer, a diagnostic technology corporation, and said the experience has made it easy to step into the budget process of West Haven. That budget process, which began barely days after he settled in will continue until Mayor Nancy N. Rossi presents her proposed budget next month.

Sticking to the schedule, Cieplinski said he is well into the first phase of the budgetary process.

"We've already had meetings

with a couple of the department heads," said Cieplinski, "to go through their numbers and help them understand what's going on and to try to build a plan that, I think, is going to be more in-depth than they've had in the past."

According to Cieplinski, they are trying to find places to trim costs where needed from a budget perspective. He said he and his team have been doing a lot of "date diving," so they can measure prior financial activity and be able to forecast where the city is going. He said his current challenge is trying to get a grasp on how the municipality is different from corporate America.

"The accounting director has been really great walking me through these things," said Cieplinski. "We've met with a couple of the consultants that we have to help with various areas - bonds and that type of stuff. So they've been very useful in getting my head around what's going on."

Cieplinski said from what he has been able to see so far costs are under control and revenue is coming in. He said he thinks it is a good story.

"[That's] From what I've seen and heard, anecdotally of course, because I've only been

here three weeks, I don't know what's gone on in the past," said Cieplinski. "But I believe that the cost-cutting measures that have been implemented are starting to take hold."

Cieplinski said he and an official from the state are mapping the process. He said they are doing that to figure out where the efficiencies can come and to the make the day-to-day lives of city workers easier so they do not have to be constantly catching up.

"As I used to say in my old [career], if we can find a way to get them off the hamster wheel for an hour a day," said Cieplinski, "where they can actually focus on improving and doing other value added analysis and stuff - I think that's going to be huge."

The finance director said he is looking to change the city's process of financial and budgetary reporting so he look at where they were at any point of time and measure against where they thought they were going to be. He said this is different than the current method, where they look at where they are compared to the full year budget.

"By grabbing the data," said Cieplinski, "we should be able to get ahead of any potential issues. That's the goal. You

want to be proactive and not reactive."

Cieplinski said his goal is to surgically reduce costs with a minimum amount of pain. He said he has been told if the MARB, the Municipal Accountability Review Board, moves the city to Tier IV it will not be a scalpel, but a sledgehammer taken to the budget. He said the first six months look very promising and looks forward to the final results.



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# Dear Felicia

Break out the shorts and gin-and-tonics. As I scribe this note, it's actually reached 40 degrees and feels even warmer after the big freeze we had last week. I guess Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow over the weekend, and we're marking the event – or maybe he didn't see his shadow. However it works, it was warm. Don't get used to it, February is a notorious month in these parts, and we can be shoveling the white stuff before you can say "nor'easter."

In our little corner of the world, things are getting very interesting in the political sphere, according to Sammy Bluejay. Sammy was over t'other afternoon and mentioned that the Demmies, Lawd love 'em, are planning to have an opponent for Mayor Nancy Rossi, and it ain't Ed O'Brien.

According to the latest scuttlebutt, the former mayor has had a fallin' out with some of the high mucky-mucks of the

party that heretofore were his supporters – jest like herroner was a big O'Brien supporter in the beginning, but fell away.

Tennyrate, the word is that with the tripartite division in the party, and him having none of the three factions to give him support, he's mullin' over an independent run. That makes a bit more sense effen yew think about it.

With no support amongst one of the three factions – at least so far – in the party, puttin' together a primary run would be a fool's errand. Getting the kopecks to run usually means at least support from someone, and effen yore gonna spend lotsa money in a primary, you need the ability to recoup it for the general election – hence the necessary support.

With no support, it makes perfect sense to run as an independent. No primary to cost money, and it gives a few more months to raise financing and put together a campaign. Also,

effen he runs as an independent, it immediately makes it a three-way race. With the factionalized and broken electorate we have here, that might be just the thing needed to put him back into office. But that ain't the whole story.

Word is that Debbie Collins, the forever City Clerk, is being courted to run against Rossi in a primary. From what is being talked about she ain't made an official decision, but she IS thinking about it Sammy is told.

Collins is one o' those people who ya either love or hate. She's got many, many friends all over town, but she's also collected a few enemies along the way. Over the years she's been accused by opponents of running her office like an extension of this or that campaign. But, there are those who will vouch for her being as pristine as the fresh-fallen snow.

Love her or hate her, she will be a formidable opponent to herroner should she decide to run. With the number of people who like her, and the number of people who still harbor resentment about O'Brien losing in 2017, it could be an interesting race come this fall.

What'll be more interesting than the announcement is the way the dominoes fall if and when she gives the go-ahead. The people involved in her campaign could decide the is-

shew. Effen it's jest the same divisional/factional thing that has irked the party for more than two decades, it could be more wind than fire. It'll be an interesting couple o' weeks, that's for sure. After that, we shall see.

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*Madame Olga was eyeing her crystal t'other afternoon and came upon a notice that, I guess, has been issued to businesses in the area – Demolition on the Haven is expected to begin March 1. That is the news going about. Business owners are interested, of course, because the area around the Kimberly Avenue Bridge will be a bevy of activity when it happens.*

*That's interesting, cuz we had heard just a few days before that work was stalled cuz of something or other that had to be got from the state Dept. of Transportation. Maybe all that fol-de-rol has been figgered out or decided. We know one thing viz. the above-mentioned primary and general election: effen work begins on The Haven, the chances of the incumbent are enhanced about three-fold, and will be a big hurdle to be overcome.*

*It may even inhibit politicians from putting together campaigns this time around, waiting instead for the next go-round. Political calculus has many, many variables, and around these parts it is much more than 2+2=4.*

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Nelly Nuthatch pernted out a story by our own Josh LaBel-

la last week -- two, in fact. The one has to do with the Bored of Ed approving its proposed budget for the new fiscal year to be included in the city's proposed budget. All that will be finalized in the middle of next month.

Tennyrate, when Nelly saw the announcement she was intrigued. She wondered whether the B of E was working with the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) in coming up with this new spending plan. As yew know Board of Education budgets are really a list of suggestions that politicians cherry pick during the time they fashion their own budgets.

Sooooooo, the big query is whether this one will pass muster perty much as is, or whether it will be sliced and diced to a mere shadow of itself as it was last year and for many years previous. Nelly seems to think that the big money would wager on the slicing and dicing.

The school budget is more than half of the total so it'll be interesting to see how this all figgers come the mayor's budget proposal next month. Stay tuned.

The second thing that was of interest was this back-and-forth betwixt Councilman from the Eight District Tracy Morrissey and the mayor. Evidently, a black book is being kep' to determine comp time for some people. Morrissey does not think that's something that can be done according to Hoyle. One wonders effen this is a tempest in a teapot, or something that can become an issheew. We shall see. Comp time is an interesting animal, and one that the state has had rather strick rules for and against over the decades. We shall see.

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*Meanwhile, we're gonna put out another shout out for Merlie Mae. We ain't heard from the ole gal in months. She did call Cobina one night about six months ago, but that was the last we hoid. She was in that fire back in June in her domicile and was perty beat up. We hope everything is well, and hope that somebody lets us know how I blazes she is doing.*

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We hoid from Helen Bennett Harvey, an old friend from way back – more moons than either one of us wanna remember. She was a great friend of Denise Madera Ole-nick, our late co-founder of this papyrus. Well, it seems we had a mishap over a picture we used last week – yew can read about hat in "Did You Know" on page 2..

