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## Voice Profile

A weekly in-depth interview

"I even like this job more than the one I did before. There's a little more headaches but, hey, it keeps you on your toes."

Chris Everone  
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## Council OKs AFD contract

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

In a meeting that ran more than three hours, Monday night, the City Council approved a new agreement for the 18 man Allingtown Fire Department contract. They also, however, took time in public session to continue their battle over vacation buy-backs, termination payout, ethics forms and drug testing.

The tentative agreement between the city and the Allingtown West Haven Firefighters, IAFF Local 1198, AFL-CIO saw the firefighters getting no wage increase from 2017 to 2022. They also will pay more for insurance and have three less sick days a year.

Joseph DeGrand, the department's union representative, said their union voted to approve the deal because they knew the financial situation of the city.

"I hope they all remember that at the next negotiation," said DeGrand. "We really took a big hit. All we did was give. It was all give and no take. We went in there knowing that. We did what we thought was best for the city."

Ironically, the council's vote tallied to 9-1-1. Portia Bias from the 7th District voted against it because she said it was not a good deal for the firefighters. Nicholas Ruickoldt of the 2nd District abstained, saying he was a member of a different union cur

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Photo courtesy of Dan Shine

### Spring...almost!

Walkers and runners were out aplenty Monday afternoon as Voice columnist Dan Shne took his daily walk along the beach. Warmer weather came into the area for the first time in weeks, prompting residents to get out of doors.

## Connor fete set for noon Friday

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

Joan Downing Connor, a founding member of the West Haven Irish-American Club who epitomizes the qualities of an Irish Westie, will receive the city's Irishwoman of the Year award at noon Friday during the 28th annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

The West Haven St. Patrick's Day Committee will fete Connor, the daughter of immigrant parents from County Kerry, Ireland, by hanging a green street sign designating City Hall's Campbell Avenue entrance "Joan D. Connor Square" for a year.

Last year's recipient, Coleman W. Walsh, Jr., will take home his sign at the start of the ceremony.

The "Irish Person of the Year" honor

is bestowed annually on an Irish resident, or couple, who personifies service in the city's rich Irish-American community.

"It means the world to me to be thought of like this and to remember everyone who started the Irish-American Club," said Connor, who will toast her Irish heritage with scores of her closest friends and loved ones, along with an array of shamrock-clad dignitaries and descendants of folks from Erin. "It brings back such fond memories."

Accompanied by Celtic music played by bagpipers and drummers, members of the West Haven Police Color Guard will escort Connor to the Campbell Avenue side of City Hall for her special recognition.

A corned beef and cabbage lunch will follow in the First Congregational Church of West Haven's Fellowship Hall, at 1 Church St. opposite City Hall on the Green.

The St. Patrick's Day Committee, led by Chairwoman Beth A. Sabo, the city's commissioner of human resources, includes the lifeblood of West Haven's Irish-American society, such as members of the Irish club and former honorees, as well as former and current city, fire and police officials.

"The committee made a wonderful choice," Mayor Nancy R. Rossi said. "Mrs. Connor is the epitome of a first-generation American. She is proud of her heritage and cherishes her home community of West Haven."

Connor, 86, hails from an ancestry

whose legacy is stitched into the tapestry of the American fabric.

From celestial green shores, millions of indomitable Irish sons and daughters set out across the Atlantic Ocean seeking a brighter day in the United States. Alongside a melting pot of other immigrants, the Irish people helped build strong communities like West Haven and forge America's future.

In 1911, at the ages of 24 and 21, respectively, Connor's parents, John Downing and the former Nellie Reilly, left their homeland in search of the American promise, eventually meeting in New Haven's Newhallville neighborhood and marrying there in 1922.

Her father worked as a waiter and bartender, and her mother toiled as a

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## Government Meetings

## Weather

**Friday March 15** Showers and thunderstorms likely. High 53F.



Sunrise: 7:04 am  
Sunset: 6:58 pm  
Wind: SSW 18 mph.

**Saturday March 16** Mostly clear with a few clouds in PM. High 48F.



Sunrise: 7:02 am  
Sunset: 6:59 pm  
Wind: WNW 14 mph.

**Sunday March 17** Sunny skies. High 43F.



Sunrise: 7:00 am  
Sunset: 7:00 pm  
Wind: WNW 5-10 mph.

**Monday March 18** Cloudy with rain/snow showers. High 42F.



Sunrise: 6:59 am  
Sunset: 7:01 pm  
Wind: NNE at 8 mph.



## Kids' Forecast

Lucas Slater, age 3, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc predicts some nice March weather for Kite Flying.

## Things to Do

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

Bradley Point Garden Club of West Haven will hold its monthly luncheon, followed by a workshop on pressed flower arranging, at noon on Tuesday, March 19 in the lower level of Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road. New members are always welcome. Call Marie at (203) 878-8428.

Be the Department of Recreation's guest at Southern

Connecticut State University's John C. Lyman Center for the Performing Arts for the Army Field Band & Soldier's Chorus as they perform "This We'll Defend." The concert is set for 7:30 p.m. March 22. Tickets are free and limited to four. Enroll by noon March 22 at [www.whparkrec.com](http://www.whparkrec.com) or at the Painter Park office.



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**Thursday, March 14** -- Charter Revision Commission, Council Chambers, 6:30; West Shore Fire District, WSFD headquarters, 7 p.m.

**Monday, March 18** -- Board of Education, Meeting room, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 19** -- Center Fire District 6 p.m. Inland Wetlands, City Hall, 6:30; Police Commission, 7.

## On this date:

1644 -- England grants patent for Providence Plantations (now Rhode Island).

1689 -- Scotland dismisses William III & Mary Stuart as king & queen.

1743 1st American town meeting is held in Boston's Faneuil Hall.

1812 Congress authorizes war bonds to finance War of 1812.

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# Connor: *City Hall ceremony slated Friday*

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maid and homemaker who raised the couple's four daughters.

"I was brought up with pride to be Irish and to be an American," Connor said. "I am very proud to say that I am first generation here. My parents were very proud to be American citizens, and my mother always said we were American Catholics of Irish descent. So keeping my heritage alive is very important to me."

She added, "Being Irish means family, friends, love, laughter — taking care of each other, and having a laugh and a good time while you do it."

Connor, born in the Elm City in 1932, grew up in a two-family home at 109 Lilac St. in Newhallville.

She graduated from Wilbur Cross High School in 1950. Two years later, she married James J. Connor and had three children, Joanne Connor, James P. Connor, who died in 1980, and Patricia Connor Thompson.

The Connors moved to West Haven in 1957 to raise their family and "build a better life for themselves."

The couple were instrumental in founding the Irish-American Club in 1962 with John and Mary Reynolds, Jim

and Rita Artes, Jack and Bea Neylan, Dick and Kate Jones. They were joined by the Gallagher, Hudson and McDonough clans.

According to Connor, they asked one another at the time, "New Haven has an Irish club, why not West Haven?"

After more than a half-century of continuous operation, the Irish club is still going strong. And Connor is still a hands-on member.

Rossi lauded the civic-minded Connor for her dedication to the Irish-American community, saying, "Mrs. Connor has touched the lives of many Westies and has made an indelible mark on the Irish-American community here."

The mayor will present her with an Irish flag and a proclamation citing her commitment to "carrying on the spirited traditions of Ireland and the spiritual teachings of St. Patrick."

Connor will also receive a jacket embroidered with her new title: Irishwoman of the Year.

