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Voice Profile

A weekly in-depth interview

"I came back and I'm still here. What I really like about this agency is that the work is really diversified. It isn't boring."

- Patty Stevens

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Murillo lights city Yuletide

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Santa and Mrs. Claus joined Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and very special guest Gabriella "Gabby" Murillo to light the Christmas tree on the Green during the annual holiday kickoff Saturday.

After arriving to the Main Street side of the Green on the West Haven Fire Department's 1935 Mack pump firetruck, Santa and Mrs. Claus were escorted to the nearby stage by the West Haven High School and Seahawks cheerleading teams to the sound of applause and shouts of glee from several hundred merrymakers who braved the bitter cold.

Before the lighting of the tree, which is encircled by five smaller evergreen trees adorned with fluorescent-colored lights, Rossi recognized Murillo, who strolled in on a motorized wheelchair to enthusiastic applause from the all-ages crowd.

Beside the stage, Murillo was surrounded by her parents, Eric and Amanda Murillo, and her sister Jennifer Maurutis, 32. Sisters Amanda Murillo, 34, and Cassie Murillo, 25, were unable to attend.

Gabby Murillo is back home in West Haven — the first time the Murillos have all been together since she was paralyzed from the neck down in a June car crash while embarking on her dream internship at Disney World.

On June 16, Murillo was struck by a truck while driving in Orlando, Florida, causing spinal damage beyond repair. She had reportedly been hit at full speed by a drunk driver while she was

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Photos by David W. Richards and Michael P. Walsh



Special guest Gabriella "Gabby" Murillo, center, joins Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, with grandson Arthur Rossi, 9, and Santa and Mrs. Claus to light the Christmas tree on the Green during the annual holiday kickoff Saturday. Left -- Victorian carolers lead a singalong at The John C. Ireland Bandstand.

Photo by Josh LaBella



Administration begins term

The brand-new West Haven High School Auditorium was on full display for the biennial rites of swearing in the new administration. Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and Sen. Richard Blumenthal were on hand to do the honors. Mayor Nancy Rossi began her second term, while the new City Council and various other boards and officials were sworn into office. See page 5 for other details.

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Monday, Dec. 2- Board of Education, City Hall 6 p.m.; Park-Rec, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 3 -- Allingtown Fire District, 6 p.m.; WHHS Building Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3 -- Water Pollution Control, 6:30 p.m.; Finance Commission, 7 p.m.

On this date:

2005 -- UK's Civil Partnership Act of 2004 comes into force/UK's Civil Partnership Act of 2004 came into force almost a year after it was passed.

1977 -- Egypt breaks all relations with Arab countries. President Anwar al-Sadat broke all relations with Syria, Libya, Algeria, and South Yemen in response to these countries and the Palestinian Liberation Organization signing the Declaration of Tripoli.

1933 -- End of prohibition in the U.S. A national ban on alcohol in the U.S. first instituted in 1920 by the 18th amendment, ended on this day after the ratification of the 21st amendment.

1766 -- Christie's hold its first sale. Art auction house Christie's founder James Christie made his first art sale.

Weather

Friday Dec 6 Mostly cloudy.
High 41F

 Sunrise: 7:02 am
Sunset: 4:22 pm
Wind: WSW 5-10

High Tide: 6:37 am; 7:02 pm

Saturday Dec 7 Mostly sunny.
High 32F

 Sunrise: 7:03 am
Sunset: 4:22 pm
Wind: NW 5-10

High Tide: 7:25 am; 7:25 pm

Sunday Dec 8 Cloudy all day.
High 44F

 Sunrise: 7:04 am
Sunset: 4:22 pm
Wind: SW 10-15

High Tide: 8:10 am; 8:36 pm

Monday Dec 9 Cloudy with chance of rain.
High 50F

 Sunrise: 7:05 am
Sunset: 4:22 pm
Wind: SSW 5-10

High Tide: 8:53 am; 9:20 pm



Alice Soares-Maia, age 2, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. is hoping for more snow in the forecast!

Things to Do!

First Congregational Church is hosting its annual Christmas Fest on the Green on Saturday, Dec 7, from 9 to 2:30.

The festival will have exciting craft and candy vendors, lunch, bake sale, and a kids' activity table and surprise tree. Our Book Sale, Clothes Closet, and White Elephant sale will all be open as well.