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## Community House cited

West Haven Community House Executive Director Patricia W. Stevens, center, receives a wooden "Community Service Award" plaque Monday at the Community House from Robert S. Morton, director of the West Haven Interagency Network for Children, and Viola Waldo, co-chairman of WHINC's Parent Support Group for special needs children. Stevens was nominated for her continued support of WHINC's Spanish Parent Support Group and Children with Special Needs Program. "Her generosity has provided space for both of our support groups and a safe and secure space for child care for parents who attend our meetings," said Morton, who is also the director of West Haven Youth and Family Services. "Ms. Stevens has also allowed us to use the Community House facilities for our holiday fiesta party, valentine dance and WHINC's open house and resource fair."

# City gets cache of SMART boards

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

In an effort to save money and bring more technology to schools, the West Haven school system was the recipient of 46 SMART boards donated to it by Stratford High School.

Chris Everone, the facilities supervisor for West Haven public schools, said the donation came about when the high school renovation project chairman Ken Carney told him about the SMART boards. He said the architect from Antinozzi Associates, the firm in charge of designing the new addition to the school, is also working on a project in Stratford.

"We met down there the Wednesday

before Thanksgiving," said Everone. "I brought two of our guys down to take a look at them. Our IT department went down before that just to check on them to see if it was worth it."

Everone said IT told him the SMART boards, which are interactive display whiteboards used in classrooms, were in good shape. He said the boards were already taken down and on the Monday and Tuesday after Thanksgiving they went down to pick them up.

"[The SMART boards were] in pretty good shape," said Everone. "The projectors were in good shape. That's the biggest cost. We're going to be utilizing them in our schools."

Everone said some of the boards are

slated for Washington School and a couple will be going to the high school. He said the school system has a lot of technology in the classrooms already so they will be looking at other rooms where they can be utilized. He said he was unsure of the exact price a new board would cost but that it was expensive.

"I could guess that a SMART board total is anywhere between five and eight thousand dollars," said Everone. "So you're talking substantial savings. It was great that Stratford let us grab them. They we're slated to be demoed."

Ken Carney said Mayor Nancy Rossi asked him to see if there was a partnership that could be made with Stratford

that could save the city money.

"Lo and behold, when I went down there, they said they had a problem with having to dispose of 46 SMART boards," said Carney. "I said 'we'll take them.'"

Carney said the process was emblematic of the mayor's "outside the box" way of thinking. He said Stratford was not allowed to sell the boards so it was ideal for them to give them away.

According to Everone, the boards are a few years old. He said all the equipment that they need to use them came with it. He called it a home run and said they are working with Assistant Superintendent Anne Druzolowski to place them in schools.

# Town Hall: Rossi answers inquiries

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posed to add 1,200 to 5,000 jobs. The mayor said the Haven is still being built and that it was a stalled project when she came into office but is now making progress.

"The site plan was approved in July," said Rossi. "Now they are going through DOT. They (were) going through, hopefully, their last round of comments on Jan. 9. They will be starting something within the next six weeks."

A citizen, via Facebook Live, asked what other revenue projects were in the works. The mayor referenced the Stiles and Thompson schools, which are up for bid, and mentioned the Savin Rock Conference Center being a point of interest for the city.

"We are trying to seek funding," said Rossi. "We don't want to sell it. We would like to see a management company take over and (make it) a wedding destination, a restaurant ... a brewery -- a combination of any of that. That way it would constantly be a revenue stream."

Rossi said the problem with selling something like the conference center, when it has not been maintained, is the city would not get as much money for it. The mayor said they were looking for different

types of continuing revenue streams, not just one-time sales.

One question the mayor fielded asked why the beachfront was not being utilized. The mayor responded by saying much of the waterfront is in a flood zone and, therefore, the road will need to be raised in order to develop there. Rossi said raising the road would cost \$7 million.

On the topic of the MARB, which took emergency control of the city to its poor finances, Rossi said it has control over budgets, the mill rate and any contract over \$50,000. She said the city was able to secure the first \$8 million of funds from them and is in the process of getting another \$8 million in 2019.

One resident, who said he worked in finance, claimed the mayor had cut police staffing by \$200,000 and, when the mayor denied the claim, became agitated, using off-color language. He said he had the budget with him and showed it to the mayor on his phone. She noted the cut to police funding was not in staffing but other areas of their budget.

After to event, the mayor said he was looking at the bottom line of the budget, not the staffing line item. She said she could see who sent the resi-

dent the information.

"I know exactly who it was," said Rossi, who said she saw the initials EO on the man's phone. "It was Edward O'Brien."

## Rossi town hall slated tonight

Following the success of last week's town hall meeting at City Hall, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and her staff are inviting residents to participate in a second town hall meeting tonight in Allingtown. The community event is aimed at bringing residents closer to

elected officials and promoting transparency between City Hall and constituents, organizers said. The meeting, sponsored by the mayor's office, is set for 6-7 p.m. in the Carrigan Intermediate School auditorium, 2 Tetlow St.

Organizers said people can ask Rossi questions as she engages with them on a variety of topics affecting West Haven. Although she will entertain questions about the city as a whole, Rossi plans to focus on the concerns of Allingtown residents. All members of the community are encouraged

to attend and bring questions. The moderator is Allingtown resident Christopher Suggs.

Questions are limited to two, and attendees are asked to keep each one under two minutes so all voices can be heard. In addition, one follow-up question is allowed after each initial question. Opportunities for participants to submit questions or comments in writing, as an alternative to speaking will also be available, organizers said.

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## Class envy and taxes

Using class envy, and jealousy for those who make big salaries – or worse, billionaires – Democratic politicians are again raising the idea of soaking...we mean taxing the rich as a way of getting more money for their pet projects.

For Democrats – we were going to use the word “liberal” but did not want to be redundant – new programs like free college and Medicare for all are the goals. So, whether it’s a 70 percent tax on money over a certain amount, or a 90 percent tax on billionaires, depending on the politician, the idea is these taxes will pay for them. Let’s look at history first.

Many Democrats point to the 1950s and the 1960s as a reason for the push toward higher taxes on the rich. In fact, the high marginal rates, holdovers from the war years when taxes were high to pay for defense, were on paper big money makers. So, the idea is to go back to the 50s.

Unfortunately, they leave out some very salient facts, either deliberately or probably because they never bothered to find out. The first salient fact is few if any “rich” people paid the highest tax rate. The 1950s and 1960s was the era of the “tax loophole.”

While on paper rich people were taxed at exorbitant rates, the fact is many paid more normal portions of their income to the government, employing various means of deductions provided in the tax code.

The industry of the “tax consultant” was a by-product of post-war taxation, which in the end did not produce for the government the amount of revenue it expected. It was also during this time the Congress began heaping various programs into the budget, which brought spending to heretofore unheard of numbers outside of wartime.

Salient fact two is that according to the IRS’ own figures, the top one percent of taxpayers already by 40 percent of the revenues to the federal government. The top 10 percent pay 97 percent. That means the rest pay a paltry 3 percent. What is needed is taxation across the board so that people have (to quote Joe Biden) “skin in the game.” We are dangerously on the heels of too many people paying no taxes at all while expecting others to foot the bill.

