

# West Haven Voice

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## Voice Profile

*A weekly in-depth interview*

"I think we need to sit down as a group and decide what direction we are going in as well as redefine what our goals are"

~ Pat Libero

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## Council hears residents give first concerns

Josh LaBella  
*Voice Reporter*

New members of the City Council heard about some of the issues that will be at the forefront of the next two years in their first regular meeting Monday night. The council also created an educational and outreach committee concerning the charter revisions.

Issues brought up during public session included the budget, taxes and economic development.

John Galvin, of the Village Improvement Association, said he was looking start a fine working relationship with the council after being "held at arm's length" by the last council. The Village Improvement Association runs the city's libraries, and Galvin has been an outspoken proponent of greater library funding in the face of repeated cuts to their budget.

"The library is apolitical," said Galvin. "We are here to serve the community. There will be some discussion about our funding. I look forward to a very fruitful and open relationship."

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Photo courtesy of WHCHO

## Helping Hand

Families involved in the West Haven Community House Head Start program were given lessons in nutrition and food from the Connecticut Food Bank in a program last week. Read more about it on page 3.

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## Marking the season

West Haven Mayor, Mayor Nancy Rossi, celebrates Christmas with the United Seniors for America and their friends and families. The organization, based in West Haven, and aided by city businesswoman Carolyn Sires, does much for area veterans.



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**Public Meetings**

**Monday, Dec. 16** -- Board of Education, City Hall meeting room, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 17** -- Police Commission, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 18** -- Forest School Playscape Committee, 3 p.m.

**On this date:**

2009 -- Houston, Texas elects Annise Parker. The City of Houston becomes the most populous city in the United States to have an openly gay mayor.

1969 -- Piazza Fontana bombing. A bomb exploded at the building of the National Agrarian Bank, Milan, Italy, killing 17 people and injuring 88.

**Weather**

**Friday Dec 13** Partly cloudy skies in the morning.



High: 42F  
Sunrise: 7:08 am  
Sunset: 4:23 pm  
Wind: E 5-10

High Tide: 11:37 pm

**Saturday Dec 14** Cloudy with spots of rain.



High: 52F  
Sunrise: 7:09 am  
Sunset: 4:23 pm  
Wind: ESE 10-15

High Tide: 12:12 am; 12:22 pm

**Sunday Dec 15** Showers in am then cloudy.



High 44F  
Sunrise: 7:10 am  
Sunset: 4:23 pm  
Wind: W 10-20

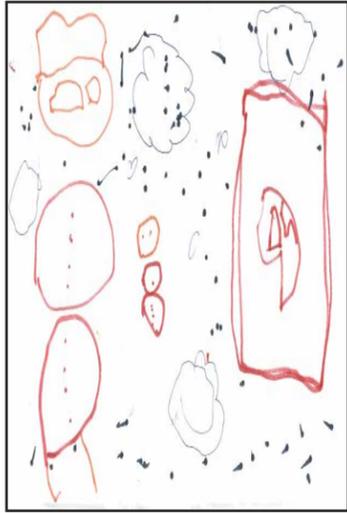
High Tide: 12:58 am; 1:10 pm

**Monday Dec 16** Intervals of clouds and sunshine.



High 44F  
Sunrise: 7:10 am  
Sunset: 4:23 pm  
Wind: WNW 5-10

High Tide: 1:49 am; 2:03 pm



Adam Davis, Age 4, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., is hoping for more snow, it's getting cloudy.

**Things to Do!**

The West Haven Republican Town Committee is hosting a Holiday Party on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at Johnny's Grille from 6-9. Price is \$15 per person, cash bar. Those attending are asked to bring food items for WHEAT or a toy to help the WHHS Peer Advocates with their toy drive. Chef Jeff, from West End Bistro, will be preparing the delicious food.

New Life Church located at 255 Jones Hill Road. invite you and your children (ages 5-10) to its first Christmas Celebration on Dec. 14, from 10-1:15. The Christmas Celebration will include: Decorating of gingerbread houses, 10:15-10:55; Reading of Christmas

story, 11-11:15; Candy Cane Craft, 11:20-11:40; Snack time of Christmas cookies and juice, 11:45-12:10; Story of the Birth of Jesus & a gift for the Children, 12:15-1:15. Please RSVP, (203) 934-3022. Please leave your name, phone, and the number of children. A confirmation reply will be made. An adult must be present with the child during the festivities. An adult area with coffee, tea and cookies will be available during the activities, but adults are welcome to stay with the children.

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# Families benefit from WHCH program

Local families participated in monthly nutrition education workshops and received food from The Connecticut Food Bank GROW program, which provides highly nutritious food for low-income households with children enrolled in early childhood, pre-school daycare, Head Start programs, and elementary schools.

Through the GROW program, more than 3,000lbs of food was distributed to families of children enrolled

in West Haven Community House's Head Start program and the West Haven Family Resource Center who participated in the three month program.

"The purpose of the GROW program is to help children by educating their parents. The belief is that if we can get parents to begin making those subtle changes in what, and even how they are cooking when their children are young, eating healthy will be

a part of that child's everyday diet as they grow up", said Huwerl Thornton, Jr., community partners and programs coordinator at The Connecticut Food Bank.

Families participating in the program attended nutrition education workshops conducted by SNAP-Ed, which teaches people how to shop for and cook healthy, budget-friendly meals, and how to make their SNAP dollars stretch.

After each workshop, parents board the GROW (Grocery On Wheels) Truck where they select healthy food items and receive information on how to prepare foods that may be unfamiliar to them.

The GROW Truck serves as a healthy food pantry on wheels. The customized vehicle is equipped with refrigerated cases and special shelving to stock food items such as fresh fruit and vegetables, low-fat dairy products, meat, fish and other healthy proteins, along with healthy foods like brown rice and whole-grain products. The GROW initiative is made possible through a grant from Our Family Foundation by Stop & Shop.

In addition to receiving healthy food and learning about healthy eating hab-

its through the workshops, families save money that can be used to open a savings account, pay down bills and help stabilize their budgets.

"We are fortunate to collaborate with the Connecticut Food Bank and their partners to bring this vital services to

the families we serve," said Patty Stevens, executive director of The West Haven Community House. "These programs along with charitable donations from local clubs, organizations and individuals help strengthen families and improve the quality of life."



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Connecticut Food Bank volunteer, Deb Finelli, assists WH Family Resource parent, Danielle Blaine, with picking out food from the Grow Truck.



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# Dear Felicia

It look as if we're gonna have a bit o' the white stuff on the ground by the time yew git this missive, honey bunch. Whilst we've had two big days o' rain - someone said about two inches were expected - it looks like it's gonna git cold quick and about 3 inches o' snow are expected. That's a good thing, Cobina likes snow at this time o' the year.

Here in the berg, things are settling into the pre-Christmas lull. It's always been my suspicion that the politicos try to get on the "good" list just before the holidays, whilst making the "naughty" list the rest o' the year. I guess nobody wants the Jolly Ole Elf to put coal in their stocking. Soooo, each year things slow down jest a tad.

Last week the Bored of Ed and the City Council had their chairman elections, and it looks like a famous political name is back in the news. This time, the chairman of the BOE is a Tallamelli. Over the

years, the name, going back to old Will Tallamelli, has been a political force in the area, mostly in the second districk from whence it hailed. They were part o' the Johnson strain of the party in the old days - Freddie Johnson. Of course, Wayne was chairman of the party for a loooooong stretch.

I guess, according to Sammy Bluejay, with the sweep o' the Rossi wing o' the party into party - like I said, we can't call it the Picard faction anymore - they wanted one o' the ir own in the chairmanship, and Rosemary Russo isn't one o' their team. Everyone knew going in what was gonna happen, and the usual posturing came about.