The Irish-American community in West Haven takes great pride in the St. Patrick's Day traditions that have been handed down from each generation. The wearin' of the green holiday remains a day

of fun in the minds of the many who celebrate it, but there is also a deeply religious significance for the Irish Catholic community. Every March 17, those of Irish birth or lineage honor the memory of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland who brought the message of Christ to the Irish people nearly 1,600 years ago. Teaching the word of God, St. Patrick used the three-leaf shamrock, with each leaf representing the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The need to preserve their Celtic identity led the Irish, fleeing famine and poverty on the Emerald Isle to the shores of America in the 1800s, to form the Hibernian Society, which held the first St. Patrick's Day parades, and local organizations, such as the West Haven Irish-American Club.

Members of the New Haven County Firefighters Emerald Society Pipes & Drums will lead the opening procession, followed by remarks from master of ceremonies David Coyle.

The Rev. Mark R. Jette, former pastor of St. Lawrence and St. Paul churches in West Haven who now serves Sacred Heart Church in Suffield, will offer an Irish blessing. Fiona

Stewart, queen of the 2013 Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade, will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Irish national anthem, "Soldier's Song," followed by a greeting from Rossi.

Joined by her daughter Joanne, Connor will then pull off a shroud revealing the rectangular sign. Connor and her husband, who died in 2003, wore many hats in the Irish club. They helped plan the open house party after

the St. Patrick's Day parade, the spring Easter egg hunt, the summer picnic in Painter Park, and the "Christmas in Ireland" dinner dance.

She ran the Feis, the club's Irish dance competition, and made traditional Irish dance costumes for her children, who took lessons from Kathleen Mulkerin Jones. In the 1995 parade, Connor led the club as marshal. She received the club's Appreciation Award in 2000.



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# Dear Felicia

Well, let's hope the flurry of storms we've seen in these parts over the last two weeks is the last Ole Man Winter will pull on us this season, sweets. As Iyam writing this week's missive, the temps are the highest they've been in three weeks, and Cobina's lumbago has finally taken a rest. Of course, we ain't sayin' March is going out like a lamb jest yet, and we've seen plenty o' snow in April. Let's jest hope it is the beginning of the end o' winter, that's all.

Here in the Asylum by the Sea, we're all on pins and needles to find out when herroner is gonna propose her new budget. As we head past the Ides of March - witch is Friday - we can see that the days are getting shorter wherein she can make her annual address.

Sammy Bluejay was fluttering about the Actors Colony, and perched himself outside the thoid floor. He said that the work is movin' apace toward finalizing the budget,

and it wouldn't be surprising to find that a small increase in the mill rate is gonna be part o' that package.

Remember the MARB (Municipal Accountability Review Board) has kind o' dictated through the Five-Year Plan that the city's mill rate be increased to 40 and that the maximum be allowed on cars and other property. Already the Tax Assessor has sent out notices to pert near all the businesses that we know about, lettin' them know that their assessment has been upped 10 percent.

Here at the papyrus for the thoid year in a row we got setch a notice - an easy way to increase revenue. Y'see, hon, under state law, the assessor can up yore tax bottom line by 10 percent without leavin' his or her office. So, municipal governments do that on personal property cuz they can and it's a good way to add to their bottom line. Is it moral? No. But who says morality has

anything to do with it.

In our office we still have desks that we got back in 1997, yet the assessment on those things has gone up, not down --- jest so there can be more on the levy. Other businesses are getting it, too, jest as we sez.

There's another thing that's happening. We know of one or two businesses that filed forms and had them sent over via the US Postal Service. They've received letters saying their forms have not been received and they've been fined. Except dates don't jibe, letters dunning them are sent one day after letters alerting them of missing paperwork, and, of course, it's all on the taxpayer to prove a negative. Tax Assessing and Collection are the only places where incompetence is the fault of the taxpayer, not the professional involved.

So, circling back, we are waiting for the announcement o' herroner's budget address. So far, no mention of it - and we get all the pertinent info from the thoid floor, lemme tell yew.

*Whilst we await that, we're still awaiting woid o' when things are gonna start percolating over at the Haven site. The wag was here t'other afternoon and we were talking about the fack that more than a month ago businesses in the area were alerted that work was gonna begin any time now. We'll we've passed that and are no*

*into that limbo where plans go to die.*

*The wag reminded us that the developers were awaiting a clearance from the Dept. of Transportation for something or t'other, but we were told that bit o' red tape had been handled and things were gonna start some time after March 1. Well, like we said above, the Ides of March are Friday, and nary a spade o' dirt has been overturned over there excep' for the former house that was set afire three weeks ago.*

*Jest when things are gonna happen over there is anyone's guess. We can't believe the developers want things to hang the way they are, cuz they're now payin' for security details to watch over the four blocks o' boarded up buildings so that we have no more fires.*

*We shall see what transpires in the next week or so, but I wouldn't be one to hold my breath waitin' for things to get going. One could have some very dangerous effects from setch a venture. That's for sure.*

Well, it's nice to see that local resident Jay Barrett got his wish, and Mr. Donald Trump called the man last week. It was a big item in these parts. And, in a nice show of non-partisanship, it was his sister, Bridget Hoksie, that arranged the call.

Mr. Barrett, who will be the subject we hope of a profile in these pages, is sufferin' from a disease and was hoping that one of the things he could do

is talk to the President, whom he supported. We hafta say, we think it's great that a busy many like the Prez took time out to call him. I guess all that nasty talk about him is just that - nasty talk.

*Hereabouts, there is a real brew-ha-ha comin' up over the new governor's idea to put tolls into the state. And now, the Demmies in the General Assembly are runnin' cover for him. Martin Looney - who has never met a tax he didn't like - sez that anyone who thinks there aren't gonna be tolls should be fitted for a padded cell.*

*Effen that's the case why are we goin' through the motions of public hearings and setch. The Demmies have made up their mind, and now they're not even coverin' for the fack that the money will be used just for roads and bridges. They let the cat outta the bag when it was said that the "state needs the cash" and that means that the tolls will be just another cash cow for them to continue to spend and spend and spend. Meanwhile, people are leaving the state in droves.*

*Jest like Lowell Weicker lied to the public about the state income tax 25 years ago - how it was gonna give the state all he cash it needed and stop budget battles, neither of which is true - Lamont lied to people and said he was not in favor of it. Don't think this is over. These people are gonna spend us into oblivion. The only thing that might save the state is bankruptcy.*

Meanwhile we see that local yokel Rep. Dorinda Borer hosted a hearing on one of the woist ideas that has come down the pike: early voting. States all over the country are havin' trouble with this, but Connecticut and the usual suspects in the Demmy party think it's a great idea.

We were wonderin', effen this goes through, does that mean the buses that are usually seen around polling places in various cities to dump off voters, will they be a thing of the past? We remember a few times in the last few years wherein buses of voters were dropped off jest before 8 peeyem, and an emergency order got to keep the place open.

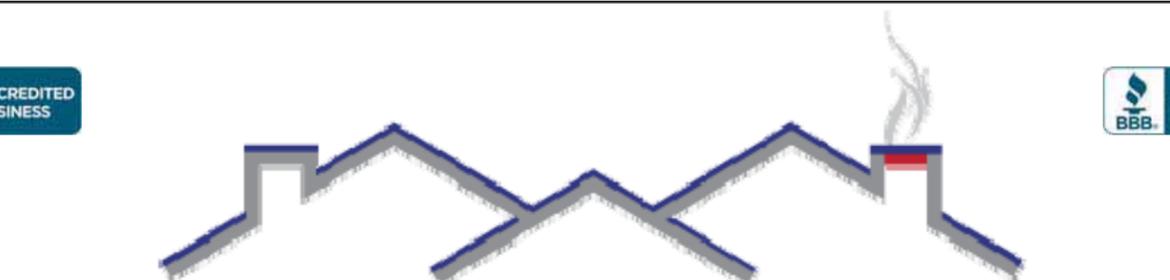
This is voter fraud waiting to happen, and they won't even hafta work for it. If they can't make it on Election Day or don't take out an absentee, it's on them. How're we sure they say who they say they are?