Salient fact three is that whenever we say “tax the rich,” we have to first find out who the “rich” are? Remember when the “rich” earned \$150,000 under the Obama tax rates? In areas such as ours \$150,000 is not a lot of money when a house and two kids are involved. And many of those are small business owners, not the idle rich.

While the politicians are indicating they are going after billionaires, we’ve seen this shell game before.

Salient fact four, under the current tax cuts, the government took in more money than it has ever collected in the last two quarters. It still isn’t enough because it’s being spent at record levels. We don’t have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem. Besides, does anyone really believe Medicare for all will come in at the already astronomical price of \$32 trillion over 10 years? Economists believe that is on the “low end” of the price range. If we truly want to rein in health costs, a better way is to require hospitals and doctors to post prices. There is one rate for those with insurance, and those for those without. Guess which ones are higher?

Finally, we tried it the Dems’ way from 2008-2016 under one Barack Hussein Obama. It failed. The middle class, the people who will pay most of the taxes when the rich are tapped out, stagnated, and will stagnate again if Democrats have their way.



## MAGA hat was the offense

By Rich Lowry  
*Syndicated Columnist*

The fundamental offense of the Covington Catholic High School kids wasn’t so much allegedly mobbing, mocking or getting in the face of an American Indian drummer at the Lincoln Memorial.

It was wearing red Make America Great Again hats. That was the actual, incontestable conduct that created the predicate for the presumption of guilt and all the rest of the grief they’ve been subjected to since.

For much of progressive America, if you are wearing the hat, you are suiting up for Team Racist.

You are marking yourself out as a bigot and a goon. Your individuality doesn’t matter anymore, only the cap.

The entire Covington incident might have played out differently if the kids had been wearing red Washington Nationals caps.

The imbroglia might not have gotten any attention at all.

Even if it did, progressives taking a critical view of the students might have been more inclined to view them as immature teenagers rather than totems of hate.

As an analysis at Vox noted, “The hats extinguished pretty

much any benefit of the doubt a liberal observer might have given these kids.”

Exactly.

Alyssa Milano notoriously tweeted, “The red MAGA hat is the new white hood.” Which would be close to an apt analogy if people donned MAGA hats to carry out hideously violent crimes against African-Americans and other people uncongenial to them.

In a similar vein, TV producer David Simon pronounced, “Once a campaign prop, a MAGA cap now fronts for such raw evil.”

He makes it sound like a red baseball cap with an embroidered American political slogan on the front is the equivalent of the Totenkopf.

This is, to put it mildly, an uncharitable view of their fellow citizens, who voted by the tens of millions for the guy who invented the red cap.

The MAGA hat denotes support for Trump, yes, but also a certain boldness and unwillingness to be bullied that isn’t merely symbolic -- people occasionally get assaulted for doing nothing other than wearing the caps.

And why not, if the cap symbolizes only one thing for the left?

When Jamie Lee Curtis regretted her snap condemna-

tion of the students, journalist Victoria Brownworth tweeted at the actress her disappointment: “DID YOU MISS THE MAGA HATS?”

This is why very little outrage has been directed at the venomous, freakishly anti-gay, openly racist Black Hebrews who berated and taunted the students. They weren’t wearing MAGA hats.

And this is why much of the left didn’t want to relent in the campaign against the students, even after exculpatory video emerged.

It wasn’t just that many progressives still took a hostile view of events; they knew for a fact that the kids -- at least some of them -- had worn MAGA caps. And what else was there to know?

For them, this rendered the Covington students simply political and social symbols to be crushed underfoot. Never mind that each of them was a teenage kid who -- even if you think he has bad taste or noxious political views now -- has a lifetime ahead of him to grow and change.

They wore the hats, and can never be forgiven.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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**Gripe Vine Readers:**

As you know, I have been publishing complaints and gripes as my readers have been submitting them in this column. In the past, Gripe Vine has forwarded your gripes to the mayor's office, but they have been ignored. I have opened these complaints to West Haven's Councilmen and to date, have heard from just two of them, Councilman Peter Massaro and Aaron Charney.

I have asked Councilman Charney to supply Gripe Vine with a list of streets within each district of West Haven. The last has arrived and from now on, when a complaint comes in from a resident, I will forward it to the Councilman of that district. In addition, the question, solution and identification of the district's councilman will appear in Gripe Vine.

So, today, here are gripes, located in Councilman Peter Massaro's district, and his look into the problem and their solution.

A reader complained to Gripe Vine that Woodside Path in Allingtown is a mess, indicating that UNH recently completed a construction project and "while it looks great, they left the curbing on Woodside Path and Sunset Drive all broken and in pieces and there is curbing that has been damaged from a city plow for over two years now. And, the street could really use a good street sweeping."

Councilman Massaro's investigation into this gripe provided the following answer, "I spoke to the Public Works Director Tuesday, Jan. 29. He told me because of the weather he can only send the street sweeper there, but in the spring, I spoke to him about

replacing the curbing and also spoke to UNH (University of New Haven) for the area.

"Also, Councilman Robbin Watt Hamilton, (A complaint arrived recently, "There are two huge pot holes that were extremely dangerous on Nonquit Street," were patched two weeks ago."

Another reader had complained about a house on 3 Timberland Drive that had been vacant for years and had become dilapidated with tree limbs down causing power lines to be exposed.

According to the reader, the property had become an eyesore. According to Councilman Peter Massaro, "The house was vacant, but now someone had purchased the house and they are doing repairs on the house; new windows, doors and roof."

Thank you, Councilman Peter Massaro.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I have written in the past about subjects concerning me and my neighbors and you have always passed them along to our mayor who, in my opinion, has done nothing but pass the buck with these complaints.

I have called the city four times in the last three years to have the city tree located in front of my home on Sharon Avenue, removed because it is rotten. It is so bad that I have to call after every strong wind storm to have the branches picked up. I have informed them any damage done to my home will result in a legal issue. Still no response!

I have asked why garbage trucks are waking up the neighborhood at five thirty a.m. when I understand we have an ordinance concerning what time trash trucks can pick up along with a noise or-

**By Eleanore Turkington**



**ELEANORE TURKINGTON**

dinance. We don't allow construction to happen unless it's an emergency. Selective enforcement?

You were looking for feedback on issues and frankly, I have about given up along with my friends and neighbors; thinking anyone was listening.

I have paid high taxes for years, paid for an education system (big part of tax bill) and my wife and I don't have children.

So, it appears that I cost the city very little. Still can't get a rotten tree cut down and when they, leave a stump 10 plus feet high to rot and attract bugs.

*Sad in Waste Haven*

**Dear Sad:**  
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deal of faith in our Councilmen and I am sure that tree will be removed soon. Be sure to let me know!!