We've seen these things before. The people making the biggest bellyache about Russo losing the chairmanship and what a great job she did (which she did) would have thrown over a supporter of any other faction effen the show was on the other foot,

make no mistake about it. So the feigned outrage was jest a bit hard to take.

Meanwhile, over in the City Council, Sammy sez that things went on perty much as expected. Ron Quagliani was re-elected chairman of the council. He attempts to stay outta the factionalism, and seems to keep things on the straight and narrow. The last council session, though it had one or two hiccups, was probably the least contentious two years we've seen in some time.

That ain't to say the next two years are gonna be a piece of cake. This berg has a way of making simple things hard, and hard things unbearable, politically speaking. The Haven project is gonna be coming up for scrutiny in the next little while, and it should be interesting to see how that progresses through what legislative hurdles are left. Stay tuned.

*Nelly Nuthatch was by t'other afternoon, and said that whilst Ed Granfield has been chomping at the bit waiting for something to happen with the Charter Revision and its going before the voters, something, in fact, did happen. Nelly sez that a question was put together by the barristers that work for the city, and that, though it is filled with the legalese that one would expeck in setch a thing, the thing feared most ain't gonna transpire.*

*The chairman and John Carra-*

*no, his Democratic counterpart, were worried that the barristers were gonna do damage when the question came out, and maybe even succumb to the politicos attempts to make it a multiple-question ballot. Whilst the barrister were against that, yew know how politics plays around here.*

*Tennyrate, the question that will go to the voters will be single and it will be an up or down vote. That is a good thing. Just reminding yew, the big fear was that pulling it out and making three or four questions, could spell the end of it all. All the voters had to do was reject one of the questions and the entire thing would be deep-sixed. The committee wove together a charter that is so interdependent on itself that ripping out one section would do damage to the entire document.*

*Well, that seems to be something that is not going to happen.*

Iva Loothey had another part o' the charter revision story. It seems the City Council will cobble together a "charter revision education effort" it was called by Iva. This will be some type of town hall, q and a session that will give John and Jane Q. the updates they might want concerning the draft document. There have been some people on the council who're somewhat concerned that the public don't know enuff about the draft.

This effort will allay some o' those fears, Iyam told, and it will give some of the members

of the council the assurance that the due diligence was handled correckly.

When Iva told me this, I must say that Cobina was blunt. Effen I were the members of the revision panel, I would stay alert, this berg has a history of mucking things up, and this caper is primed to be mucked up by the politicos. We shall see.

*Madame Olga rang up Cobina t'other day, and we got to talking about things that might happen after the foist of the year. With the election of candidates in the odd year, the new town committees are elected the next even year. Well, that's what we talked about, and Olga said her crystal ball wasn't givin' any secrets thus far.*

*On the Demmie side, the election gave the Rossi faction full control of the wheel of state, if yew will, and it's thought that it will perty much lock up the Democratic Town Committee when those selections are done in February. The caucus is held, and effen there are contested seats in the various districks they go to primary. Over the last few years, we've had a citywide primary virtually every two years since the 1990s. That's how segmented the Demmies are.*

*Come that caucus, we wonder effen there will be a primary come March. Who knows? With things the way they are and people still not talking to each other, it's always a possibility. However, this time it's with Rossi and her people fully in control of the throttle.*

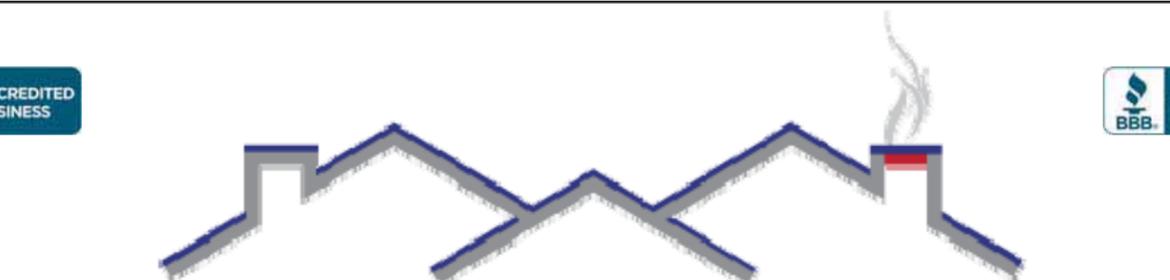
Olga had some things to say about the Republican Town Committee, though. She's fully seeing that there will be some intramural high jinx between those supporting Pat Libero, the current chairman, and those who were supportive of Michele Gregorio, the defeated GOP mayoral candidate. As yew remember, there was a close vote in the July caucus betwixt Gregorio and Steven Mullins. It perty much split the 60-member panel, and led to the foist GOP primary for mayor in memory. Gregorio took the vote, but that didn't mean that everyone made nice afterwards. There are still some perty ticked off individuals.

How this plays out after the New Year is anyone's guess. Olga seems to think things ain't gonna smooth over jest yet, and that, probably, there will be something that might lead to a primary in March. Won't that be interesting? Our reporter Josh LaBella uncovered some real distrust betwixt the sides, so it'll be interesting to see effen that distrust lasts. We shall see.

Mitt luff und kizzez,  
*Cobina*

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# Soderman a hero for the ages

By Vic Hogfeldt  
Special to the Voice

When I was a kid WWII still loomed large in the public imagination, as it should have. Records show that at least 108 sons of West Haven were lost in that war from a town with only about half its current population. My Italian-American grandmother, Mary Damcis, who owned a home on Washington Avenue, told me when I was a boy that there were five Gold Star mothers between Brown and Main Streets. Everybody lost somebody. West Haven gave more than its fair share.

My dad was a World War II 8th Air Force combat veteran and a Yale graduate. He supported our family on a tire builder's salary from Armstrong Rubber. We were a URW family and, by the time I was nine, I knew what a contract was and who scabs were. We also knew Bill Soderman, the first and only West Havener ever to receive the Medal of Honor. My father's family, the Hogfeldt's, had emigrated from Denmark and moved to Brown Street in the 1920s. Bill's family came from Sweden, and most of the Scandinavian families in West Haven at the time were linked by the ethnic social organizations to which they belonged, such as the Danish Sisterhood and the Swedish Apollo Society. West Haven was a tightly-knit community back then, and folks tended to watch out for one another. At one point we almost bought Bill's house on First Ave. Bill worked at the VA for many years and my dad always said that he was one of the quietest guys he'd ever met.

When Billy Soderman played football at West Haven High, they didn't have signs on the walls saying "If it's mean, INTERVENE!" On Dec. 17, 1944 Bill didn't need any signs. But he sure as hell intervened.

Pvt. Soderman's terrible day began near Rocherath, Belgium with an enormous German artillery barrage, a cataclysm of fire, blood, and steel which cut his infantry battalion to pieces. It was a portion of what became known as the Battle of the Bulge, a ferocious and totally unexpected Nazi

counter-attack moving west deep into Belgium through Allied lines in the Ardennes Forest.

The "Bulge" occurred during the worst northern European winter in 50 years, with heavy snows and below zero temps that lasted for several weeks, exactly the kind of weather Hitler was counting on to keep tank-busting American Thunderbolt and RAF Typhoon aircraft off his back while his boys made their big move. It would result in more American casualties than any battle before or since, even greater than Gettysburg, when American fought American during the Civil War.

The European war was supposed to be over by Christmas. American military intelligence unanimously believed that as of December the Wehrmacht lacked the capacity to mount a serious counter-offensive. US military production had been allowed to dip that fall, and GI's on the ground lacked sufficient cold-weather gear to fight a winter war. Not so the Germans, whose own military production actually peaked in November despite a vigorous bombing campaign by the US Air Force and the RAF. Their army also had extensive cold-weather combat experience in Russia and Norway.