It will have decorated trees, wreaths, and other items being raffled off. Have your picture taken with Santa between 11:30 and 2. There is a collection of food for WHEAT. Questions?

Contact First Congregational Church at (203) 933-6291.

The West Haven Italian-American Civic Association is sponsoring a Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 10-1 at the Cielo Banquet Hall, 85 Chase Lane.

Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. Children 10 and under eat free. All Children must be registered with name, age and sex. RSVP by Dec 11. Contact: Rich Frey, (203) 215-8698 or Lisa Aguzzi, (203) 927-6467.

The buffet-style breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee and juice.

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Tree-lighting: *Murillo does the honors*

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stopped at a red light with a friend.

Murillo's hometown immediately rallied around the 22-year-old, holding multiple "Gabby Strong" fundraisers large and small to help her family pay for the incalculable medical and other expenses that have accompanied her recovery, including a specialized wheelchair, an addition to the family's Hickory Street home and a handicapped-accessible vehicle.

Rossi, who was accompanied onstage by her 9-year-old grandson, Arthur Rossi, said Murillo's strength, determination and fighting spirit is a source of inspiration for her close-knit family, the community and her legion of friends, who have all pledged their unwavering support for her continued progress.

The holiday festival opened at 2 p.m. with Christmas music, food trucks, face painting, train rides and wreath decorating, as well as craft and artisan vendors.

It was presented by the city, the First Congregational Church of West Haven and West Haven United, an organization aimed at bringing the city's volunteer groups together.

Lou Esposito, Rossi's execu-

tive assistant, served as the master of ceremonies for the six-hour event, which featured a cast of costumed Christmas characters that roamed the Green.

The festivities continued into the afternoon with the opening of Santa's village and eight craft stations, where children decorated wooden ornaments, wrote letters to Santa, and made cards for U.S. troops overseas and those at the Veterans Affairs Hospital on Campbell Avenue.

West Haven High junior Nora E. Mullins sang the national anthem, and the school's Drama Club performed a holiday play.

The ceremony continued with performances by the West Haven High dance team, holiday carols sung by the St. Lawrence School chorus and performances by the Top Hat Dance Academy.

Cheerleaders of the West Haven High varsity and junior varsity teams and Seahawks JV team performed a medley of game day cheers, followed by Yuletide classics sung by the Bailey Middle School chorus and a singalong led by Victorian carolers.

Before their long sleigh ride back to the North Pole, Santa and Mrs. Claus posed for snapshots in their workshop.

Organizers offered the photos with Santa as a free digital download online.

People can view and download their photos on the city's Flickr page at <https://goo.gl/EkLxZz>.

The internet address is case sensitive.

Just steps from Santa's workshop, boys and girls dropped off their wish lists at St. Nick's official U.S. Postal Service mailbox.

Huge electric snowflakes decorated The John C. Ireland Bandstand, and Victorian streetlamps bedecked with angels blowing on trumpets illuminated the walkways.

The decorated Green also included an inflatable snow globe that kids went in and had their pictures taken.

Along with hayrides, youngsters rode on a vintage firetruck from the West Shore Fire Department.

They also rode on the Roaming Railroad, a trackless train sponsored by the West Haven PTA Council.

People brought nonperishable items for the West Haven Emergency Assistance Task Force, which provides food for residents in need.

Volunteers from the West Haven Chamber of Commerce handed out free hot chocolate, and vendors sold food and

novelties.

The vendors included the First Congregational Church and Franco's Fried Dough-Licious and Ted's Steam Machine food trucks.

Also, volunteers from West Haven United sold hot apple cider, coffee and hot chocolate.

After the lighting, the sounds of the holiday season filled the air with rock 'n' roll renditions of Christmas favorites by bands from The Rock House School of Music, followed by a holiday-themed concert by Off the Hook, "Connecticut's premier party band."



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Dear Felicia

Thanksgiving is over for another year, and now we move onto the Christmas season. No, not holiday season, Felicia Navalance: Christmas. Season. We don't say Happy Holidays for any other season, and we shouldn't do it here. If people feel like they're being treated as "second-class citizens," I'd say they have more problems than whether it's Christmas or not. In fact, I'd say it's their problem, not anyone else's.

Tennyrate, here in the berg the fact that Thanksgiving was about the latest it could be, it butted up against the biennial rite of passage that this city has every odd year: inauguration of the new administration. The charter calls for the inaugural to be the foist Sunday in December. That happened to be Dec. 1. By the by, did you say "rabbit!" on Sunday. Nope? Neither did Cobina.