*Meanwhile, our two senators continue to be the embaraqssment of the state with their hackery. What a couple o' terrible reps of our once-great state. With that bit o' chatter, I'll close mitt luff und kizzez,*

*Cobina*

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## Ladies and Widows Night

On Feb. 11, Annawon Lodge 115 celebrated an evening for our Ladies and Widows. They had a dinner prepared by the Brothers of the Lodge, followed by desert and coffee. Each lady was recognized by her Mason individually, with a "from the heart" message and given a flower. All messages were personalized and uniquely done. The widows were recognized with the Order of the Rose Ceremony and also received a flower and a pin with the symbol of a broken column on it. The broken column represents an untimely death.



# Charter panel hands off its findings

The Charter Revision Commission has wrapped up what it considers Phase 1 of the process. The body, which has until July to finalize its work, has moved deliberately, but with the goal of getting things accomplished in a timely fashion.

This week, its recommendations went to the city's attorneys for review.

At the conclusion of last week's meeting they formally handed off the commission's recommendations to the city's Corporation Counsel Office for legal review.

While some of the commission's proposals have already received some legal scrutiny, this was the official presentation before the next step.

"There is no specific timetable for the legal vetting process, however the consensus was 30-40 days should do the trick," said Commission Chairman Ed Granfield this week. "Upon conclusion of the vetting process, the commission will reconvene to review and tweak the document accordingly and schedule a public hearing, most likely in late April."

Expectations are the commission will submit its report to the City Council in early May, who then have up to 60 days to review the report, hold its own hearings on the matter, and send it back to the commission with questions or concerns.

Once returned the commission will have 30 days to consider the City Council's concerns.

If all goes as expected, we can anticipate a final docu-

ment could/should be agreed upon by both bodies sometime in mid-August.

"This commission of five Democrats and three Republicans has brought forth a bold and ambitious proposal for real change," Granfield said. "And, we are united in support of these initiatives. By design, the commission has not adopted any of the suggested changes yet."

Granfield said that with the possibility of the social media networks exploding with political rancor, the commission has determined it will put its proposals out for review before taking final action.

"In order to keep the political and social media rumor mill at bay, I decided to leave all proposals open, wait for legal opinion first, then tweak and/or adopt by a formal vote," he said. "I'm not going to bring anything to the public until it has passed the legal smell test first! The report to the City Council will include comprehensive reforms and restructuring of our city never before seen, changes long overdue in the opinion of many."

While the chairman would not divulge details of the commission's ambitious agenda, it is known discussions have included restructuring the City Council and the office of the mayor, bringing in professional city management, increasing elected terms to four years, requiring credentials for all department heads, and empowering an independent ethics and compliance commission as some of the bigger topics.

"I suspect it will become a

debate between supporters of the status quo versus advocates for real and absolute change," said Granfield.

He said the changes in whole or part are meant to allow voters and taxpayers a real voice in what happens when choices at the ballot box may not be

what is really needed or necessary.

"Traditionally, the voters in the community call for change every two years, but in fact rarely get what they ask for. The problems we struggle with are rooted deep within our current system of govern-

ment," Granfield said. "I don't care who you elect, mayor, City Council, or Board of Education. When a large corporation is struggling, they restructure. This city has struggled for decades. It's time the voters get the chance to consider doing the same."



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## Prosecuted for support

Last week former, and we might add very briefly-tenured, Trump campaign director Paul Manafort was sentenced to nearly four years in federal prison for tax evasion, lying to Congress, and violation of laws pertaining to registry as an agent of a foreign government. The 44-month sentence was immediately attached by the usual suspects in the Democratic Party and Never-Trumpers in the media as too lenient, and a miscarriage of justice. In fact, Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller asked for between 19-24 YEARS as a sentence for the 70-year-old Manafort.

Judge T.S. Ellis called the recommendation by Mueller "excessive," and it would seem so. Tax Evasion sentences rarely are extended sentences, and the registry violation is a seldom-enforced act. In the last 30 years it has only been prosecuted seven times. Interestingly, Democrats working in the Hillary Clinton camp have not been charged for the same offense.

Our problem with the prosecution of Manafort is one that should be disturbing to every American, no matter what their political stripe. Mueller's investigation, which, thank goodness, is winding down, has exhibited the worst in American prosecutorial conduct. In at least three cases: Manafort, George Papadopoulos, the short-term, low-level Trump operative, and Gen. Michael Flynn, the former National Security advisor in the Trump White House, the modus operandi has been the same: Charge the person with lying, even (in the case of Flynn) where agents believe he was telling the truth, and then bankrupt him with long, drawn out cases, and move to imprison. The Flynn case is most egregious. Flynn, a highly decorated general, was driven into penury by Mueller.

Perhaps, though Andrew McCarthy of National Review said it best: "Paul Manafort would never have been prosecuted if he had not joined Donald Trump's campaign. He would not have been prosecuted if Hillary Clinton had won the 2016 election and spared Democrats the need to conjure up a reason to explain their defeat."

It must be remembered the charges against Manafort, particularly the charges of tax evasion, were resurrected by Mueller from 2005, when they were dropped by an FBI and Justice Dept. Mueller was head of the FBI at the time. These were brought back up to corner Manafort, who is a sleazy character, but nonetheless has been poorly treated here. The fact he did not give the Mueller team anymore information was the reason for the excessive sentencing recommendation.

Throughout the two-year investigation of collusion, Mueller and his team have exhibited the worst in prosecutorial conduct. The American justice system is not supposed to be politicized, slanted or otherwise favoring a party or candidate. Yet, throughout this probe more and more evidence has come out that the FBI and Justice Dept., with the possible cooperation of the Obama White House, sought to favor Hillary Clinton's candidacy, taint the Trump Campaign with a false narrative (headlined by the debunked "Steel Dossier") and then bring down the Trump Presidency in a coup.

The Mueller investigation is going to be shown as a farce, and an attempt to hide what really happened with Obama, the upper levels of the DOJ and FBI and the Clinton campaign. Those facts are coming to light. In the meantime, the American Justice system was used as a political cudgel, even on unsavory people like Manafort. It's just un-American.



## GOP primary of Trump nil

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

The race for 2020 is taking shape, although there are still significant unknowns, including whether Donald Trump will get a serious primary challenge.

His fiercest Republican critics say, "Yes -- please, please, yes."

They are probably wrong, and it's certainly nothing to root for.

Trump's dominance of the party begins with his lockdown support of the right, forcing any primary challenger to the left. This isn't fertile territory. Self-identified moderates and liberals are only a fraction of the party, and it is grass-roots conservative activists who have fueled the most potent Republican primary challenges (Ronald Reagan in 1976, Pat Buchanan in 1992).

Because a primary challenge would naturally come from the left and is unlikely to succeed, it will tend to attract people who don't have a future in GOP national politics and lack conservative bona fides -- the wayward former Massachusetts governor Bill Weld; the centrist governor of Maryland Larry Hogan; the former Ohio governor John Kasich, who convincingly demonstrated his lack of national electoral

appeal in 2016.