Bill's outfit, the 2nd Infantry Division, had been in nearly constant combat since coming ashore in June on D-Day plus 2. Thirty-two-year-old Private Soderman had demonstrated proficiency with the bazooka back in July when he knocked out a German tank on Hill 192 in France on the road to Saint-Lo. He was now armed with the latest version of that weapon, proudly made by General Electric on Barnum Ave. in Bridgeport, but also requiring its shooter to get real close to a tank for a likely kill. A poorly placed shot would not stop a large tank like a Panther or a Tiger and a bad angle would cause the rocket to bounce harmlessly off the hull.

On the night of Dec. 17 Bill knew that stealth and surprise would be his only allies, and that to effectively destroy a big tank, he would have to get that rocket into the crew compartment where its ammuni-

tion was stored. Regardless, the flash of the bazooka would instantly give away his position, drawing fire from every enemy gun in the vicinity.

The German attack began with such speed and violence that there was simply no time for Bill's unit to evacuate its wounded. Initially, Bill volunteered to stay behind in order to attempt to hand the wounded over to the attacking Nazis, a dubious plan since at that very moment in this offensive the SS at Malmedy were shooting captured Americans in cold blood.

Bill's commanders knew that an assault by German panzers and infantry would quickly follow their artillery. It was then that Bill decided to take the war into his own freezing hands. He was trained as a bazooka man operating in a two-man team. Bill was the shooter and his partner the loader. But his partner had been wounded in the preceding artillery attack, so Bill had to act alone.

In the growing winter darkness of that December afternoon, Bill lugged a bazooka and several canvas bags filled with rockets into the snowy woods, as well as fragmentation grenades, his M1 carbine and a .45 Colt sidearm. This private was packing some real heat.

He figured that if he could conceal himself beside the narrow road, he might be able to dart out of the woods, shoot a lead tank, and thus block the advance of an armored column. If he moved quickly



William A. Soderman was just a 32-year-old GI from First Avenue, but his actions in 1944 made him a hero for all time.

enough back into the darkened woods, the accompanying German infantry might not be able to see who or what was shooting at their tanks. This might provide precious time for Bill's battered unit to withdraw to the Elsenborn Ridge four miles to the west.

A few minutes later an American with binoculars spotted five Mark V Panther tanks rounding a bend in the road several hundred yards in the distance. Suddenly a figure sprang out onto the icy road in front of the lead tank,

crouched down 15 feet from it, and fired a bazooka. Somebody yelled that the guy must be nuts. The tank exploded, creating an enormous fireball which incinerated its crew and blocked the road.

Every other American with two good legs was running like hell in the opposite direction. Bill's night of tank killing had just begun. As military historian William Cavanaugh has written, "Private Soderman began his own private war."

To be continued.

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### December Events

Sunday December Sunday, December 22 at 4:00 pm  
"Light of Hope" - Free musical concert (rescheduled from Dec 8)

Monday, December 24 at 4:00 pm  
Family Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 24 at 7:00 pm  
Traditional Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service

Tuesday, December 25 at 6:30 am  
Christmas Worship

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## Impeachment 'present' readied by Democrats

As we approach the Christmas holiday, it seems the Democrats in Congress are going to give the American people a gift, but it is not one that seems to be very popular. The oldest political party in the world is going to gift-wrap an impeachment vote on the floor of the US House of Representatives this week. In fact, by the time this editorial is read, it might have been done already. The vote will be the culmination of a three-year temper tantrum by the Dems, who have proven nothing regarding impeachment, but everything regarding their ability – or suitability – to lead the nation.

To call the impeachment proceedings in both the Intelligence Committee of the House, run by California Rep. Adam Schiff, or that in the Judiciary Committee, run by New York Rep. Jerald Nadler, fair, proper and fact-driven, would be a mockery to terms. They have been nothing but a cavalcade of left-wing academics with axes to grind and professional bureaucrats looking to protect their turf. Nothing, absolutely nothing, has been factual.

But in the process we've learned something about so-called "progressive" governance, and the media that clamors for it.

As we've said before, the basis of Progressivism from the early 20th Century onward has been the distrust of the average voter, and the belief that a benign class of experts and operatives would rule the nation. After all, the rubes that vote can't be trusted to do the right thing. In his early statements, for example, former NYC mayor Michael Bloomberg has as much as said so, and anyone looking at his record while mayor will see a pattern of top-down governance "for their own good."

Indeed, the socialist model that so many in the Democratic Party espouse is because the "deplorables" cannot be allowed to rule themselves. It takes a paternalistic group of politicians to show them the way. This will be done by taxation of things they shouldn't have, control of health care, and divvying out "free stuff" in the form of education, child care, etc. No, Miss Ocasio-Cortez, these are not public goods.

The media, meanwhile, has shown that it has ceased to "speak truth to power" and did it long before Donald J. Trump was elected. We must remind our readers that for eight years anything negative about Barack Hussein Obama was as radioactive to the media as saying anything nice about Trump is now. Despite the obvious use of governmental authority against its enemies, incompetence in world affairs and wasting the government's treasury, nothing got past the censors in the media.

The mainstream media is a propaganda arm of the Democratic Party because they espouse the same ideologies, attended the same schools, and live in the same neighborhoods.

The impeachment has set in aspic the facts that corruption in the Democratic Party, the federal bureaucracy and the media is working against the needs and desires of the electorate. Trump stands in the way of these actors to remake the nation, and set it into the machinery of a globalist, socialist solar system.

We are eerily reminded of the words of George H.W. Bush, a globalist, following the first Iraq War concerning the emergence of a "new world order." That is, in fact, what we are seeing today unfold before our eyes.



## Social fabric pulling apart

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

The economy is in robust good health, but our social fabric isn't.

By two basic measures of social vitality, births and deaths, American society is faltering. Both the fertility rate and life expectancy are declining, in a sign that people feel less secure and, in some cases, have no hope at all.

We are attuned to headline-grabbing economic statistics -- GDP growth, the unemployment rate, wages -- as monthly and quarterly metrics of American well-being, but they aren't as telling as these more fundamental indicators.

To put it bluntly, contemporary America is characterized by less pro-creation and more self-destruction. This suggests something is profoundly wrong with the state of the union, although it doesn't receive the attention and the debate it deserves.

The fertility rate in 2018 dropped for the fourth straight year. It has hit a record low, and has fallen 15% since 2007. With the recovery after the Great Recession, the rate bumped up a little in 2014 before receding again.

Part of the story is a steep drop over the years in teenage pregnancy, a welcome and

long-sought development. Women in their 20s have also been having fewer children, though. The trend is toward women delaying having children and having fewer of them.

As demographer Lyman Stone notes, the survey data tends to show that women still want kids, in fact perhaps more children than before. But later-in-life childbearing is inherently more difficult, and student debt, high housing costs and intense parental investment in children make having kids more burdensome (or at least feel that way).

While we now have fewer births, the death rate is increasing. A new study published in JAMA notes that after stalling out in 2010, life expectancy in the country has been declining since 2014, down from 78.9 years to 78.6 in 2017.

The U.S. has been losing ground to other countries in life expectancy since the 1980s. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, it now has the lowest life expectancy among comparable advanced nations.

The decline isn't hitting older Americans, who are still making improvements, but is cutting down people in the prime of their life, ages 25-64. "The odds," Lyman Stone writes, "that a 32-year-old will die in a

given year rose by almost 25% between 2012-14 and 2015-17. American adulthood has suddenly become more lethal than it has been in decades."

Drug overdoses are a major driver (midlife mortality from drug overdoses has increased almost 400% over the past 20 years), with liver disease and suicide also contributing.