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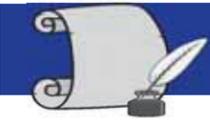
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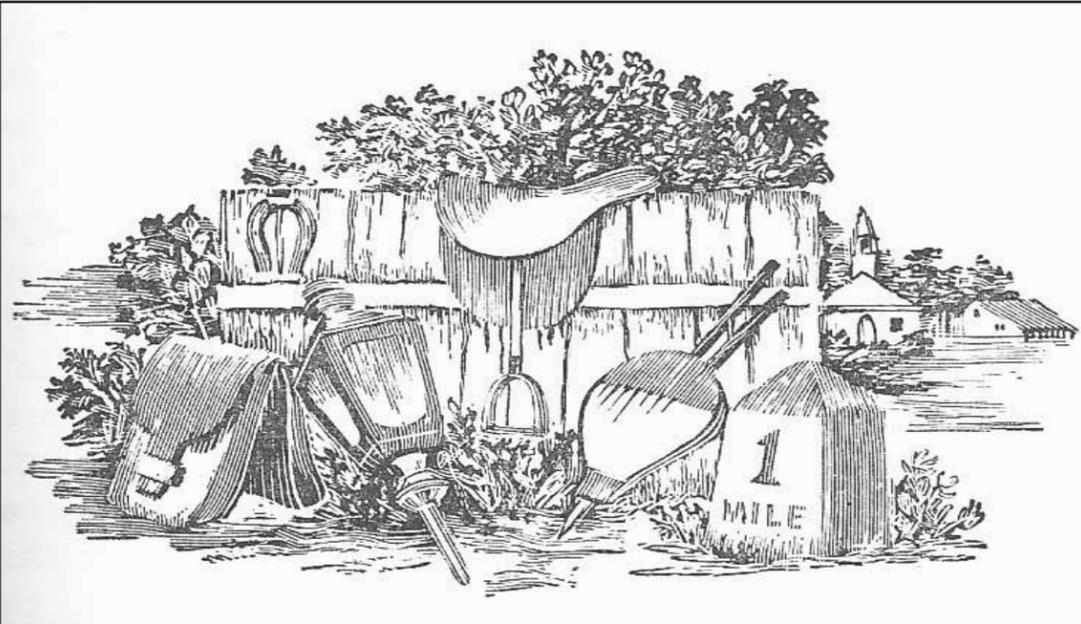
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine



The Boston Post Road was one of the nation's first highways.

### Part II, The Postmaster

The colonial mails were still slow, expensive and unreliable when in 1751, the Crown appointed William Hunter and Benjamin Franklin as Joint Postmasters for the Continent of North America. It had been almost 75 years since the first post rider had ridden his circuit from New York to Boston.

By now, there were Post Roads open from Boston to New York, from New York to Philadelphia and from Philadelphia to Savannah. Benjamin Franklin had proved exceptional at the tasks set before him. He established new postal routes and shortened others.

There were as yet no good

roads in the colonies, but the post riders covered their routes in what must have seemed like wonderful speed. By now, post riders carried not only mail, but newspapers as well. Living in our current age of electronic media, we can scarcely imagine what an exciting development this was! The isolation of life in the far-flung colonies was being lifted! In addition, the once-monthly mail circuit from New York to Boston was now increased to three times a week in summer and once a week in winter.

Benjamin Franklin set out to standardize postage rates, which were based upon the mileage a letter or parcel was carried. To this end Franklin, ever the inventor, created an odometer which he attached to his personal carriage.

He then rode in that carriage, which was followed by a cart filled with neatly-carved mile-stones; these were installed upon his instruction by laborers riding in the cart. But beyond this, Franklin also chose the best routes, selected the ideal roads, fords and ferries as best suited to the needs of the post riders. He made it a point to visit all of the post offices in the colonies--and nearly succeeded in this task. This was no small accomplishment, considering the means of transportation available at the time.

It is interesting to note that Franklin's mile markers later served the Continental Army and the rebel militia in reporting British movements during the American Revolution.

A glowing observation of Franklin's success was that, "now the mails for the first time were able to travel night and day from Philadelphia to New York and back, and the same rapid service was then extended to Boston...Soon a letter could get to Boston and bring a reply to Philadelphia in a mere three weeks." This was truly an amazing development to those living in slower, simpler times.

### Assessment appeals heard

The Board of Assessment Appeals will hear appeals of real estate and personal property assessments on the 2018 grand list by appointment during March in the assessor's office at City Hall. The assessor's office must receive a completed form to have it stamped in by 5 p.m. Feb. 20. Download an application at <https://ct-westhaven.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/1734/2018-Board-of-Assessment-Appeals-Application-PDF>.

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### Profile of Attorney Mark A. Healey

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



Mark received his education at Hopkins School in New Haven graduating with the Class of 1979. He went on to study Economics at Hamilton College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree. He then attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and received his Law Degree in 1986.

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

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

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

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# 20th 'Icy Plunge' brings out 175

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

A colorful array of people plunged into the icy Long Island Sound on Saturday morning to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program.

About 175 participants of all ages, many of them sporting anything and everything pink, charged in and out of the 35-degree water at Savin Rock Beach during the 19th annual Icy Plunge for the Cure, a benefit for breast cancer.

Among the brave souls were Mayor Nancy R. Rossi's predecessors from the past two decades, former Mayors Edward M. O'Brien, John M. Picard and H. Richard Borer Jr., who dashed into the frigid surf for the worthy cause.

As pledges continue to roll in, the plunge, presented by the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Committee, has raised more than \$800,000 for breast cancer research and education, including \$33,000 and counting for this year, buoyed by top individual fundraiser Anthony Cordone's \$7,000 and \$2,100 collected by the West Haven High School boys hockey team, the top group

fundraiser. The team raised the money in honor of two hockey moms who are breast cancer survivors.

Ruby Melton and Gail McAvay, the top fundraisers for non-plungers, raised \$10,000 in honor of breast cancer survivors Susan Rodriguez and Lynne Cohen.

Cordone, a local contractor

who is the committee's newest member, has raised about \$200,000 for the cause since the inaugural plunge on Jan. 13, 2001, said city Human Resources Commissioner Beth A. Sabo, a founding committee member. Joining Sabo on the committee are founders Maureen Blake, Jennifer Cavallaro, Kathy Lucibello, Ronald M.

Quagliani, Susan See, Colleen Smullen and Lorie Tamaro.

Proceeds from the plunge 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.

Rossi thanked and commended "the champions of

our breast cancer awareness crusade" and presented the committee with a citation for "serving a cause greater than yourself."

Reading the citation, she said: "Each of you has worked tirelessly to encourage and support breast cancer awareness and has given hope and help to countless individuals."



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From left, former Mayor H. Richard Borer Jr., Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, Breast Cancer Awareness Committee member Beth A. Sabo and former Mayor John M. Picard are all smiles after the plunge in the Savin Rock Conference Center.