Trump is in a stronger position in the party now. He's been a rock on judges, abortion and religious liberty. Last time, many Republicans told themselves, "Well, at least compared to Hillary, we don't know what we're getting with Trump." Now, they are grateful for what they've gotten.

Could all of this change? It would require a torpedo to the bow from some enormous scandal and a significant ideological betrayal on something extremely important, like a Supreme Court nominee.

The promoters of a Trump primary challenge still haven't come to grips with how intertwined Trump's fate is with the party's.

If Trump becomes seriously vulnerable to a primary challenge, it's a sign that something very bad has happened that won't be constrained to him. Say it's proof of a criminal conspiracy with the Russians. Is the rest of the party that has defended Trump so vociferously in the Mueller probe going to emerge unscathed? Say it's a sudden economic downturn. What's the case that such an event wouldn't tank the GOP generally?

Indeed, a winning primary campaign against Trump would almost certainly be a

catastrophic success. How would the winner put the party back together again for the general election?

Perhaps the hardcore Trump base and media will enthusiastically back whoever slays their champion. But why would they? Besides the inevitable hurt feelings and ideological disagreements, they will surely consider recent precedent -- Never Trump would be the analogue to Never Hogan.

There is obviously a character case to be made against Trump, although Republican voters are already aware of his flaws and strongly support him nonetheless.

The contradiction in the case for a primary challenge is this: If it's a bad thing that Trump is potentially a weak general-election candidate, as Trump's critics say, then why make him potentially weaker with a primary challenge? What many of Trump's GOP detractors won't say out loud is that when they talk of defeating Trump, they don't mean only in a nomination battle; they mean seeing him lose in a general election.

That Republican voters would sense this, and understandably recoil, is another reason a primary challenge is probably a box canyon.



**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

During the late-night hours and if the police must come back the second time because of blasting loud music at a party disturbing the neighbors, who gets ticketed, the offenders or the landlord?

*FT, Allingtown*

**Dear FT Allingtown:**

Councilman Peter Massaro answered your question, "The person who gets the ticket is the person who is living there, either the home owner or the tenant."

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Now that the warmer weather is approaching, the weekends in the Allingtown Flats is a nightmare with music blaring anywhere from 9 p.m., 1 a.m., 2, and even 3 a.m. My question is instead of the police just using an officer's discretion, why not just ticket these people? This will never end unless tickets are issued. LIVE HERE TO BELIEVE IT!

*N, Allingtown Flats*

**Dear N Allingtown Flats:**

We thank Councilman Peter Massaro for a response to this reader's inquiry. "To answer the person on Westfield Street in the Sixth District, loud music can be enforced at any time of the day, but at night, usually the cut off period is at 10 p.m.

Now it has to be really loud and remember the houses on Westfield Street are very close together."

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Once again, according to residents in the Beach Street neighborhood, "The pavement conditions on Beach Street have not improved. Several years ago, the residents of Oceanside Condominium requested the paving of Beach Street. The condition of that street is very bad. The street

needs new paving as of today nothing was done.

"I Cvika, am a board of directors member of the 30 units, Oceanside Condominium. We are all paying very high taxes (over \$1,000 per month) to the City of West Haven. On behalf of my fellow owners, I am requesting the paving of Beach Street Condominium. Noting that several streets in West Haven are being paved now, I am disappointed that Beach Street is not included. Please help. We need this improvement."

*Cvika, Beach Street*

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The legislature chose to word the last requirement to require



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headlight display, during periods of precipitation rather than whenever windshield

wipers are being used because there are times, such as during sunny winter days, when the moisture from melting snow on the road may require a driver to use his windshield wipers, that turning on headlights would serve no useful purpose.

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**Historian's corner** **By Dan Shine**



Many Irish farmers were tenants on the land of English aristocrats. The famine forced many to vacate or be evicted.

**The Irish in America  
Part I**

St. Patrick's Day is fast approaching; it is a day when many will wear something green, watch parades, eat corned beef and cabbage, and maybe hoist a green beer or two; for on this particular day as the saying goes, "Everyone wants to be Irish." Today, there are 45 million Americans that can lay claim to some degree of Irish ancestry; their large numbers make Irish-Americans the second largest ethnic group (after German-Americans) in the country. And yet, they came to our shores from an island that is but half the size of New England. So what was

it that brought all these sons and daughters of Erin to this country in the first place?

Not surprisingly, the ancestors of today's Irish-Americans came here looking for land, economic advancement and religious freedom. Since the 1600s, more than seven million Irish have come to America. From the beginning, their influence changed American politics, religion, culture and economics. During the 1600s, it is estimated that between 50,000 and 100,000 Irish immigrated to the Colonies. During the 1700s and early 1800s, another half million sailed to this country in their wooden ships, and many

of them entered America through the ports of New York and Boston. And from 1830 to 1914, almost 5 million Irish went to the United States alone. In 1890 two of every five Irish-born people were living abroad.

The major stimulus for this protracted exodus was the Great Hunger, also known as the Irish Potato Famine, which began in 1845 and lasted for over six years. By the early 1800s, Ireland was home to some eight million souls who were among the poorest people in the Western World. Only about a quarter of the Irish population could read or write. Life expectancy was short, averaging just 40 years for men. The Irish married quite young—girls at sixteen, boys at seventeen or eighteen—and they produced large families, although infant mortality was quite high.

At that time, half of all Irish families lived in single room, windowless mud cabins that had thatched roofs and didn't have chimneys. The staple crop that sustained the Irish poor was the potato, which is rich in protein, carbohydrates, minerals and vitamins such as riboflavin, niacin and Vitamin C. It was therefore possible for the Irish to survive on a diet that consisted solely of potatoes. And because of their profound poverty, the Irish tenant farmers were forced to do just that, for it was their only means of staying alive.

But in 1845, and lasting for six years, a fungus named phytophthora infestans caused most of the potato crop to turn black and die in the fields. Soon, whole families began to starve and die: there were fathers too weak to care for their dying children, mothers dying with their dead babies in their frail arms, starving children weeping by dead parents.

Those who managed to survive were often evicted from their homes by their landlords, because the failure of their crops made it impossible for them to pay the rent. And the method of eviction was exceedingly cruel: the family was taken from the home, while "house wreckers" came and took down the roof's ridge pole, making the home uninhabitable.

Often, the newly dispossessed were simply left to die of exposure in the cold Irish rains.

And meanwhile, records state that Ireland was exporting grain and cattle to England, in quantities which would have been sufficient to sustain those who were starving.

To be continued.

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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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# Everone keeps facilities in shape

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

From his office in the Anna V. Molloy School, Board of Education Supervisor of Facilities Chris Everone and his staff work behind the scenes to ensure schools are clean and everything runs efficiently. He said they prefer their work go unnoticed.

Everone said he has worked for the Board of Education for 16 years and has served in his current position for three. The supervisor got his start working part time at the football stadium during high school and, after college, became the manager of the facility.

"Then about 10 years ago I took over the hockey rink," said Everone, "So, I ran the complex there. Then three years ago I took over all the facilities."

The Albertus Magnus graduate said he likes the work because it's constantly busy and there are new challenges every day.

"Last week we we're prepping for hockey tournaments," said Everone. "This week snow is melting and now we're getting roof leaks in places and are trying to take care of those. It goes from one aspect to the other."

Everone said they are working to prepare the facilities to switch from heating to cooling.

He said before they know it they will be cutting grass. He also said one of his favorite parts of the job is the people he gets to work with.

"Year round it's a great group of people," said Everone. "Great principals. Great kids. I mean that's what it's all about. If it wasn't for the kids I wouldn't be here."