In 2017, an astonishing 150,000 Americans died from drug or alcohol abuse and suicide, more than U.S. combat deaths in World War I, the Korean War and the Vietnam War combined. Evidence suggests that the increased mortality is concentrated among persons with lower levels of education and income.

If we can get a handle on the opioid crisis, it will make an enormous difference, but the trends in life expectancy and fertility ought to occasion soul-searching. How is it that a society as technologically advanced and affluent as ours can't provide a more inviting environment for childbearing or the supports to keep people from doing themselves grievous harm?

Even if there are no ready policy answers, the question must be asked.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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Dear Gripe Vine Readers:  
I have received complaints concerning this illegal dumping and have sent them out to the affected councilmen. No results: I thought I would like you to read the following notes and look at these photos.



**ELEANORE TURKINGTON**

Dear Eleanore Turkington:  
This is what Stevens Ave near the VALooks like quite frequently. Unfortunately it is private property without any lighting or fence to deter it from happening.

I would like to thank the public works crew that cleaned all that trash, furniture, multiple sets of tires up on Saturday Nov 30th! They did a great job! So thanks!  
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Stevens Avenue Resident  
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4wh@aol.com, or send it via US Mail to Gripe Vine, c/o West Haven Voice, 840 Boston Post Road, Box 4. Please include your name, address and telephone number. All information will be kept confidential  
*Ed. Note: Eleanore Turkington was under the weather last week, and sent this over as her column. We hope she feels better by the time this hits the streets.*



Residents are dumping trash in the area near the I-95 bridge on Stevens Avenue. City crews were called in to take care of the problem, which is ongoing.

## Tax bills go out Jan. 1

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

The second installment of city tax bills — real estate, personal property, motor vehicle and sewer — are due Jan. 1.

The 2018 supplemental motor vehicle bills are in the process of being mailed for vehicles registered after Oct. 1, 2018, and are also due Jan. 1. Payments after Feb. 3 are considered delinquent and subject to interest, Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli said.

The tax office is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St. The city has an ATM outside the office. Taxpayers can make a payment at [www.cityofwesthaven.com](http://www.cityofwesthaven.com) and clicking on Tax Collector under the Government heading.

Sewer bills are on the same page but under a separate heading. Tax payment history can also be viewed and printed.

The fees for credit cards and electronic checks are posted on the city website and outside the tax office.

During tax season, Dec. 23-Feb. 3, current taxes can be paid by the drop box outside the tax office from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Current taxes can also be paid by mail to the tax office lockbox, P.O. Box 150461, Hartford 06115-0461. When paying by lockbox or drop box, the canceled check is the receipt.

After Feb. 3, taxes with interest can be paid by mail to the Office of the Tax Collector, P.O. Box 401, West Haven 06516. Payments can also be made in person.

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

By Eleanore Turkington

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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## Y2K, The Year 2000

Any child who grew up in the 1950s or 1960s will remember a popular cartoon program about a family known as The Jetsons.

The Jetson family reflected

the vision that most of us believed would become reality by The Year 2000 and beyond. Naturally, George Jetson, his wife Jane, their two children and their dog Astro toiled through the air in an aero-

car, since surface transportation had become outmoded. George worked two hours a day, and Jane had a robot named Rosie who handled the housework.

The Boy watched The Jet-

sons every Sunday night during 1962 and 1963, and after that on Saturday mornings as it went into reruns.

He had no doubt that this was his future.

But life doesn't always work out as we plan.

By 1999 there were no aerocars in existence, except for Doc Brown's DeLorean, as featured in that iconic movie from 1985, Back to the Future. As The Year 2000 approached, the world had much uncertainty to worry about, including end-of-the world predictions, and the lesser fear of the Y2K Virus, which we believed might shut down computer operations, taking with it our utilities, communication, everything.

Newspaper headlines and magazine covers in 1999 had much to say, including: The day the earth will stand still; All banks will fail; Food supplies will be depleted; Electricity will be cut off; The stock market will crash; Vehicles using computer chips will stop dead; Telephones will cease to function; Domino effect will cause a worldwide depression; Nostradamus Predictions for 2000.

And so it was that the cautious New Haven Register for Jan. 1, 2000 was actually delivered to newsstands and newspaper carriers before sundown on New Year's Eve.

And as parties and celebra-



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tions began, the world waited and watched with some degree of trepidation.

And of course, Jan.1, 2000 came and went with it no real calamities or inconveniences. And since that day 20years have passed, bringing new problems and new fears to replace the old ones. And along with those passing years has come a whole new generation of young adults who have no memories of



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## Council: Public speaks out

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Library funding became a focal point during the budgetary process last year. Dozens of supporters flocked to meetings to speak on the importance of the service the library system provides in West Haven.

Ted Brown of Allingtown discussed the sale of city property in his borough. He claimed the citizens of the area have little input on what development projects are in their area. He referenced the tax abatements granted to Acorn Group developments and said the citizens are shouldering the burden developments were supposed to offset. He also spoke to the ever-contentious Haven project.

"You got a Haven [The Haven mall development] over here," said Brown. "Malls are obsolete. You've got to get to that. They're obsolete. Everybody is shopping on the internet. If we are going to survive as a city, we better wake up."

One primary part of the councils work on Monday night was the creation of a Charter Revision Education and Outreach Committee. The committee will be a key part of helping citizens make an informed decision when deciding the fate of the charter revision that was approved last session.

"This committee will be tasked with educating the citizens of West Haven," said Councilwoman Robbin Hamilton, the chairman of the council's Charter Revision Committee. "This commission will be charged with establishing, executing, and campaigning to educate the public to the proposed changes and will also be required to submit a report of their work to the city of West Haven council."

If approved, the charter revisions would bring substantial changes for the city, not the least of which would be the mayor joining the City Council as the leader and thirteenth member of the body. In the mayor's place, a city manager would act as the chief officer of the city.

Charter Revision Commission had been asked if they would serve on this new committee last session, with some City Council members saying those members would be best at educating the public. The details are still to be worked out.

# Libero sees the city's potential

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

As a teacher, principal, justice of the peace, Board of Education member and chairman of the Republican Town Committee, Pat Libero has dedicated her life to public service. She said she sees the potential of the city.

Libero, who was born and raised in West Haven, said she went to Southern after graduating from Lauralton Hall in Milford. She studied special education as well as eventually getting her master's and sixth-year degree there.

"I started at Pagels and taught there for 27 years," said Libero. "I did a lot of different things when I was there. I loved the school. I loved the community. I was like the teacher in charge. I ran meetings and covered classes. So, it's not like I stayed in my little special ed circle."

In between having her first and second child, Libero said she went back to school to get her administrative degree as she wanted to be a principal. She got her first job as principal in 2001 at Bailey Middle school.

Eighteen months later, she was hired to be assistant principal at the high school.

"Then I went to Carrigan for five years as principal," said Libero. "I went to Mackrille for my last year."

The former principal said in all her roles she found it important to listen to students and their parents. Libero retired in 2011 and said she has had a different job every year. She is hoping to work in Southern's school of education starting in January.

It was in 2011 that Libero was elected to the Board of Education. She said she wanted to take her experience as an educator and continue to work to improve the quality of West Havens school system.

"I guess I just wanted to stay involved," said Libero. "I think when you go from being a teacher to a principal or assistant principal it's a whole different perspective of things you didn't know."

Libero said being an administrator and then a board member allowed her to see the reasoning behind big policy decisions that teachers have to carry out. She said one issue she now has a greater understanding of the budget process for the board of education.

As she just won reelection to the board this November, Libero said she hopes they can hire a grant writer and a public relations specialist for the school system. She said the former can help them gain additional funding for the schools while the latter can

keep the parents of West Haven students informed on the day-to-day news or important breaking stories, which she thinks is important.