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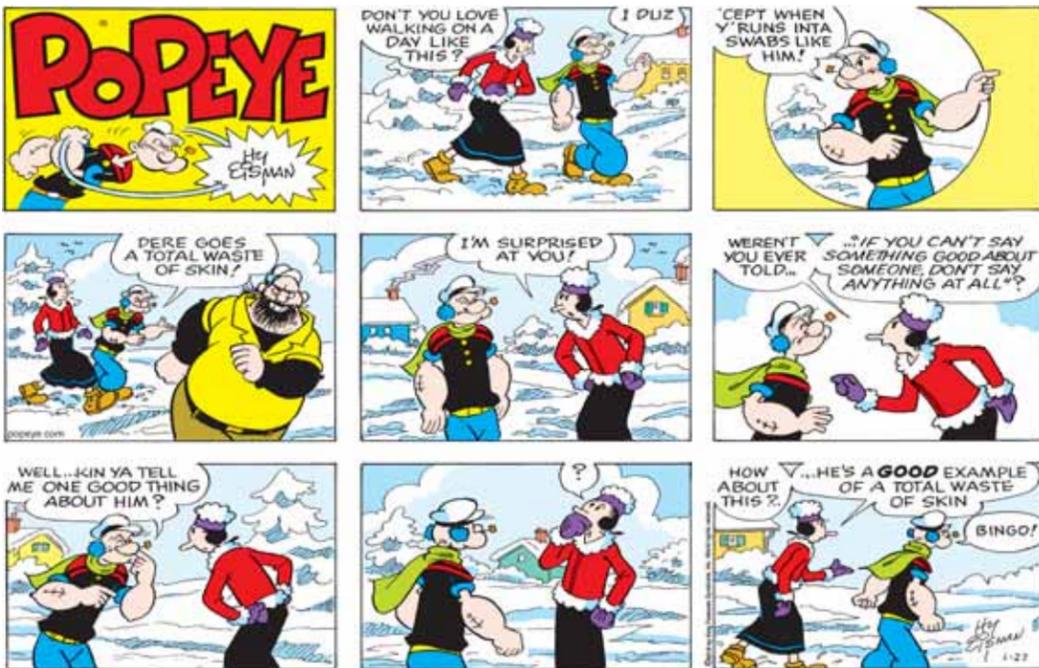
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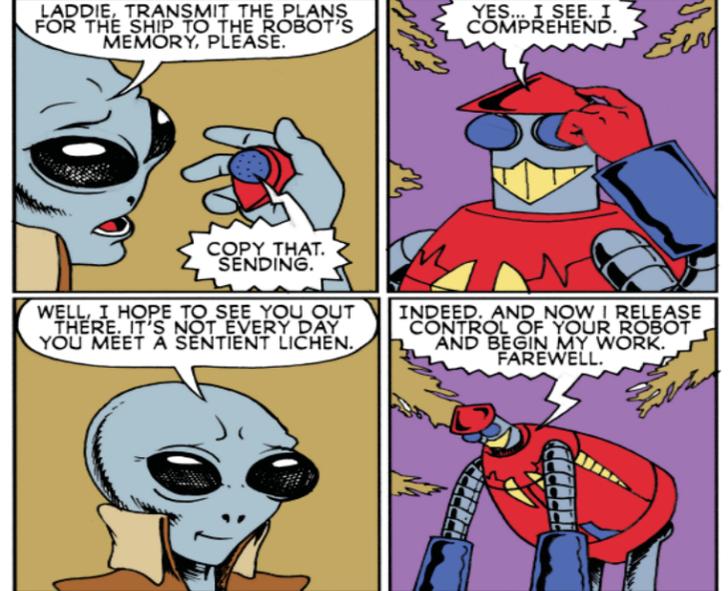


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### Getting ready

From left, West Haven High School girls volleyball coach Kate Coldren, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, and Breast Cancer Awareness Committee members Beth A. Sabo and Susan See get ready for the post-plunge raffle.

Photos courtesy of WHCH

### 'School day'

Three- and four-year-olds love to jump around, sing, laugh and play. It's all part of the "school day" for preschoolers from West Haven Community House's Head Start program. It may look like playing, but they are actually learning ... in a fun, playful way. The children recently participated in a JumpBunch program where trained coaches led fun and exciting sports and fitness activities that builds self-esteem, encourages eye/hand coordination, as well as gross and fine motor skills while also learning teamwork.



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## Westie skaters take 2 big wins

The West Haven boys' hockey team got two, big wins last week with a 3-1 victory over East Catholic and a 2-1 win over the Amity Spartans. On Monday evening, the Blue Devils took a 1-0 lead on the Eagles with 4:16 left in the first period when Niko Kyle ripped a shot just under the crossbar, assisted by Kevin Moriarty and D.J. Carfora. After East Catholic even the game, Kaden Morgillo blasted a slap shot from the high slot on the power play to make it 2-1 just 48 seconds into the third period. Moriarty sealed the victory with an empty net goal with 53 seconds left in the game for a 3-1 final. Jared Pliszka made 21 saves in goal for West Haven.

On Thursday afternoon, the Westies battled with the Amity Spartans. The Blue Devils took advantage on a power play with 8:28 left in the first period when Conner Fowler tipped a Kaden Morgillo shot from the point for a 1-0 lead. Jared Pliszka, who made 38 saves in the game, came up with a huge save when he denied Colin Hughes, after Hughes intercepted an errant clearing pass in the slot. The Spartans pulled even with a power play goal by Jason Csejka 4:48 into the second period assisted by Cody White. The Blue Devils took a 2-1 lead when Kevin Moriarty and Niko Kyle started a two on one rush down the ice, finished by a short-handed goal on a nice move by Kyle with 7:47 left in the second period. Despite numerous chances by both teams the rest of the way, it was the goaltending that made the 2-1 score stand.

This week, the boys hosted North Haven on Wednesday and host New Fairfield/Immaculate on Saturday at 1.

The West Haven/Sacred Heart girls' hockey team picked up its  
See Westies, page 14



Photo by Russ McCreven

Francesca Criscuolo picks off a loose puck in last Saturday's contest with Guilford at the Edward Bennett Rink. Francesca's Westie-Sharks combine is turning in one of the best records in recent years.

## Knights' Fillion sets wrestling pace

Basketball sweeps week, including win at the buzzer against Hillhouse, Christian Fillion becomes first wrestler to get 100 victories, indoor track places sixth at SCC Championship Meet, hockey splits the week, and swim-

ming fell in their lone meet of the week in a busy late January week of Notre Dame sports.

Wrestling -- It's hard to do something for the first time in school history, especially at a school like Notre Dame, whose rich athletic tradition

dates back to the 1950's. However, Christian Fillion did exactly that as he notched three wins at the Foran duals, which increased his win total to 101 for his career. In addition to being the first four-year wrestler in school history, Fillion etches his name into the wrestling record books becoming the first to reach the 100-win plateau.

As a team, the Green Knights beat Stratford and Oxford while falling to Killingly in three separate dual matches. Earlier in the week, the four Notre Dame wrestling seniors (Fillion, Jeff Bracale, Khorbin Kern, and Ron Quagliani, each won their final home match on Senior Night but the Green Knights eventually lost the SCC Division II match to Amity 38-24 on Jan. 29.

Basketball -- Coach Shea's squad moved to 16-0 with a three-win week, including a buzzer-beating win over Hillhouse on Friday, when Zach Laput found Connor Raines for a layup and 42-40 come-from-behind win.

Raines and Laput then combined for 22 first-quarter points in an 85-33 win over East Haven the following afternoon. The week started with a 77-52 win over Shelton where the Green Knights seized control with a 15-0

run in the first quarter, where Notre Dame held Shelton to six points.

Indoor Track -- Led by four third-place finishes, the Notre Dame indoor track team placed sixth at the SCC Championship Meet held on Friday at the New Haven Athletic Center.

This was an eight-team jump from the Green Knights 14th-place finish last February. Notre Dame scored 36 points during the meet. Hillhouse won the meet with 78 points. Cross and Xavier rounded out the top three teams.

Head Coach Glenn Xavier received third-place finishers from the following: Warren Murphy in the 300-meter dash; Jason Sawicki in the high jump; Johan Klein-Robbenhaar in the shot put; and the 4x400 relay team (Murphy, Daniel Range, Neel Agir, and Christian Panagrossi).