According to Everone, he is very excited for the new high school building to be completed. He said the school system has not had a new building since the 70's.

"A high school is a major building. We are in dire need of a new learning environment for the kids," said Everone. "This is going to be great. It's going to be state of the art. Every day when you drive by you see something different. It's exciting."

Everone said he had never been involved on a project of that scale and he finds it fun. He said he looks forward to the new challenge for his department.

Within the board of education budget passed last month there was money for Everone's department to purchase new vehicles. He said he hopes the city council passes it.

"Even if I get two vehicles a year I'm happy," said Everone. "To have the assets with

them and not have a delay is helpful. Especially plumbing and carpentry, because we do get broken windows in the middle of the night. We do sometimes get broken pipes in the middle of the night. It's good to have a reliable and secure vehicle."

Everone said the board of education and Superintendent Neil Cavallaro have been very supportive of his department. A Westie himself, he said there's not a time where he doesn't like coming to work.

"I like doing the job. I even like this job more than the one I did before," said Everone. "There's a little more headaches but, hey, it keeps you on your toes."

**Supervisor of Facilities Chris Everone takes a minute in his office at the Anna V. Molloy School building. Everone began as a youth working at the Fitzgerald Complex and has moved up the ladder to be the head of keeping all facilities ship shape.**



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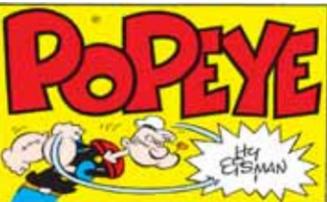
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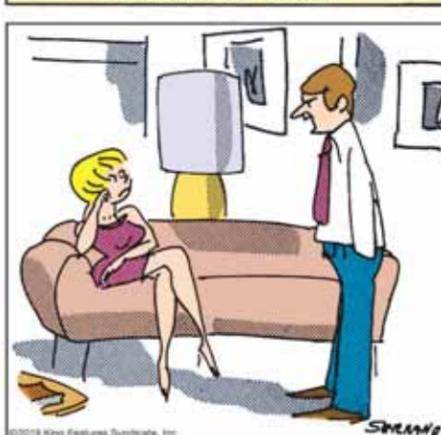


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# Opioid crisis focus of city rites

By Michael P. Walsh

*Special to the Voice*

Flanked by black balloons, a sober reminder of the lives taken by the opioid crisis, the Rev. Phillip Krakowiak Sr. led Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and city and state officials in a prayer service March 6 for West Haven residents who have died of drug addiction.

During the solemn ceremony, which marked the city's second observance of Black Balloon Day, Krakowiak, pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of West Haven, offered words of hope, love and support, telling the group of bundled-up leaders who gathered in the bitter cold on the steps of City Hall that the opioid epidemic is "a crisis that is affecting all of us," including a member of his own family.

Along with Rossi, mayoral Executive Assistant Lou Esposito and mayoral aide Ruth G. Torres, Krakowiak was joined by state Reps. Charles J. Ferraro, R-West Haven, and Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven; City Council Chairman Ronald M. Quagliani, D-at large; City Clerk Deborah Collins; city Health Director Maureen B. Lillis; West Haven Fire Department Chief James P. O'Brien and Deputy Chief Edward C. Sweeney; and West Shore Fire Department Chief Stephen Scafariello and Deputy Chief Dickson Dugan.

Leading up to Black Balloon Day, Rossi called on all residents who have been affected by drug addiction, including pain-reducing opioid medications, to hang a black balloon outside their home to symbolize a loved one who is struggling with addiction or has died of an overdose.

For the second year, Rossi pledged West Haven's commitment to recognizing the special day after its co-founder, Diane Hurley, of Peabody, Massachusetts, reached out to the mayor seeking the city's participation. Hurley's daughter,



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

**City and state officials bow their heads as the Rev. Phillip Krakowiak, Sr., pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of West Haven, far right, leads a prayer service March 6 on the steps of City Hall for West Haven residents who have died of opioid addiction. From left, City Council Chairman Ronald M. Quagliani, D-at large; City Clerk Deborah Collins; state Rep. Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven; Mayor Nancy R. Rossi; and state Rep. Charles J. Ferraro, R-West Haven. The solemn ceremony marked the city's second observance of Black Balloon Day.**

ter, Lauren Hurley, is the other co-founder.

Lauren Hurley's mission began March 6, 2016, after her brother-in-law, Greg Tremblay, a father of four, died of a drug overdose a year earlier.

Hurley's brother, Sean Hurley, was also a drug addict but has been clean for more than a year.

In the wake of the family's tragedy, she and her mother have joined forces in the war on drugs.

Rossi, who lost a dear friend to addiction, said West Haven's participation is aimed at "shining a light on how the national public health crisis of opioid addiction affects us locally."

The brief prayer service was held in concert with an announcement from John Dixon, CEO and president of Bridges Healthcare of Milford, launching the state's first Mobile Ad-

diction Treatment Team for opioid addiction.

The new mobile unit is called MATT's Van. The van, staffed by a physician and a peer recovery support counselor, will aid those with opioid addiction starting later this month on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1-5 p.m. in the parking lot of City Hall, 355 Main St.

At the request of Diane Hurley, city officials hung a black balloon outside the third-floor window of the mayor's office for each resident who has died of opioids.

"Twenty-four black balloons are on display outside City Hall today," Rossi said. "Each one represents an opioid death in West Haven last year. I am pleased that we are not merely remembering the 24 people who died, but that we can be part of the announcement that Bridges is making today."

At least 24 residents died of

opioids last year, said Lillis, referencing a November 2018 report by the state Department of Public Health's Office of Injury Prevention.

"Overdose deaths are a public health epidemic," Rossi said. "Let's approach this issue with the appropriate treatment. With the deployment of MATT's Van, it is my hope that we will be displaying fewer balloons next year."

According to statistics provided by the DPH, Hartford, with 68 deaths, is ranked first among the Connecticut cities and towns with the highest number of people killed by overdoses last year. Waterbury is ranked second, with 45 deaths, followed by New Haven, 43; Bridgeport, 34; and New Britain, 33.

"We have made some progress in recent years with respect to legislation addressing this continual and devastating

crisis, but we have much work to do," Borer said. "We are not going to stop until there is parity for mental health and we eliminate the stigma related to substance abuse."

She added, "The new mobile van by Bridges will allow them to reach those in our community who need assistance most."

In addition to West Haven, the van will help those with addiction in Milford on Mondays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the parking lot of Beth-El Center, 90 New Haven Ave.

"Our goal is to save lives and provide faster, easier access to treatment in our towns and neighborhoods," Dixon said.

The van and staff will not carry medication. Bridges offers medication-assisted treatment by appointment at its main clinic, 941-949 Bridgeport Ave., Milford. Funding is from a state grant.

## Council: *Rossi-Morrissey spar over comp time*

Continued from page 1

rently in contract negotiations with the city. Council members Hoskie and Forsyth were absent.

The mayor and many council members expressed their gratitude towards the Allingtown firefighters for what they were giving up. Chairman Ron Quagliani said they were losing money to protect the city.

"The service you provide to Allingtown is really first rate," said Quagliani. "The service you provide to the University [of New Haven] community is first rate. I know you love what you do, because you're still here."

During public session, the council heard from citizens but then took the stand to air grievances with each other.

Namely, Tracy Morrissey of the 8th District and Mayor Nancy Rossi continued their sparing match, which has been going on for several months. Morrissey said after months of fact finding she believes there has been a violation regarding vacation buybacks.

"Elected officials, in any administration, are not entitled to vacation buybacks," said Morrissey. "I feel strongly that this needs to be repaid."