She also said she hopes the board can work on reintroducing introductory courses in sewing, cooking, woodwork and other shop classes in pre-high school curriculums.

Libero had been a longtime member of the RTC when she decided to run for the chairman position. She said she was encouraged to run by outgoing chair and former mayoral candidate Michele Gregorio as well as State Representative Charles Ferraro.

The past election was a "bit of a learning curve" for the party. Libero said they learned a lot about fundraising. They also had a primary, which was rare for the republicans of West Haven.

"Instead of unifying us, the primaries have had the opposite effect," said Libero. "I think we need to sit down as a group and decide what direction we are going in as well as redefine what our goals are."

Libero said it can be hard for people not to take things personally in local level politics. According to her, it is important that they not "burn bridges" with the people they live with.

The issues the party is going through just come with the territory of the growth and change they are experiencing, said the chairwoman. She said mistakes are going to be made

and it is on her and others to mitigate them and continue forward.

According to Libero, there is ample opportunity for development in the city. She said there are a lot of people with

good ideas that could spark improvement who are turned off by the "inner circle politics" that create barriers to entering the space. She described the issue as something that needed to be addressed.

Libero said she is very proud of the school system and the city of West Haven, even if it makes her "crazy sometimes." She said when push comes to shove, Westies pull together and support one another.



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Pat Libero seems potential in the city and has put her money where her mouth is, working in various capacities to bring out that potential. She is shown with her grandchildren Evan and Mia Capozzi.

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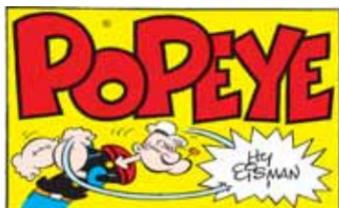
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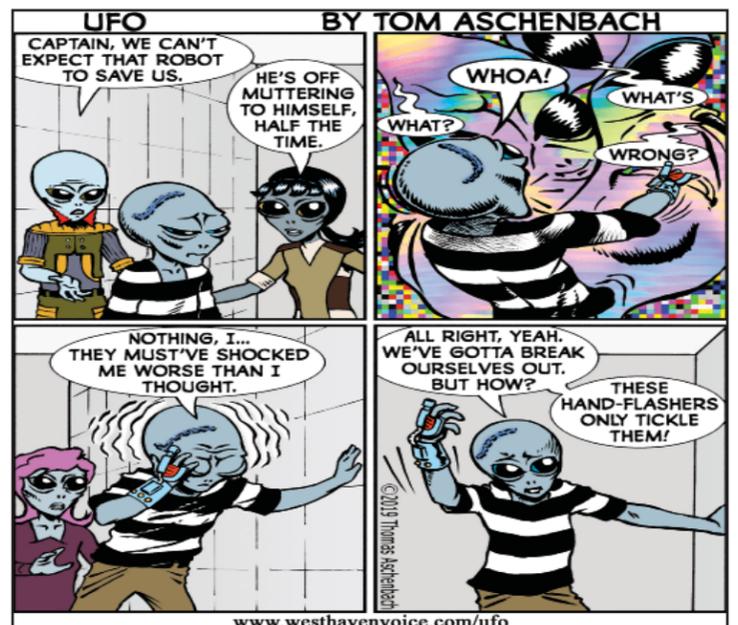


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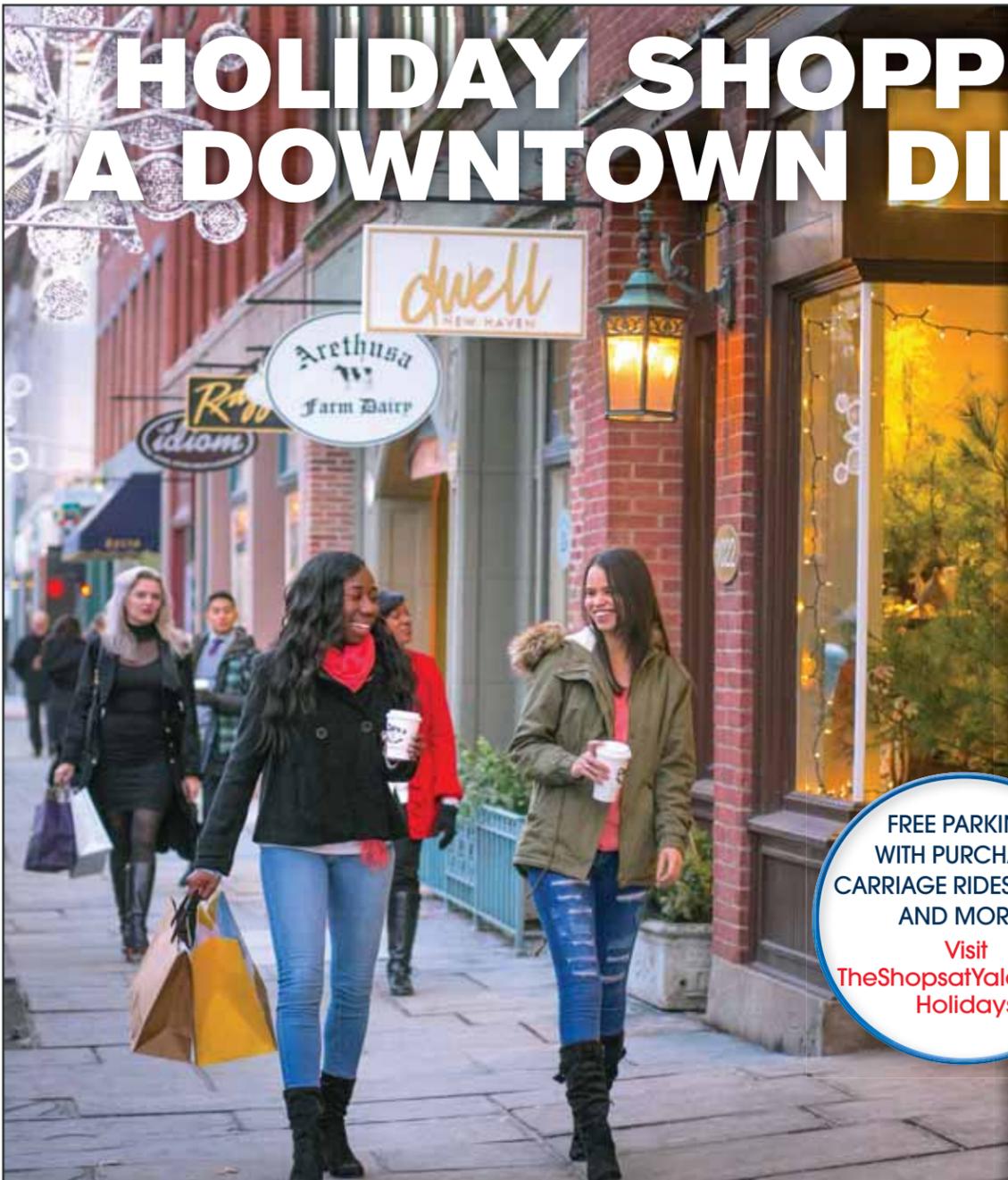
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## Season is underway!

The West Haven Biddy Basketball League got its 2019-2020 season underway recently with teams playing a full slate of games. The league teaches the basics of the sport so players can advance to other other levels as they get older. Hockey began in October, but most basketball leagues open this month and play until March.



## Mariano heading to Radford in the fall

The Notre Dame baseball program has a history of its players achieving their dream of playing at the next level.

The latest in a long list of baseball alumni playing at the Division I collegiate level made it official today when Maxwell Mariano inked his letter of intent to play at Radford University next season. Mariano signed his LOI in the Team Room at Notre Dame, enjoying the moment with family, friends, and coaches.