Swimming -- Bill Hinckley and Alex Ozonoff won two individual events, however, the swim team fell 95-73 in an SCC Meet with Shelton on Jan. 28 at the Shelton Community Pool. Ozonoff, swimming against his hometown team, won the 200 freestyle in 1:57.77 and the 500 freestyle in 5:14.82. Meanwhile, Hinckley won his two specialties as well touching the wall first in the 50

freestyle (24.39) and 100 freestyle (53.17).

The Green Knights, now 2-5 on the season, also won the 100 breaststroke and 400 freestyle relay.

Hockey -- The hockey team finally returned to the ice following an 11-day layoff when they hosted Greenwich and Hamden in the span of 48 hours. The result was a split, beating Greenwich, 4-1, while falling to Hamden, 5-2.

Two goals in a 90-second span late in the second period led to an eventual 4-1 non-league win over Greenwich at the Bennett Rink on Thursday. Charlie Andriole and Jack Luzzi scored to give the Green Knights a 3-1 with 52 seconds left in the second period. Luzzi added an empty netter to finalize the win.

Justin Childs and John D'Errico gave Notre Dame a 2-1 lead over Hamden early in the second period but Hamden erupted for four goals over the final 10 minutes to earn a 5-2 win and split the season series between the two teams.

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### Player of the Week

Jared Pliszka (35) is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. In two games this past week, the junior was phenomenal, stopping 59 of 61 combined shots he faced in a pair of West Haven 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](http://www.westieblue.com).

Photo by Russ McCreven

## Gets surrounded

Taylor Nowak is surrounded by Guilford sticks during the Westie-Sharks game. The locals, made up of students who attend West Haven and Sacred Heart Academy should be ranked in the top half of the field when tournament ratings are announced.



## Playoffs in sight

Teams in the West Haven Girls Basketball jockeyed for playoff positioning Friday night at Haley School with one week of the regular season remaining.

In the opener, Taryn Walker hit for 10 points and Cashlin O'Neil and Molly Gunning each had six points as the Gunning Law Huskies remained in first place with a 28-6 win over the Napoli Auto Parts Eagles.

Finley Gunning, Emma McFarland and Sophie McFarland also scored for the Huskies. The Eagles were led offensively by Emily Velasquez and Amalia Ortiz.

The West Haven Drug and Alcohol Panthers got within a game of second place with their 14-9 win over the Rings End Bruins.

Ciara Harp scored six points and Hayden Holm, Jasmine Smith, Rylie Boynton and Jaceanna Mitchell also scored for the Panthers.

The Bruins' scoring came from Sarah Went, Jada Turner, Nevaeh Stegall, Camilla Murphy and Noelle Lawrence.

The final game of the night saw the Shoreline Dental Cardinals rally to a 14-13 win over the Prospect Fish & Game Blue Devils.

Jada Fowler, Lily Granata, Madden Evangeliste and Parish Rutledge accounted for the Cardinal points. Madison McGuire, Micah Pullen and Terrianna Rodgers led the Blue Devil attack.

Finley Gunning, Sophie McFarland and Taryn Walker paced the Gunning Law Firm Huskies to an 11-8 win over the Rings End Bruins. Noelle Lawrence, Sara Went and Jada Turner accounted for the Bruins points.

Ciara Harp hit for 16 points and Jaceanna Mitchell added seven to lead the West Haven Drug and Alcohol Panthers to a 32-18 win over the Shoreline Dental Cardinals.

Madden Evangeliste scored eight points and Kelsey Palma added four points for the Cardinals.

Micah Pullen, Madison McGuire and Terrianna Rodgers led the Prospect Fish and

Game Blue Devils to a 10-5 win over the Napoli Auto Parts Eagles.

The Eagles' scoring came from Michelle Sosa, Emily Velasquez and Amalia Ortiz.

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## Westie Blue In Touch

By Mike Madera

After topping Guilford in relatively easy fashion earlier this season, one may have expected the same once again when the two teams met Saturday afternoon in West Haven. The Indians never got that memo.

Playing the Westie Sharks tough throughout, Guilford gave West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy a battle, but it was not enough as the Westie Sharks used Brooke McNabola's late goal to prevail, 3-1, at the Edward L. Bennett Rink. WH/SHA improved to 13-2 with its fifth straight win.

"Guilford is a good team," WH/SHA coach Erin Blake said. "We had to dig deep for the win. We came together as a team."

McNabola scored the eventual winning goal with 1:02 remaining in the third period off an assist from Taylor Nowak, before Nowak iced the contest with one second remaining off an assist from Francesca Criscuolo.

Kyleen Crowe was the star of the contest as she stopped 30 of 31 shots she faced. Nowak scored twice for the second straight contest and inched closer to the 100-point mark, notching her 99th career point with two goals and one assist. "Kyleen (Crowe) was great,"

Blake said. "She stood on her head with some of the saves she made. We are coming to end of the season and we will need to dig deep to get all the big wins we are looking for."

Nowak gave WH/SHA a 1-0 lead in the first period when she scored off an assist from Megan Froehlich.

The goal by Nowak was all the Westie Sharks mustered until the third period as Guilford held a 31-23 shot advantage and scored the equalizer with 3:25 remaining in regulation.

Prior to the victory over Guilford, the West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy train kept rolling along. Behind two goals apiece from Nowak and Mia Celentano, the Westie Sharks won their fourth straight contest and improved to 12-2 with a 5-1 decision over Amity/North Haven/Cheshire last Monday evening at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven.

Crowe was stellar in goal, stopping 32 shots, including 12 in the first period when the Westie Sharks grabbed a 2-0 lead. Crowe then stopped 10 shots in each of the final two periods to preserve the team's fourth straight win.

Jenna Hunt and Meghan

Dupre also contributed offensively as Hunt had three assists and Dupre added a pair of helpers.

The Westie Sharks grabbed an early lead and never looked back as Nowak opened the scoring 4:20 into the game off assists from Jianna Cohrs and

Megan Froehlich.

Just 1:15 later, McNabola increased the advantage to 2-1 off an assist from Hunt.

WH/SHA took a 3-1 lead in the middle period when Nowak scored the only goal off an assist from Dupre. When Celentano scored her

first goal, off an assist from Hunt, 3:56 into the third, WH/SHA built a 4-0 advantage.

Leading 4-1, the Westie Sharks added a goal in the final 14 seconds when Celentano scored off assists from Dupre and Hunt.