And the activities of the weekend were setch that not only was it Turkey Day, the

tree-lighting took place on the Green on Saturday night as well.

That was a big success by the looks of it. Gabby Murrillo did the honors in lighting the tree, and there was an afternoon-long festival on the Green until the honors were done. Cobina happened by there Saturday night and there was quite a throng out there, with most of the Green cordoned off for the hayrides and other features. So, that was checked off the box of things to do.

Sunday, at the new WHHS auditorium, the new administration was sworn in during the only event that even comes close to pomp and circumstance around here, with the exception of graduation. With all the color and ceremony we could muster, the new administration was sworn in.

Sammy Bluejay was perched near the dais, and had a few pernted commints to make.

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Sammy noted that this year's

crop o' council people had that look of excitement that he sees all the time. That gleam will probably turn to glaze once the tedium of the job begins to set in on them. The City Council does some interesting things, but, really, most of what it does is perty humdrum. The job has its share of late nights and there's always the fun of dealing with John and Jane Q. They can be nice neighbors or real terrorists, depending on the issues.

Of course, the foist thing the council will set out to do is elect a chairman. Ron Quagliani is, at this writing, expected to be tabbed for the title. He had it last term, and as chairmen go, he was known for being rather fair and easy going. There was little of the in-fighting that one has seen over the years, where the chairmen hafta be boxing referees and gameshow emcees at the same time. Ask some former chairmen, they'll tell you.

One of the biggest and most interesting thing that has happened is the fact that the GOP will have two, count 'em, two, members of the council outta the 13 on the list. They elected Barry Lee Cohen in the Tenth Districk, and Colleen O'Connor - the former GOP Town Chairman - as the at-large. One at-large seat goes to the minority under the current charter, and Cohen was able to get by Louise Martone in that districk by sacrificing the soles of his shoes. He won the old-fashioned way, hard work.

In fact, Cohen is gonna be an interesting individual to watch

on this panel. To say he doesn't "suffer fools gladly" is an understatement. He's smart, cagey and analytical. At least that is the impression Cobina has. And a bit of caginess is not a bad thing when working with the other members.

Sooooo, over the next two years it's gonna be very interesting to see jest whot transpires on the council and how it reacts or interacts with the new GOP reality. In the past the GOP had one seat, and that perty much meant the member had to sit down and twiddle his or her thumbs whilst the Demmies fought. Sometimes it was comical. The minority member would be sitting all alone at the table whilst a caucus was called, and there was screaming in the back room.

Now the GOP can have its own caucus. It'll be interesting effen they call a caucus and leave the Demmies out in the big room. We shall see. But keep yore eyes on Cohen. He could provide the grist for our ever-grinding mill.

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Of course, the GOP is a bit of a topic of conversation, regardless. Iva Lootey sez that the wounds that occurred during the election betwixt those working for Steven Mullins and those working for Michele Gregorio have yet to be sutured. In fact, there is still a bit of suspicion betwixt the two factions...factions, would've thunk it.

Whatever happens, the GOP did some good work during the last election, and shouldn't

let what should be friendly opposition turn to difficulties. The story writ last week by our own Josh LaBella perty much pernted out the problems the party has to overcome before it could begin to get back into the city's mainstream.

We've been sayin' it for years. The party has to do an outreach, get rid of dead wood and then move toward being an opposition organization. Some of us are old enuff to remember that Larry Minichino, who eventually became a Republican mayor, built an entire organization of young folks that led the party to victory.

There were some problems later on, but for the most part, the New Turks, as they were called, did a perty good job, and helped the city during some boom years. The only thing the party needs is a leader it can rally around. The old-timers had the late Ted Adams. They need another.

We'll keep watchin' to see what transpires. The ball is in the GOP's court and what they do with it is important.

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Herrronner, meanwhile, will certainly have a more friendly City Council this go-round. Nelly Nuthatch pernted that out when she visited here the other day. Gone are the hold-overs from the Ed O'Brien ticket, and certainly, the Morrissey faction is only represented by one or two. This means that for the most part the mayor should be able to have more cooperation and less opposition - but we don't wanna see the council become a rubber stamp.