Mariano chose Radford over Seton Hall, Bryant and South Carolina Upstate. He is now looking forward to his senior season this spring before heading south for his college career.

Mariano said, "Radford was the final choice for a lot of reasons, but mainly because it is in a nice location and I loved the facilities and coaches. I also thought it was a perfect academic fit for me."

Radford is located in Radford, Virginia and plays out of the Big South Conference. Last

year, the Highlanders went 30-27 overall and finished second with a 19-8 record in conference games. They reached the third round of the Big South Championships.

Mariano, an all-State selection as a junior last season, has helped the Green Knights to a 37-32 record in his three years as a varsity starter for head coach Donald Martone '87.

Martone said, "The main thing about Max is that I have watched him mature as a freshman starter to a captain. The maturation process as a player has been a metamorphosis as a I have watched him grow to become a role model for our program and it's not because he can hit the ball out of the park. It's the little things like sprinting out of the box to second base on a ball to the outfield and on and off the field."

Martone added, "Max certainly has the skills to play at a high level. He has all the tools to be successful at the Division I level, the most important of

which is his mental approach and love of the game. Those attributes will allow him to flourish once he gets on campus because he will be challenged every practice, every pitch, and every game."

As a junior in the spring of 2019, Mariano led the team in seven offensive categories. He hit .357 with 30 hits on the season, including three doubles, four triples, and two home runs, all of which led the team.

His biggest swing of the spring last season came against Daniel Hand in the quarterfinal round. His two-run homer proved to be the difference in an eventual 7-3 Green Knight win. Mariano struck out only six times in 97 plate appearances.

He also scored 25 runs and collected 12 RBIs. The team lost 8-3 to Berlin in the semifinal round of the Class L tournament.

Over his career, Mariano has played in 59 games, which includes missing the later part of his freshman season due to an

injury. He has 60 career hits, 44 runs scored, and 38 RBIs heading into his senior campaign.

Notre Dame will begin pre-

paring for its spring season when practice starts on Saturday, March 21.



MAXWELL MARIANO



Submitted Photo

The West Haven Wizards, sponsored by the Park-Rec Dept., is off to a fast start in defense of their Yankee League title. The squad had a convincing win over Watertown's Warriors, last week, and look to add another win with a Saturday clash against Madison at the WHHS pool.

# Wizards topple Watertown, 471-201

The West Haven Wizards swim team won its second meet of the season against the Watertown Warriors convincingly by a score of 471-201. Wizards are now 2-0 on the season.

The Wizards started out strong by winning first place in nearly all age groups in the medley relays. However, it was in the individual events that the Wizard swimmers showed their strength, speed and persistence. There were many close races and best time throughout the meet, but most impressive were the 11 events, where the Wizards swept first, second and third

place.

For the 9/10 boys 100-yard freestyle, CJ Sutton, Daniel Orozco and Ethan Burgard took the top spots and in the very next event, the 11/12 trio of Lucas Vital, Marco Ayala and AJ Meglio beat out the Warriors for the top spots in their 100-yard freestyle. Next, the 15-and-over girls took the top spots in consecutive events. The 100-yard butterfly was led by Kaelyn Falanga, Madison Hobart and Katherine Ayala and the 200-yard freestyle by Falanga, Jillian Goldbeck and Hannah Rascoll.

The 9/10 boys came back to the blocks

for the 50-yard backstroke where Sutton, Aiden Giannettino and Xander Wight won the event, followed by the 13/14 girl's trio of Kaleigh Morton, Lauren Blake and Adriana Giachino doing the same in the 100-yard backstroke.

Next up were the Individual medley events. For the 9/10 boys, Daniel Orozco, Ray Listorti and Wight led the field in the 100-yard individual medley, 13/14 girls; Kaleigh Morton, Christina Ayala and Giachino finishing as the top three in their 200-yard individual medley and the 15 & over girls finished

strong with Kaya Vital, Molly Wilson and Alana Orecchio taking all three top spots.

Closing out the individual events, the 9/10 boy's trio of Sutton, Burgard and Sean Fitzpatrick finished on top in the 50 yard-freestyle followed by Aarya Mulmi, Carli Cassone and Lia Hey sprinting to finish on top in the 11/12 girls 50-yard freestyle.

The Wizard's next meet will be Saturday at home against the Madison Marlins. For more information on the West Haven Wizards please visit our website at [www.westhavenwizards.org](http://www.westhavenwizards.org).

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# Mite C skaters pick up first win

The West Haven Mite C team picked up its first win of its young, inaugural season with a thrilling come-from-behind victory over the Wallingford Mite C's in Northford, Saturday morning. Logan Minio picked up a hat trick, with Ben Trenchard getting assists on Minio's first two goals.

Julius Stokes, Evan Harrison and Joey Mondo broke up several Wallingford plays in front of the Westie net, helping protect goalie Tony Parise, who had several key saves in the game. Brady Salkins and Jax Guarino worked hard on both sides of the puck, getting it forward to create chances and back checking to play defense. Kyle Johnson also scored twice late in the game to spark the comeback for the West Haven Mite C's.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team dropped both of its games this weekend and fell to 12-11-0 in CHC play. The Westies lost to Greater New Haven A, 7-1, and Ridgefield A, 3-2.

On Saturday afternoon at the Northford Ice Pavilion, the GNH Warriors and Blue Devils skated evenly for two periods. GNH scored in the first period for a 1-0 lead. The score remained 1-0 through the second period as the Westies killed off multiple penalties including a 5-on-3 disadvantage. Goaltender Jacob Silva made several clutch saves.

The Warriors went up 2-0 when the puck deflected off a Westies' skate early in the third. West Haven got right

back into the game with a power play goal two minutes later. Matt Kelly passed to Alex Bowery who quickly found Ronnie Mastroni. The winger put a great move on a defenseman and then wristed a shot over the goalie to make it 2-1. Penalties proved too costly down the stretch as GNH scored three power play goals and pulled away. Silva was valiant with 25 saves.

On Sunday morning at Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Westies hosted Ridgefield. The teams skated to a scoreless tie into the second period when Ridgefield took a 1-0 lead on a 4-on-3 power play goal.

The Blue Devils responded early in the third period. Sean Studley worked the puck up the boards and centered to Alex Bowery who slid it through the five hole to tie it at 1-1. Ridgefield then scored a power play goal and a short-handed goal within a minute of each other to go up 3-1.

Connor Moriarty got the Westies within a score when he fired a shot off the goalie and in for a power play tally with six minutes left in the game. West Haven could not muster the equalizer in the final minutes. Greg Galasso made 17 saves in net for the Westies.

The West Haven Peewee AA travel hockey team traveled to Red Bank Armory in New Jersey to face the Red Bank Generals AA on Saturday and played to a 2-2 tie.

Nick Salzano broke up a pass off the stick of a General send-

ing it to Nick Eberhart who went the rest of the way before beating the goalie with a wrister for a 1-0 lead halfway through the first period. The Generals took the lead in the second period, going up 2-1 over the Devils.

Late in the second period, Brody DiNuzzo picked off a pass in the defensive zone before going the distance, beating the goalie with his backhand and knotting the game at 2-2.

The game ended in a 2-2 tie in regulation as would the Devils 18-game winning streak. Nate Kempton and Tyler Donroe gave up a goal each, but were outstanding in net making numerous saves.