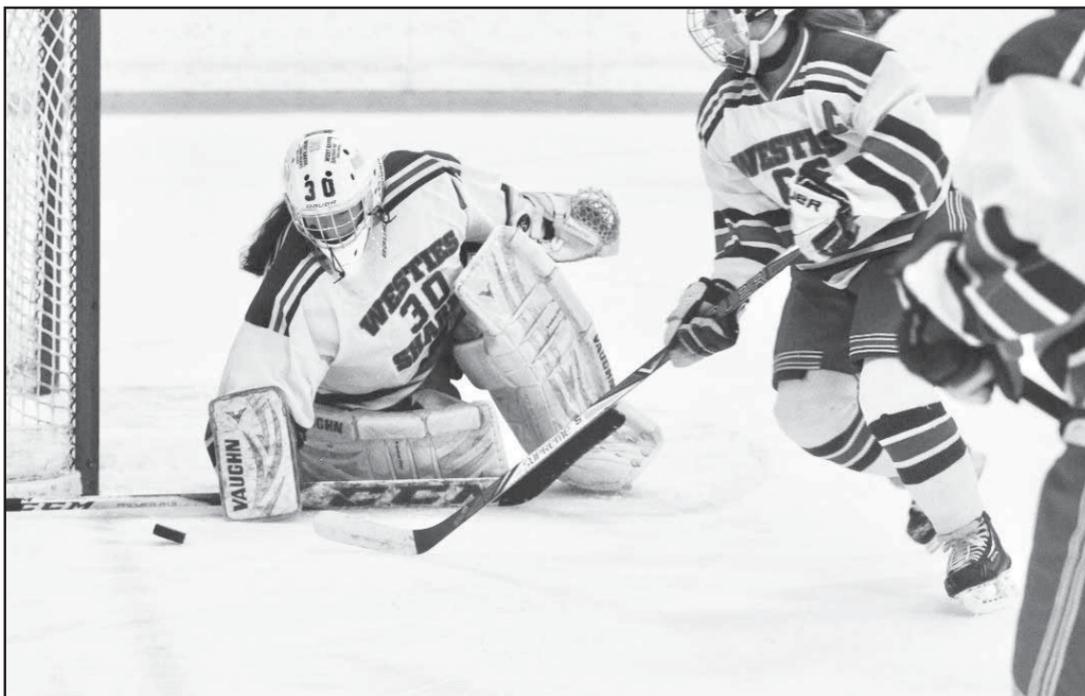


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### Easy does it

WH-SHA Sharks' goalie Kyleen Crowe sweeps the puck aside while hoping to get some help from teammate Veronica Lynn. The local Combo squad topped Guilford, 3-1, last Saturday.

# Westies: *Sharks top Blades sextet, 5-1*

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12th and 13th victories last week. On Monday evening, the Westie Sharks defeated the Amity/North Haven/Cheshire Blades 5-1. The girls took an early lead when Taylor Nowak scored 4:20 into the game assisted by Jianna Cohrs and Megan Froehlich.

The Westie Sharks got another goal just 1:15 later from Brooke McNabola, assisted by Jenna Hunt and the girls were on their way. Nowak gave the Westie Sharks a 3-0 lead assisted by Meghan Dupre. Mia Celentano made it 4-0 assisted by Hunt 3:56 into the third period and after the Blades made

it 4-1, Celentano tallied again with 14 seconds left for the 5-1 final. Kyleen Crowe made 32 saves between the pipes for the girls.

On Saturday afternoon at the Bennett Rink, the Guilford Indians gave the Westie Sharks all they could handle before the girls put the Indians away late in the game for a 3-1 win. The girls took a 1-0 lead 6:03 into the game on a backhander by Taylor Nowak assisted by Megan Froehlich. The Indians continued to battle with the Westie Sharks and took advantage on the power play late in the game to tie the game at 1-1. The girls then kicked it into gear and put the pressure on Guilford, scoring a goal with 1:02 left to take a 2-1 lead and then Taylor Nowak scored an empty netter with .9 seconds left for the 3-1 final. Kyleen Crowe and the Westie Shark defense were outstanding, shutting down the Indian offense to preserve the victory.

This week, the girls hosted the Hamden Green Dragons on Tuesday and travel to The Rinks at Shelton on Saturday at 8:50 to face Notre Dame of Fairfield/Law/Foran/Weston/Pomperaug.

The boys' swim team defeated Foran/Law, 96-84, on Tuesday afternoon at the WHHS

Pool. Issac Gorske won the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle as well as being a member of the victorious 200 freestyle relay team with Shane Taulty, Chris Olsen and Joshua Carr. Chris D'Inzeo won the 100 breaststroke and Vincent Mili-trano took the diving completion.

On Friday afternoon, the boys lost to the North Haven Indians 94-87. Bryan Barrington took the 500 freestyle and Chris D'Inzeo was victorious in the 100 breaststroke while the 400 freestyle relay team of Issac Gorske, Barrington, Luis Lopez and Shane Taulty took the win.

The girls' basketball team took two, lopsided losses before bouncing back with a victory to end the week. The Westies lost to the East Haven Yellow Jackets, 79-33, on Monday evening at the WHHS Gym. Ny'Aire Serrano led the Blue Devils with 15 points while Davina Mendez and Savannah Gray each had four points in a losing effort.

On Thursday evening the Westies fared no better in a 63-38 loss to the Amity Spartans. Ny'Aire Serrano again was the girls top scorer with 14 points, Dynastee Francis had seven points while Natalia Frazer added five points.

On Friday evening, the Blue Devils got back in the win column with a 44-32 victory over the Lauralton Hall Crusaders in Milford. Ny'Aire Serrano led the Westies with 18 points while Sarah Evangelista and Natalia Frazer each had six points.

This week, the girls hosted Lyman Hall in their final home game of the season on Tuesday and will finish the year with games at Sacred Heart on Thursday at 5:30, at Plainville on Saturday at 5:30, a trip to Milford to face Jonathan Law next Monday at 7 and a game with Harding next Tuesday at 5:30.

The boys' basketball team got 32 points from Quannel Straughter and 20 from Mufee Cooper to defeat the Xavier Falcons 73-67 to win its fifth, straight victory. The Westies had to rally from nine points down at halftime to grab the win. Also helping the Blue Devils were Jamel Lowery with 10 points and Jordan Berrios with five points.

The Blue Devils saw their win streak come to an end with a 69-61 loss at Fairfield Prep on Thursday evening. This week, the boys traveled to Branford on Tuesday and finish the week hosting Jonathan Law on Friday at 7.

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# Squirt A splits weekend match-ups

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team split its two games this weekend. The Blue Devils won, 4-2, over Whalers A and lost, 10-0, to Pawling A. West Haven is now 24-16-4 overall.

On Saturday morning at Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Westies faced the Whalers from Cromwell. Sean Studley notched a pair of goals to lead the Westies.

After the Whalers opened the scoring in the first period, the Westies countered when Leo Mazuroski scored from the slot with a wrist. Ethan Kelly provided the assist.

In the second period, Kelly won a faceoff in the defensive zone. Studley gathered in the puck and burst through two defensemen for a short-handed breakaway tally giving West Haven a 2-1 lead. After some nice passing, Studley redirected Jonathan Charbonneau's point shot for a 3-1 lead after two periods.

The Whalers got within a goal in the third before Zach Melchior's goal iced it for the Westies. Gavin Coady moved the puck behind the net and passed to Aedan Guarino. Guarino fed Melchior in front for a one-timer and the Westies went on to the 4-2 victory. Maddex LaFountain made 10 saves in goal to earn the win for the Blue Devils.

The West Haven Peewee A team won both of its games this weekend, topping Greenwich Skate Club and ECHO.

The Westies opened the weekend with a thrilling come-from-behind 6-4 victory over Greenwich Skate Club in Greenwich Saturday evening. Zach Goetze led the offense with two goals, while Michael Madera added one goal and three assists.

Trailing 2-0, the Westies got within a goal with 8:29 remaining in the opening period when Bruno Martone scored off assists from Connor Moriarty and Madera. West Haven evened the contest with 1:04 remaining in the middle period when Goetze scored off assists from Haygen Axelrod and Mike Page.

Greenwich took a 4-2 lead in the third, but the Westies scored four times in the final 3:02 of the game to pull out the victory. Madera got things started with a goal off an assist

from Goetze, before Mickey Dowd scored the equalizer off an assist from Madera 44 seconds later.