Morrissey asked the council to figure out how to proceed. In addition she said she filed a Freedom of Information Act request to see the records of all comp time for the last two and a half years for elected officials, appointed officials and all employees of the 1103 union.

Mayor Rossi went to the podium next. She handed out a spreadsheet listing city employee payouts at termination dating back to 2015. The payouts totaled over \$1.38 million. The mayor said she had given the data to the city council weeks ago but it had been ignored.

"If we are going to shine a light we should shine a light on everyone, not just one person," said Rossi. "And, unfortunately, all they've been doing is shining the light on me."

Rossi said if the council wants to force people to pay back the city they should include their political allies. She said she had been trying to treat everyone at city hall fairly since she took office, adding that it was new to the building.

She also stated that she has worked 500 extra hours without pay since taking office, and did not expect or want to be paid back for it.

"Instead of people applauding that and saying 'Wow, she's working for free.' They would rather bash and trash," said Rossi. "And I don't think that's a very fair thing to do."

The mayor also said she wanted to see elected and appointed officials update their ethics forms and fulltime elected officials submit to a drug test.

After the mayor spoke, Debbie Collins, the current City Clerk who has formed an exploratory committee for the mayoral race, addressed the council and said she would gladly take a drug test.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

## Easy one

Mufee Cooper makes a layup against Wilcox. The Westies defeated the Indians, 68-63, in the CIAC tournament.

# Westies topple Wilcox Tech

After defeating the St. Paul Falcons 57-49 in the first round of the CIAC playoffs, the West Haven boys' basketball team traveled to Meriden on Thurs-

day night to face the fourth-seeded Wilcox Tech Indians. When Mufee Cooper hit a three-pointer just six seconds into the game, the Blue Devils

would never trail in their 68-63 victory.

With the score tied 11-11 in the first quarter, Shea Sheffield pulled up and drained a three-pointer to make it 14-11 with 1:59 left in the quarter. West Haven led 18-15 at the end of the first quarter before the Indians battled back to knot the game at 24-24 with 5:31 left in the half. Quannel Straughter's layup with 2:53 left made it 33-28 and he made another layup 29 seconds later to increase the lead to 35-28. Wilcox Tech continued to battle and the teams headed to the locker rooms with the Westies holding a 39-34 lead.

The Indians got within three points but Malcolm Duncanson pulled down a rebound and put it up and in with 5:18 left in the third quarter to make it 43-38.

When Mufee Cooper made two layups with 1:44 left and 1:18 left in the quarter, the Blue Devils had their largest lead of the game at 49-41. The Indians would not go away though and scored the next, five points to cut the lead to 49-46 by the end of the quarter.

Mufee Cooper hit an acrobatic layup with 6:12 left in the game to make it 53-48. Things got a little scary for West Haven with 3:15 left in the game, when the Westies picked up a foul and then a technical on

the same play to give the Indians four foul shots and the ball.

Wilcox Tech's center, John Soto missed both of his foul shots but DeJuan Ransom hit his two and then the Indians sunk a shot to cut the lead to 60-58 with 3:02 left. That's when the Westie defense came up big. The boys used a stifling defense to force a turnover and extend their lead to 66-60 and go on to the 68-63 win.

Cooper led the Blue Devils with 17 points while Malcolm Duncanson added 15 points and Quannel Straughter had 14 points.

With the victory, West Haven advanced to the quarterfinals and faced the Torrington Red Raiders on Monday.

The West Haven/Sacred Heart girls' hockey team saw its season come to an end when it was shut down by the Darien Blue Wave 4-0 on Wednesday evening at The Rinks at Shelton. Darien thwarted the Westie Shark offense, limiting the girls to 14 shots on the game. Kyleen Crowe did her best to keep the girls in it, making 27 saves between the pipes.

The Blue Wave got on the board with 1:30 left in the first period. Darien increased its lead to 2-0 with a goal with 5:38 left in the second period and then made it 3-0 with 10.8 seconds left in the peri-

od when it appeared that the whistle blew before the puck went in but, Darien was credited with the goal.

The Westie Sharks did have several chances in the third period but Megan Dupre, Jenna Hunt and Francesca Criscuolo were all denied to keep the girls off the board. Darien iced the game with 2:06 left in the game for the 4-0 final. The Westie Sharks finish the season with a 20-4 record. Veronica Lynn was named to the CHSGHA All-State team for the third time and junior Taylor Nowak was named to the All-State team for the second time.

The boys' hockey team's season came to an end with a 9-1 loss to the Xavier Falcons in the first round of the CIAC playoffs on Tuesday night in Middletown.

The Falcons struck first with a goal just 3:45 into the game and then again to take a 2-0 lead before Niko Kyle got one back for the Blue Devils, assisted by DJ. Carfora before the end of the period.

Unfortunately for the Westies that would be the extent of their scoring on the night and the Falcons would go on to score seven, unanswered goals to bring West Haven's season to an end. Jared Pliszka and Noah Iversen combined to make 29 saves between the pipes for the Blue Devils.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

## Player of the Week

Malcolm Duncanson (0) is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. In two state postseason games this week, Duncanson scored 29 points to lead the Westies to the quarterfinals. 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).

# ND skaters upend Darien, 3-1

With wrestling and indoor track now complete, Notre Dame is down to three winter sports teams still competing. Basketball won its first-round state tournament game, hockey reached Ingalls Rink, and swimmers fared well at Class M Trials.

**Hockey --** The hockey team exorcised a lot of demons when it beat the Darien Blue Wave, 3-1, on Saturday to advance to the semifinal round of the Division I state tournament. Darien ended Notre Dame's season twice in the last three years and had beaten the Green Knights twice in the regular season.

Employing a neutral zone trap, Notre Dame stymied a strong Darien offense and rode the hot goaltending of Connor Smith to the upset win. Zachary Schroder broke a 1-1 tie late in the second period and Ian Hayden iced the win with an empty netter.

Mike Card got the Green Knights on the board with a tip-in goal in the first period.

Notre Dame used a pair of goals from Hayden in a 6-3 opening round win over Fairfield Warde/Ludlowe on March 5.

Notre Dame played NW

Catholic on Wednesday in the semifinal round.

**Basketball --** Beating a team three times in one season isn't easy, let alone four. But that was the task handed the Notre Dame basketball team when it played Hillhouse in the second round of the CIAC Division I state tournament on March 6 at Shelton High School.

Victors in the three previous tries, the Green Knights used a strong start, a suffocating first-half defense, and a 17-point effort off the bench from Jaiden Kimbro in their 57-36 win over the Academics to advance to the quarterfinal round for the first time since 2016.

After Kimbro's 17 points, Notre Dame was led by Carroll's 13 points.

Laput added 12 and Raines nine for another balanced scoring attack. The win advanced the Green Knights to the quarterfinal round where they played Immaculate this past Monday.

**Swimming --** Nine Notre Dame swimmers as well as three relay teams took to the Cornerstone Pool in West Hartford on Saturday looking to qualify for the CIAC Class M Championship Meet. Mission accomplished as eight



Photo courtesy of NDWH

**Notre Dame extracted some revenge beating Darien 3-1 in the quarterfinal round of the CIAC Division 1 hockey tournament. The Blue Wave had beaten Notre Dame twice in the regular season and in overtime in the first round of last year's state tournament.**

swimmers and all three relay teams swam fast enough to keep their season alive and competed at the season-ending CIAC Class M Championship Meet Monday at Wesleyan University.