That is one of the reasons it's good to have to GOP-ers. With the GOP and the one or two opposition in the Demmie camp, there should be some very interesting debates about issues. The mayor will have the votes should she need them, of course, but the combination of Republican votes and a couple of opposition Demmies will help spur some real debate and real action, not just an easy vote. That's a good thing, we think.

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Finally, ole Cobina wanted to note that the generosity of our fellow citizens is one o' the things that makes this berg so special, despite its politics. Several churches, organizations and groups made the holiday special for many from turkey distributions, to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, to what we know will be special toy collections toward Christmas. It's a nice thing to see. Finally, we forgot a bit name in last week's list o' turkeys: Patrick Morrissey. Pat has been named in that colyume just for fun for almost 20 years. We somehow forgot.

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Rossi 'stays course' in inaugural

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

In her inaugural address, Mayor Nancy Rossi said she was looking forward to working with the slate of elected officials sworn in alongside her. The mayor, now sworn in for a second two-year term, campaigned on "staying the course" and getting the city back on the financial straight and narrow.

The event, which saw the mayor, 13 City Council members, five Board of Education members, the City Clerk, Treasurer, and Tax Collector take their oaths of office, was held in the auditorium of the new wing of West Haven High School.

The keynote speakers were Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and US Senator Richard Blumenthal.

Bysiewicz described the group of elected officials being

sworn in as diverse and said "our diverse team can't wait to work with your diverse team." Speaking of Mayor Rossi, she said Rossi was a committed to making this city even better.

"One thing I know from having the honor of being the secretary of the state for twelve years is that West Haven politics a rough and tumble kind of thing and it's not for the faint of heart," said Bysiewicz. "Nancy has embraced that vibrant city and that public spirit endeavor in a very gracious way. She is a person of grace. She is a person of humanity and compassion."

Sen. Blumenthal said local politics was the brick and mortar of the country's democracy, calling it "where the rubber meets the road."

Speaking of the mayor's responsibility to the city, he said "the buck stops here."

Mayor Rossi started off her

address by thanking her family, friends and supporters. She said she started her time as mayor two years ago looking to instill a culture of financial responsibility.

"Although I did not anticipate being called to Hartford on my second day in office and being told the city was being placed under the oversight of the Municipal Accountability Review Board, called also the MARB, I am proud to report that we have made great progress with two balanced budgets and a grand list growth of \$30 million," said Rossi. "All of which went to a bond rating upgrade from Moody's (Corporation)."

Rossi said the road had not been easy, adding many un-

popular decisions had to be made. She said the city was in the process of recovery and is positioned well for future success.

"We have strategically and successfully moved stalled economic projects forward," said Rossi. "New businesses have opened and existing businesses have expanded. The next two years, we will need to focus on completing these economic development projects and continuing our aggressive marketing campaign for new investors and businesses."

Rossi said her administration had proven their financial responsibility and serious positions on growing the local economy and grand list to the

business community.

She also spoke to continuing a good relationship with the board of education to ensure a "first class education" for West Haven students.

The mayor also said her administration will continue to improve and repair the infrastructure of the city.

"I look forward to working with our newly elected officials and the city council to continue this important work," said Rossi. "Thank you, again, for your trust and continued support and congratulations to all of our elected officials. I am looking forward to working with you all as we continue on the path of success and complete the work we were likely to do."

BOE, Council pick leaders

Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

The Board of Education and City Council voted members into leadership positions in back-to-back organizational meetings on Monday night. The start of the new term led to changes in the board while the council remained largely the same.

In the Board of Education, Rosemary Russo was replaced as chairman by newly elected member Cebi Waterfield. Waterfield has previously served on the board for six years.

The board voted 6-3 in support of picking Waterfield as chairman. The three votes for Russo were cast by Russo herself, Robert Guthrie and Jim Morrissey. Morrissey took umbrage to the change in leadership.

"Why try to fix something that definitely isn't broken?" asked Morrissey, who added that Russo was an effective chairperson during her tenure in the role. He said that while he and Russo disagreed on a number of issues, she had always done a good job at leading the body. He said Assistant Superintendent Anne Druzolowski had told him that the board, under Russo, was the best she had ever worked with.

The votes for vice-chairman and secretary treasurer fell along the exact same lines. Rosa Richardson was voted in as the former while Patricia Libero was picked for the latter. The newly minted Waterfield thanked Russo and Guthrie, the former vice-chair, for their leadership in the last term. She said she hoped they would be of assistance as she took on the new role.