Jason Alling then took a pass from Madera and scored the go-ahead goal from the point with 53 seconds to go.

Goetze added an empty-net goal to seal the victory.

The Westies won their second game of the weekend, defeating ECHO 6-3 at the Edward L. Bennett Rink Sunday morning.

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

West Haven never trailed in the game and took a 1-0 lead eight seconds into the contest when Dowd scored off an assist from Madera.

With the game even at one, Madera tipped in Bruno Martone's point shot for a 2-1 advantage with 3:12 left in the first.

The Westies increased the lead to 3-1 when Page scored off an assist from Goetze. Leading 3-2, Dowd gave the Westies a 4-2 advantage off an assist from Alling, before ECHO scored 1:10 later.

Goetze scored an unassisted goal with 1:06 to go for a 5-3 advantage, before Dowd scored into an empty net off an assist from Madera with 34 seconds to go.

Brady Price, Danny Johnson, Chris Consorte, and Cody Rocchio all played well offensively over the weekend, while Ray Heenie and Dylan Bosworth played well on defense. Bryan Hong and Jacob Silva were solid in goal.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team finished the final weekend of the CHC regular season strong by winning their final two contests which count towards the standings.

On Saturday, the Blue Devils welcomed Darien to the Bennett Rink, where they skated to a 3-2 victory.

The scoring started in the first period with Cade Simone getting the first goal in the first three minutes of the game. In the second period, Matt Morgan scored a goal off of a feed by David Brown with 5:51 remaining in the period.

Simone then netted his second of the contest in the third, off assists from Joey Honcz

and Matt Wezenski. Darien scored two late goals to keep the Westies in check, but West Haven was able to come away with the victory and keep Darien from tying it up.

Brendan Smith played well in the win, making key saves especially in the last minute to keep his team ahead.

Kevin Gardner, Sean Bosworth, and Colin Deane all played well in the victory.

On Sunday, the Westies

traveled to the Milford Ice Arena to take on the Southern Stars, where the Blue Devils came out on top, 4-0.

Justin Pniewski scored the first goal of the game midway through the second period. Jayden Spreyer netted the second goal of the game about three minutes later, with assists coming from Brown and Honcz.

Honcz then scored his own goal from the point in the first

minute of the third period as Dante Hardt was credited with the helper.

Morgan then scored the final goal with 6:02 remaining in the contest.

Smith played excellent in the game in goal, getting the shutout and making some spectacular saves to keep the Stars off the scoreboard.

Nolan Cole, Carl Murgo and Wezenski all played well in the win.



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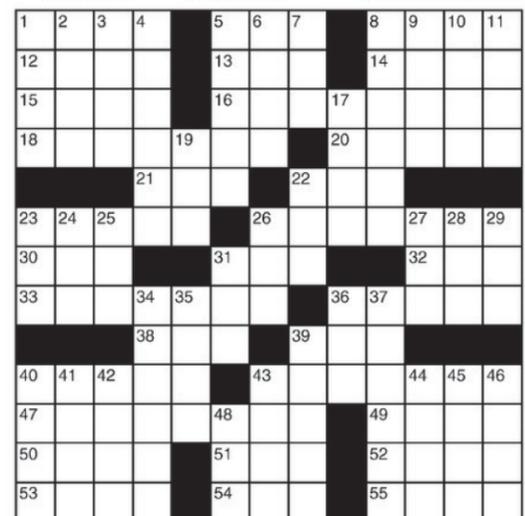
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  - 8 In the thick of
  - 12 Pastoral poem
  - 13 Hockey surface
  - 14 Start over
  - 15 Tear
  - 16 Some inocula-  
tions
  - 18 Left the prem-  
ises
  - 20 Grown-up nit
  - 21 Petrol
  - 22 Jan. and Feb.
  - 23 Building wing
  - 26 Battery brand
  - 30 Golf prop
  - 31 Whammy
  - 32 Equal (Pref.)
  - 33 Combat-zone  
helicopter
  - 36 Connection
  - 38 Express
  - 39 Peruke
  - 40 Accumulate
  - 43 Empty spaces
  - 47 Time away  
from work
- DOWN**
- 49 Largest of the  
seven
  - 50 TV trophy
  - 51 Conk out
  - 52 Trawler equip-  
ment
  - 53 Actor Roger
  - 54 Peculiar
  - 55 Citrus drinks
  - 1 Nuclear missile  
acronym
  - 2 Concept
  - 3 Harmonization
  - 4 Senescence
  - 5 A cat has nine  
—
  - 6 Mil. sch.
  - 7 Nov. follower
  - 8 Melodious
  - 9 List of options
  - 10 Mid-March  
date
  - 11 Medicinal  
amount
  - 17 Satiate
  - 19 Levy
  - 22 Baer or
  - 23 \$ dispenser
  - 24 Born
  - 25 Homer's  
neighbor
  - 26 Fun 'n' games
  - 27 Compete
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Dobbin
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positions
  - 35 Expansive
  - 36 Twitch
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  - 39 Subsided
  - 40 State
  - 41 Jerry Herman  
heroine
  - 42 Pinnacle
  - 43 Null and —
  - 44 Secondhand
  - 45 Teeny bit
  - 46 Back talk
  - 48 Altar affirmative



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U N O S R E T S A M O O A A S  
R P O R L M N P N L J S C W L  
I G A E S H D M B O A N T Y S  
X H W N O S L I W U R E T A S  
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all  
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1. First letter (given).
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3. Loves picnics.
4. A small biter.
5. Pro ballplayers have one.
6. An attracting object.
7. An article of clothing.
8. A heated debate.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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7				6			1	
	9	2			1			4

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦**  
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

TO BE, OR NOT TO BE,  
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Using the definitions and anagrams  
below, you must find the seven eight-  
letter words that fit into the frame-  
work pictured on the left. For each  
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gram words must be unscrambled  
and used to form the word asked for.

**DEFINITION:**

- To move dirt.
- A type of voter.
- Owing no one.
- Found in gyms.
- Crusty ocean dwellers.
- Having gained possession of.
- Between a bass and a tenor.

**ANAGRAMS:**

- zobu + doll
- teen + base
- bets + sled
- sell + barb
- robs + lets
- dine + boat
- trio + bane

## Answers to last week's puzzles

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

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A	V	O	W	U	S	A	N	E	A	P	
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**INSERT A "P" TO MAKE A NEW WORD**

— **Weekly SUDOKU** —  
Answer

1	5	6	8	9	7	2	3	4
8	3	7	4	2	1	5	6	9
9	4	2	3	5	6	8	1	7
4	2	1	9	6	3	7	8	5
3	7	8	2	1	5	9	4	6
6	9	5	7	4	8	3	2	1
5	1	9	6	3	2	4	7	8
7	6	3	5	8	4	1	9	2
2	8	4	1	7	9	6	5	3

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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.

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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

## 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 Recre-

ation Office, (203) 937-3651.

## Mason breakfast

Annawon Lodge is having a Sunday Breakfast on Feb. 10 from 9 to noon at West Haven Masonic Building 263 Center St. Pancakes, eggs, bacon, Sausage, OJ and coffee for \$7. Everyone is welcome. Meet the West Haven Freemasons.



## 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@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:kteshoney@westhaven-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 disposal facility for a fee.

Tires can be brought to La-

kin 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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