On Sunday, the team hosted Mass Outlaws at Bennett Rink in the final EJEPL game of the season for the Devils and posted a 12-0 victory. DiNuzzo provided what would be the game winner just 13 seconds into the game after picking up a loose puck in the neutral zone and beating the goalie on a wrister unassisted. John Donohue finished with a hat trick and two assists. Nick Salzano had a hat trick as well. DiNuzzo finished with two goals, two assists, Mascari had two goals and one assist, Gabe Locklear and Tim Donohue had one goal and two assists each. Nicky Stevens had a pair of assists, Connor Benz and Beckett Stenz each had an assist. Thomas Porto and Eberhart played well and Jack Alois was outstanding on defense. Nate Kempton and Donroe

combined for the shutout.

Peewee AA team finished the EJ regular season with a record of 15-1, and outscored opponents, 98-22.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team posted a win and a tie this weekend. The Westies opened the week with a 5-2 victory over Central at the Edward L. Bennett Rink Saturday morning. Cam Delvecchio led the way with three goals and an assist. West Haven took a 3-0 lead in the first period and never looked back.

Jayden Spreyer scored an unassisted goal 2:52 into the contest, before Delvecchio scored off assists from Spreyer and Josh Gyolai 1:10 later. Delvecchio increased the lead to three goals off an assist from Spreyer with 5:56 left in the period.

Leading by two goals, West Haven increased the margin to 4-1 when Mickey Dowd scored off assists from Michael Madera and Delvecchio, who also added a goal with 56 seconds remaining in the contest. Bryan Hong was once again solid in goal, making numerous saves behind the defense of Haygen Axelrod, Jason Alling, Gyolai, and Matt Stevens.

Dante Hardt, Will Giaquinto and Kyle Droney also played well in the contest. West Haven battled back from a 3-1 deficit to post a 4-4 tie against Greenwich Skate Club at Dorothy Hammill Rink Sunday afternoon. Even at three, Dowd scored off assists from Alling and Delvecchio for a 4-3 advantage, before Greenwich rallied to tie the contest.

The West Haven Bantam B travel hockey team had a win and a tie this weekend.

On Saturday, the team traveled to Westminster to play Simsbury and posted a 7-0 victory.

Ashley Welch started the scoring for the Westies 29 seconds into the game on a pass from Zack Fonda. Yousaf Ullah, Alex Kurowski, and Carson Lee extended the lead by the end of the first period.

Matty Wright, off an assist

from Cody Rocchio, and Fonda, off an assist from Welch, added goals in the second period.

Welch connected from Fonda in the third to end the scoring and seal the 7-0 shutout win for Austin Fruin and the Westies.

On Sunday, the Westies faced off against the Greenwich Skating club at Bennett Rink and played to a 5-5 tie.

The Westies fell behind by two goals early in the first period but tied the game on goals from Max Ginsberg (Taylor Alfano assisted) and Yousaf Ullah (unassisted). West Haven then gave up two more goals before the end of the first period.

Rocchio picked up a rebound off Fonda's shot to get the Westies within one goal. Wright scored an unassisted goal to tie the game up in the first minute of the third period.

Yousaf Ullah (unassisted) add the go-ahead goal minutes later, but Greenwich would tie the game.

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team fell 7-2 to Greenwich Skating Club A at Bennett Rink on Saturday.

The Blue Devils played solid on defense in the opening period, limiting Greenwich to one goal in the first 10 minutes until the Wings scored with 1:53 left to take a 2-0 lead. The Westies pulled within one at 0:54 of the first, when center Grady Schulte drained a shot in front of the net on a play set up by forwards Aedan Guarino and Cameren Lipford.

In the second, the Blue Devils continued to skate hard and pressure the Wings, with goaltender Alex Werle's quick glove and stick keeping the Westies in the game. The gritty style of play paid off. At 7:04 of the period, Lipford picked up the loose puck in the Greenwich zone, deked a defender and toe-dragged it by another defender before firing a wrist-shot high to the blocker side to tie it 2-2. The Wings took over and went on to score four unanswered goals.

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### Ball control!

Mike Finnegan attempts to maneuver the ball through a maze of players in West Haven Bidy Basketball action last weekend. The league opened up its new season with a full slate of games, and will play weekly through March.



### Ice Jamboree set for Friday

West Haven High School's boys' hockey team is sponsoring its annual Jackie Coyle Jamboree on Friday night at the Edward L. Bennett Rink, beginning at 6:30.

Four teams are included in the round-robin format, which will pit each team in four 20-minute periods. The schedule calls for:

- Game 1 - West Haven vs ND;
- Game 2- West Haven vs Amity;
- Game 3- ND vs Fairfield Warde;
- Game 4- Amity vs Fairfield Warde.

## Panthers upend Blue Devils

West Haven Girls Basketball continued its junior division schedule with the Bruins and Panthers remaining unbeaten through the first three games.

The Chuck's Garage Panthers upended the Prospect Fish and Game Blue Devils, 22-4, as Kylie Gibbons, Jaearrah Mitchell and Hayden Holm erupted for 10 first-quarter points.

Jaceianna Mitchell and Aleyia Lachance also scored for the Panthers.

The Blue Devils were led by

the play of Annause Costello and Timyra Rodgers.

The Emmett's Auto Bruins, used eight points from Amare Bennett and four points from Jada Turner, downed the TBNG Eagles, 16-8, to remain unbeaten.

Samantha Boyd and Sarah Went also scored for the Bruins. Perez Rosario, Hailey Locus, Jayda Ciliberti and Ava Sorbo led the offense for the Eagles.

The Gunning Law Huskies

got a combined 20 points from Taryn Walker and Ella McDonnell in their 30-12 win over the Oyster River Cardinals.

Katie Mondo scored six points and Finley Gunning and Jazzlyn Arrington also scored in the win for the Huskies.

Cristel Miguel scored six points and Peyton Davis, Cali Zeigler and Ava Oshomah accounted for the Cardinals scoring.

Action continues this week.

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The winter sports season is set to begin in basketball.

The West Haven Voice would like to remind league publicists and coaches of the requirements for weekly reports. All leagues are to have one publicist through whom all stories come. Our rule is: we will edit it, headline it and print it, but we will not write it.

Coaches are reminded to check with their league officials as to the protocol

to be followed in order to have games published in the Voice. No individual games will be accepted. All games must be through the league's publicist.

Deadline for copy is Tuesday at 10 a.m. unless prior clearance is given by the editor for a later submission. All copy must be in paragraph form and is subject to the same editing for clarity, grammar and space as are all other submissions.

Pictures are welcome and will be published on an "as need" basis. Pictures should be accompanied by the names of the players involved, the action in the photo, and the score of the game.

All games must have scores in those divisions where scores are kept. We understand some younger divisions do not keep score, but those that do should be reported accordingly.