Better yet, everyone posted their fastest times of the sea-

son, which thrilled head coach Mike O'Brien

"Today was an awesome job by the guys who swam," said O'Brien. "To post their best times shows their dedication all season. There's still room for improvement which we hope happens in Monday's

meet."

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Photo by Russ McCreven

## Getting physical

Among those fighting for the ball are Alden Bridges and Quennell Nesmith as competition got hot and heavy at the Bailey Middle School gym Saturday.

Photo by Russ McCreven

## Battlin' it out

The Spurs and Celtics battled at the Kelly Cap Gym last weekend as playoffs neared. Winter sports leagues are wrapping up the 2018-2019 season with postseason play.



# Westie Blue In Touch

By Mike Madera

Looking to play for a fourth straight state title, the Darien girls hockey team had one more hill to climb before reaching the championship game. That hill proved to be worth the climb. Behind a strong defensive effort, and two points apiece from Cate Droogan and Kelly Raymond, third-seeded Darien topped second-seeded West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy 4-0 in the CHSGHA girls semifinals at the Rinks at Shelton Wednesday evening.

Not only will Darien (17-3-1) get an opportunity to win its fourth consecutive state title, but the Blue Wave will get a chance to do so against FCIAC rival and top-seeded New Canaan, a 3-1 winner over Simsbury, Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. at the Bennett Rink in West Haven.

"We got out on them super fast," Droogan said after finishing with a goal and an assist. "We won every battle. We were determined to win every battle and we did so. I thought we played very well tonight."

Darien held a 31-14 shot advantage in the contest, and if not for the goaltending of WH/SHA's Kyleen Crowe, the Westie Sharks (19-4) may have faced a bigger hole from which to climb.

"We played defensive," WH/SHA coach Erin Blake said. "We knew they were tough. They had a 6-2 win against us last time we played them. We knew it was not going to be easy."

While West Haven's Taylor Nowak had the game's first scoring opportunity which was turned aside with a pad save by Hallie Kreppein, it was the Blue Wave which produced better scoring opportunities, until finally beating Crowe with 1:30 left in the opening period.

Off a scramble in front, Raymond scored off an assist from Droogan to give Darien the only goal it would need in the contest.

"We were not going to let them get going," Darien coach Jamie Tropsta said of the Westie Sharks. "They are a very good team and they have had a good season. We never wanted them to get going."

While Darien held a 9-5 shot advantage in the opening period, it was the second period which turned the game around. The Blue Wave had 12 shots on goal and all seemed to be quality chances. Crowe made a spectacular save on a shot by Kit Arrix 3:27 in, denied a backhander in front by Raymond five minutes later, and another by Lucie Edwards with a glove save less than a minute after.

Darien finally increased the lead to a pair of goals with 5:38 remaining in the middle period as Shea van den Broek knocked in a rebound, with Sarah Hearn and Ceci Stein gaining assists.

"We have a lot of depth," Tropsta said. "We are able to run three or four lines out there. I give them a lot of credit. They have kids who work hard. We ran out three or four lines and six D (defense), and I think that allowed us to keep our legs fresh."

After Kreppein denied Francesca Criscuolo with a great save in front with 1:31 left in the second, Darien put the game away with 10.8 seconds to go in the period.

Arrix kept playing until the whistle and stuffed a loose puck past Crowe following a

WH/SHA turnover for a 3-0 advantage.

"This is amazing," Droogan said of her team playing for its fourth straight state title. "Every year, we come in and we have a standard to live up to. It makes it so much better playing them (New Canaan). It is the first time we get to play them for the state championship. We are excited."

With the game in hand, the only question was whether

Kreppein (14 saves) would get the shutout and that was answered when the junior denied a point shot from Meghan Dupre with 7:20 to go, a hard shot in close by Jenna Hunt less than a minute later, and a shot by Jianna Cohrs in front with 6:12 to go.

"I thought we back-checked hard," Tropsta said. "That was the plan going in."

Darien put the final touches on the win when Droogan

scored off an assist from Raymond with 2:06 left.

"I'm proud of this group and these seniors," Blake said. "They are the first team to make it this far. We made four SCC championships, winning two. The seniors helped bring this from the ground up. I hate to see them go out this way, but we had a great year."

Crowe finished with 27 saves in the loss for the Westie Sharks.



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## State's best

Veronica Lynn and Taylor Nowak show off the plaques that designated them members of the Connecticut High School Girls Hockey Association All-State team. The pair led the Sharks to a successful regular season campaign.

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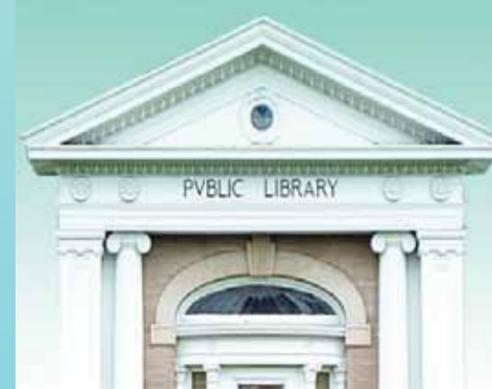
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### Pushing it!

The Bucks' Roman Vogel brings the ball up-court in Youth Basketball play Saturday

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### Using some muscle

Mackenzie Gardner and Meghan Dupre muscle out a Darien forward during the team's recent tournament game with the Blue Wave. Unfortunately, the Wave came out on top via a 4-0 whitewash of the locals, ousting the team from the state tournament.



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## American flags donated

From left, Toniko Parker, secretary of New Haven Chapter 120 of Woodmen-Life, and Kathleen Parker, the chapter's vice president of membership, donate 12 American flags to Public Works Commissioner Tom McCarthy on behalf of Mayor Nancy R. Rossi on March 6 at City Hall. Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society is a not-for-profit fraternal benefit society based in Omaha, Neb., that operates a large privately held insurance company for its members. Founded in 1890, the history of the organization includes numerous philanthropic efforts and community outreach projects, including a program to present American flags.

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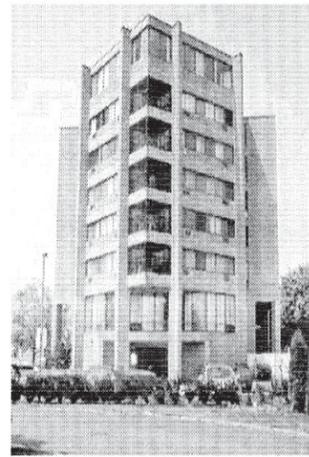
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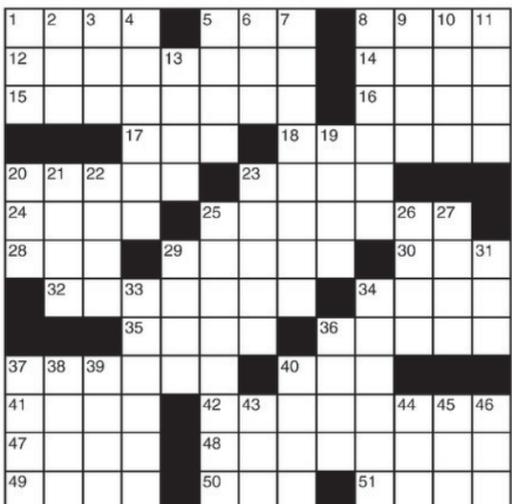
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| 1 Final bio                        | 36 Luxury boat           | 13 Pork cut                |
| 5 Enervate                         | 37 Forcible restraint    | 19 On                      |
| 8 Venomous vipers                  | 40 A billion years       | 20 Tenth mo.               |
| 12 Hawaii's capital                | 41 Acknowledge           | 21 Fellow                  |
| 14 Onetime head of Iran            | 42 Morning-after ailment | 22 Franc replacement       |
| 15 "What Not to Wear" specialty    | 47 Viral video, e.g.     | 23 Man's man               |
| 16 Greek vowel                     | 48 Imagine in detail     | 25 Bestowed profusely      |
| 17 "— the season to be jolly"      | 49 Scruff                | 26 Grand tale              |
| 18 Improvised musically            | 50 24 hours              | 27 Opulent                 |
| 20 Pacific or Atlantic             | 51 Grandson of Eve       | 29 Pantheon group          |
| 23 Presidential "no"               |                          | 31 Favorite                |
| 24 Drink all at once               |                          | 33 Paul Reubens' character |
| 25 Time between connecting flights |                          | Herman                     |
| 28 Pitch                           |                          | 34 Woolly                  |
| 29 Lively dance                    |                          | 36 Boo-Boo's buddy         |
| 30 Spot on a domino                |                          | 37 Rhett's shocking word   |
| 32 Hollow pastry                   |                          | 38 Eye layer               |
| 34 Grown-up nits                   |                          | 39 Cavort                  |
|                                    |                          | 40 A deadly sin            |
|                                    |                          | 43 Literary collection     |
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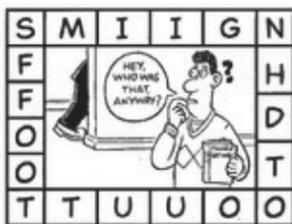