"Lastly, I am really looking forward to the next two years of working together with all of you to utilize everyone's talents in a collaborative effort for all the students and staff and taxpayers of the city of West Haven," Waterfield said.

On the City Council side, Ron Quagliani was unanimously voted to remain in the position of chairman. Robin Hamilton was chosen to retain her position as majority leader while Republicans Barry Lee Cohen and Colleen O'Connor will split the duties of minority leader.

Quagliani said that over the next week he would work with the council to pick chairmen for each committee. He said there are 13 committees on the council and every member would chair one. Quagliani noted that the council will most likely be forming a committee on charter revision to see through the process started in the last term. He also said the committees on recycling and the environment may be rolled into one committee on sustainability.

Quagliani said he was happy to get started with the new council. He said the fact that eight of the members of the council are newly elected was exciting.

"It brings fresh ideas, a fresh perspective, advocacy," said Quagliani. "I'm really excited to see what lies ahead in this term."



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Special letter

Chris Burns helps his son, Carson Burns, 6, and his stepson, Luca Tufano, 9, write letters to Santa. The annual Tree-Lighting took place during an afternoon festival on the Green.

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December Events

Saturday, December 7, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm "Living Nativity" on church lawn
Free hot chocolate and craft activities in lower level

Sunday December Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 pm
"Light of Hope" - Free musical concert

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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New term, same issues

As of noon Sunday, the city administration took its oath of office and begins the work of governing this city of more than 53,000 over the next two years. Mayor Nancy Rossi begins her second term in office, and a new City Council begins its own term.

This year, for the first time in recent memory, the city's minority Republican Party, will have two members on the 13-member council. This is a major improvement over the past two decades, and allows debate of minority-generated issues to be discussed by the legislative panel.

With the new term, the administration must now formulate concrete programs to combat the city's many issues. We, for our part, have a few hopes for the coming term, and hope they correspond with the desires and aspirations of the new administration:

Taxes, spending and staffing – When Mayor Rossi came into office, she entered with an admitted handicap. Unknown to her – or anyone except the former administration – the state had empaneled a review board to oversee city finances.

The use of a bonding ordinance to cover a \$17 million deficit triggered the action under what was then new legislation. Over the last two years, Rossi and the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) have navigated some treacherous waters with not a little controversy.

As far as taxes are concerned, the die is cast. The MARB has dictated that taxes must go up over the term of the five-year plan to 40 mills. Spending is low, and has been cut by the administration to correspond with MARB's desires.