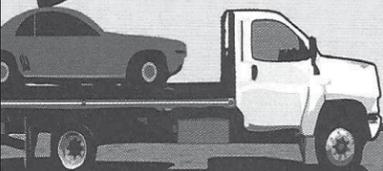
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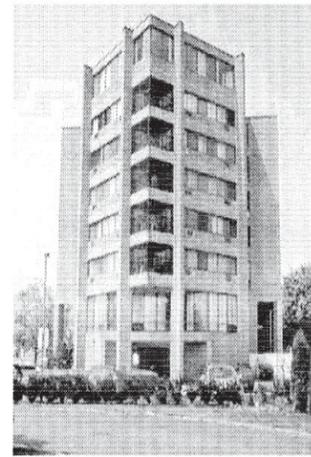
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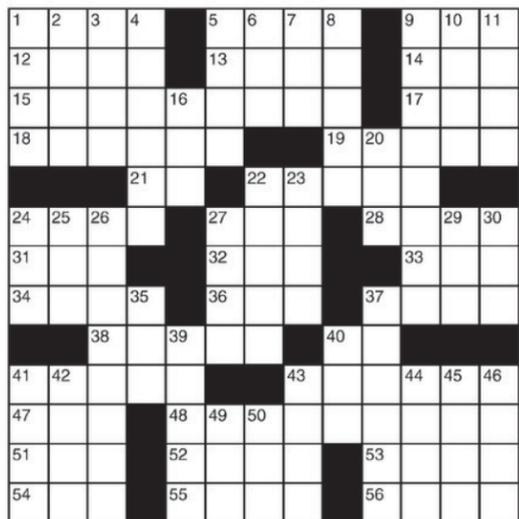
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  - 5 Nuisance
  - 9 Oprah's net-work
  - 12 Chills and fever
  - 13 Viscous
  - 14 Dove's call
  - 15 Short musical works
  - 17 "Hail, Caesar!"
  - 18 Yule quaff
  - 19 Fairy tale vil-lains
  - 21 Chic
  - 22 Island porch
  - 24 Formerly
  - 27 Evergreen type
  - 28 Break sudden-ly
  - 31 Tasseled top-per
  - 32 Lobe locale
  - 33 Gorilla
  - 34 Dread
  - 36 Attempt
  - 37 Car sticker no.
  - 38 Batman's pal
  - 40 Proceed
  - 41 Dishes
  - 43 Commercial song
  - 47 Scoot
  - 48 Varieties of wheat
  - 51 Carte lead-in
  - 52 Handle
  - 53 Point
  - 54 Clear the tables
  - 55 Stitches
  - 56 Wan
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Foundation
  - 2 Enthusiastic
  - 3 Ladder step
  - 4 Cap with a propeller
  - 5 Bluenose
  - 6 A billion years
  - 7 Hot tub
  - 8 Mike of the ring
  - 9 Simple wind instruments
  - 10 Used a loom
  - 11 Vetoers' votes
  - 16 Heavy weight
  - 20 Petrol
  - 22 Memorize
  - 23 Distorted
  - 24 Vacationing
  - 25 Born
  - 26 Ivan's and Peter's wives
  - 27 Bigfoot's cous-in
  - 29 Spring mo.
  - 30 Vigor
  - 35 Director Howard
  - 37 "Friends" role
  - 39 Soaks up some rays
  - 40 Hodges of baseball lore
  - 41 Seafood entree
  - 42 Streaming video giant
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  - 44 Wildebeests
  - 45 Whip
  - 46 Catch sight of
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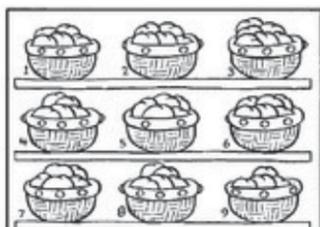


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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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- Europa
- France
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- Japan
- Macau
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- Serbia
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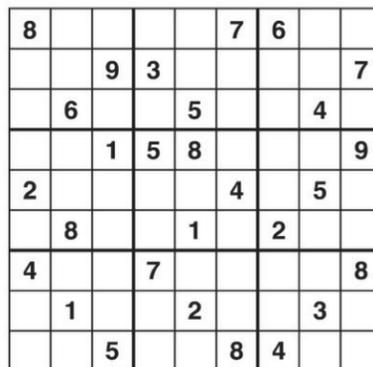
**DOUBLE FEATURE!** Arrange the five letters pictured here into two five-letter words that have more or less opposite meanings.

**BIG TOP TESTING TIME!** Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid A.

- 1. A good friend.
- 2. A weak excuse.
- 3. A happy expression.
- 4. To change direction.
- 1. People on the same side.
- 2. Complete food serving.
- 3. A boxing area.
- 4. An undersized animal.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

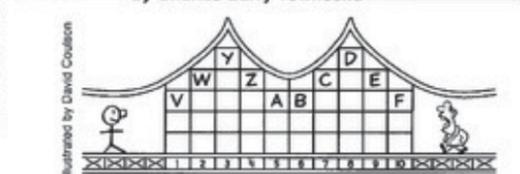


Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**A WORD BRIDGE!**  
The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

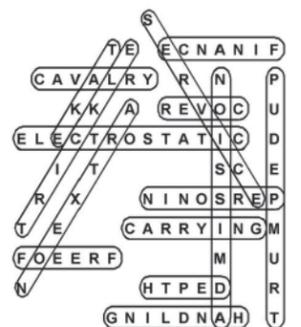
- 1. A large barrel.
- 2. Science fiction unit of speed.
- 3. Heard in the mountains.
- 4. Outlandishly comic.
- 5. Exactly suitable; appropriate.
- 6. To prohibit or deprive.
- 7. Teeth found on a gear.
- 8. To fix a computer program.
- 9. Type of Dutch cheese.
- 10. Said to be sly.

Answers to last week's puzzles

— King Crossword —  
Answers



— CHARGE



— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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



# Around Town

## Christmas celebration

New Life Church located at 255 Jones Hill Road. invite you and your children (ages 5-10) to its first Christmas Celebration on Dec. 14, from 10-1:15. The Christmas Celebration will include: Decorating of gingerbread houses, 10:15-10:55; Reading of Christmas story, 11:00-11:15; Candy Cane Craft, 11:20-11:40; Snack time of Christmas cookies and juice, 11:45-12:10; Story of the Birth of Jesus & a gift for the Children, 12:15-1:15. Please RSVP, (203) 934-3022. Please leave your name, phone, and the number of children. A confirmation reply will be made. An adult must be present with the child during the festivities. An adult area with coffee, tea and cookies will be available during the activities, but adults are welcome to stay with the children.

## Breakfast with Santa

First Lutheran Church is sponsoring Breakfast with Santa at the church, 52 George St, on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 9-12.

There will be activities and photos with Santa. Tickets available at door For more info, call Kyla (203) 859-2088

## Atlantic City trip

F. Seniors and Friends are running a trip to Atlantic City on Jan. 6-8, at Resorts Casino. Cost of the trip is doubles, \$235; triples, \$229, single, \$319. Four meals, two shows and slot play included.

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## Coin Show

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Anyone with an interest in buying, selling or collecting coins, or with questions about coins, is welcome to attend. Expert dealers and collectors will be on hand.

## Al-Anon group

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

## GOP holiday party

The West Haven Republican Town Committee is hosting a Holiday Party on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at Johnny's Grille from 6-9. Price is \$15 per person, cash bar. Those attending are asked to bring food items for WHEAT or a toy to help the WHHS Peer Advocates with their toy drive. Chef Jeff, from West End Bistro, will be preparing the delicious food.

## Christmas Eve breakfast

First Congregational Church of West Haven (on the Green) is hosting a Christmas Eve breakfast from 9 am to 11 on Christmas Eve. All are welcome to join us. For more information please contact Kirsten at [kvargo@fccwesthaven.org](mailto:kvargo@fccwesthaven.org)

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## OHS shop open

The Orange Historical Society is opened every Saturday with the antique shop and museum. New and interesting items arrive weekly for those special occasions. Holiday items are also available. Avoid the long lines at the mall and shop at 605 Orange Center Road from 10-3. If you like vintage dolls, this is your place. For information, call (203) 795-3106.

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## Good Citizens

The Daughters of the American Revolution recently honored ten area high school students at an awards ceremony and reception. Students honored are, standing: Sandra Nuhn, Chapter Good Citizen Chairman; Christy Hendrie, CTDAR Regent; Mariam Khan, Hamden High; Jesse Campbell, Hillhouse High School; Luke Berner, Branford High; Brendan Carew, West Haven High; Judith Arnold, Chapter Vice Regent. Sitting: Joanna Wypasek, Career High; Jaidy Gonzalez Ballinas, Wilbur Cross High; Samantha Schlottman, East Haven High; and E'Moni Cotten, Metropolitan Business Academy, New Haven. Not pictured are Ryan John Anastasio, Amity Regional High School and Rahi Patel, North Haven High School.

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