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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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**HIDDEN** In the above frame is a famous proverb. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the "O" in the lower right-hand corner. Out of sight, out of mind.

**WHAT COMES NEXT?** Someone has written a series of letters on this fence. What letter comes next in the sequence?

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**FIND-A-WORD!** On the top line is our mystery word. You need to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.

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4. ( slang ) When crooks run.

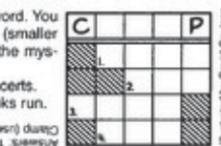
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2. "The Last of the \_\_\_\_\_"
3. A soft polishing cloth.
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5. A state of great confusion.
6. Money, coins and currency.
7. Type of tree.
8. Expression of surprise.
9. Highest in rank.



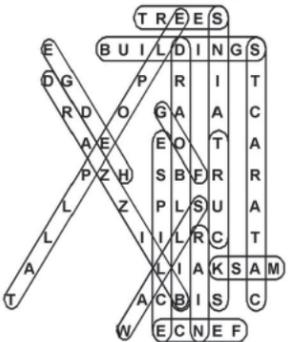
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## Answers to last week's puzzles

### King Crossword — Answers



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## WHGC meeting

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 14, at St. Louis Church on Bull Hill Road at 11:30 a.m. A luncheon will then follow and the program will be Master Judge Trish Manfredi who will be doing a design workshop.

## Bradley Pt. 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, March 19 in the lower level of Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road. New members are always welcome. Call Marie at (203) 878-8428.

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## Fire lecture

The West Haven Historical Society invites the public to a discussion of West Haven's fire department history as Lt. William Heffernan discusses, "Why West Haven Has Three Fire Departments," at the monthly meeting, tonight at the Poli House, 686 Savin Ave. The time is 7 p.m.

## Oldies Review

The 37th edition of the Golden Oldies Review is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, at the Cielo ballroom, 85 Chase Lane, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Michael Hoover presents "Memories of Elvis" at 9:30. DJ Charles Rosenay will provide music. Also featured is Carla Gemma Tickets are \$30 per person with door prizes and raffle. Proceeds to benefit MDA Call Geri Caccavale (203) 795-5473 or Lucy Prokop (203) 468-2528 for tickets.

## Easter Fest

The annual Easter Fest and Craft Fair, sponsored by First Congregational Church on the Green, is set for Saturday, April 6, 9-2:30, at the church, 464 Campbell Ave,

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Sunday, April 7, at noon. Brunch at Duffy's Tavern 241 Campbell Ave. Please make reservations by calling Sue Lanziero at (203) 623-9093 or Harugari.org.

## Casino trip

The West Haven Senior Center is making a trip to Mogan Sun on Wednesday, May 8. Cost is \$25 with \$15 free bet and \$15 food voucher or free buffet. This trip is in conjunction with The West Haven Housing Authority. Pick up times are as follows: Morrissey Manor 8 a.m., Savin Rock Conference Center 8:15, Surfside 8:30, Union 8:45, and John Prete 9. Those picked up at Housing Authority sites, please make reservation with Yolanda (203) 933-9449. Those picked up at Conference Center please register at the West Haven Senior Center or call (203) 937-3507. Bus leaves Mogan at 4.

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## Shore Haven scholarships

The Shore Haven Junior Baseball League will be accepting scholarship applications for current high school seniors pursuing further education. The league will be awarding three scholarships in the amounts of \$250 in honor of Sal Arminio, Dave Terese, Sr., and Mario J. Argentino, plus the Joseph Morrell, Sr., Scholarship.

All applicants must have participated in the league for two years for the first three scholarships. Applications must be returned by May 15 to: Charles Gunning, 125 Central Ave., West Haven, 06516. For information can be obtained from area guidance offices or by calling (203) 934-9740.

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<p><b>FINAGREN'S</b> Irish Whiskey <b>\$24<sup>99</sup></b></p>  <p><b>NEW ITEM!</b></p>	<p><b>DEL MAGUEY</b> Crema de Mezcal <b>\$34<sup>99</sup></b></p> 	<p><b>KETEL ONE</b> 1.75 L <b>\$32<sup>99</sup></b></p> 	<p><b>FIVE FARMS</b> Irish Cream 750 mL <b>\$25<sup>99</sup></b></p>  <p><b>NEW ITEM!</b></p>

### COME CHECK OUT OUR EXPANDED SELECTION!

 <p><b>JOSH</b> Cabernet Sauvignon <b>\$11<sup>70</sup></b></p> <p><b>LOWEST PRICE IN STATE</b></p>	 <p><b>OYSTER BAY</b> Sauvignon Blanc <b>\$10<sup>99</sup></b></p>	 <p><b>TWISTED VINE</b> All varieties 1.5 L <b>\$9<sup>99</sup></b></p>	 <p><b>BARTENURA</b> Moscato 750 mL <b>\$12<sup>99</sup></b></p>	 <p><b>MEZZACORONA</b> Pinot Grigio <b>\$12<sup>99</sup></b></p>
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### MAKE YOUR OWN SIX PACKS - Everything we sell can be purchased as singles

<p><b>HARPOON</b> The Craic 6 Pack Bottles <b>\$8<sup>99</sup></b></p> 	<p><b>BUSCH FAMILY</b> 30 Pack <b>\$14<sup>99</sup></b></p> 	<p><b>SMITHWICK'S</b> Irish Ale 12 Pack <b>\$14<sup>99</sup></b></p> 	<p><b>HARP</b> 6 Pack <b>\$8<sup>99</sup></b></p> 
 <p><b>ARMADA BREWING</b> Neptune's Dagger <b>\$13<sup>99</sup></b></p> <p><b>DRINK LOCAL!</b></p>	 <p><b>GUINNESS</b> 6 Pack 16oz Cans <b>\$7<sup>99</sup></b></p>	 <p><b>GUINNESS</b> Extra Stout 12 Pack Bottles <b>\$13<sup>99</sup></b></p>	 <p><b>BEER'D</b> Dogs &amp; Boats <b>\$15<sup>99</sup></b></p> <p><b>DRINK LOCAL!</b></p>

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