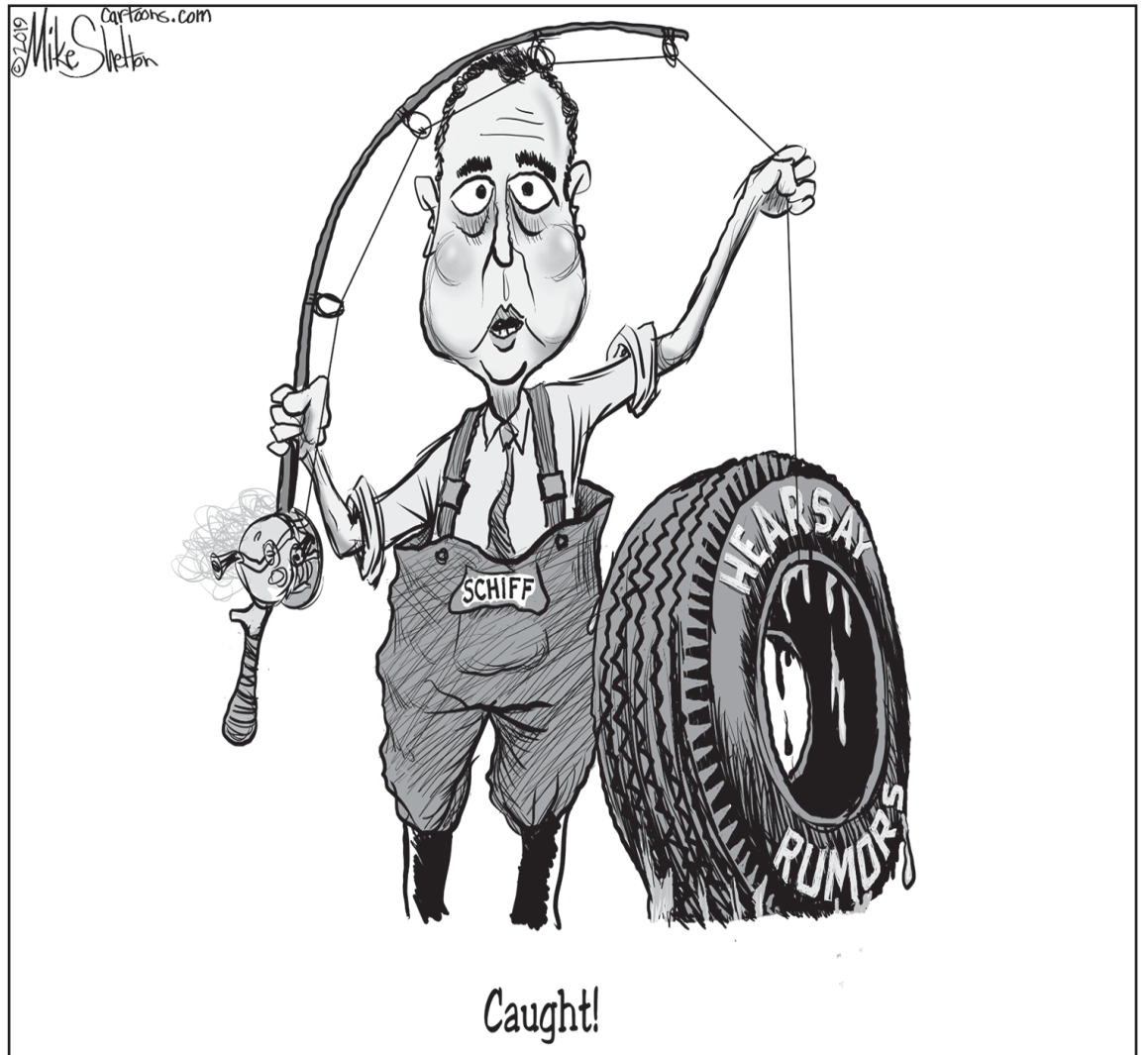
It is in the matter of staffing that we have, many times, asked for study.

The city is in need of a complete audit of staffing and needs. Personnel are the largest line item in the budget. The city should have a study on its needs, and the number of people working for it. Some of this has taken place via necessity with budget cuts, but this has been more of an activity of necessity, rather than a willful understanding of where personnel are needed. We hope to see something of this nature in the next two years.

Blight – The city has become, for better or worse, one of absentee ownership. This has led to a careless attitude on the parts of many property owners when it comes to upkeep. Meanwhile, on those properties owned by residents, we have seen deterioration, parking of autos on lawns, and other such nuisances. We hope in the next two years a comprehensive plan is laid out to combat this matter.

Redevelopment/Economic Development – During the campaign this issue came up as a matter of course, and, as a matter of course, generalities were used. Over the next two years we hope a plan of development can be issued by the city that will address several key areas: Allingtown and its continued upgrade, the Center and the use of empty properties or storefronts, and the shore (particularly Beach Street), where empty properties are hurting neighborhoods.

The Haven is a matter that, if it is ever begun and finished, would serve as an anchor for future actions, but outside that area of the city, more must be done. To say that areas of town are languishing is to understate the case. We hope that some type of coalition including the city, the business community, and representatives of the three major sections of town can work together to get some type of plan that will attempt to move the city forward.



Pelosi prays for expediency

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

Nancy Pelosi said she undertook impeachment "prayerfully," and apparently what she was praying was that she could get it over with as soon as possible.

The House is preparing to send a flagrantly incomplete factual record to the Senate as the basis of an effort to remove a sitting president for the first time in our history.

Pelosi has affected a posture of heavy-heartedness since the outset of the process, saying that "there's no joy in this" and urging a somber spirit as Democrats pursue the facts wherever they may take them -- so long as that's not too far into an election year.

In substantive terms, the Democrats had a good set of public hearings before Adam Schiff's intelligence committee in recent weeks -- with one gaping hole.

They didn't have anyone with first-hand knowledge of Trump's directives on Ukraine or his state of mind.

The closest was EU ambassador Gordon Sondland, who, still, could only "presume" a quid pro quo over the defense aid.

There are people who probably don't have to presume, and Sondland named some

of them: Trump's personal counsel Rudy Giuliani, acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, Vice President Mike Pence and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. They all were closer to this than Sondland, yet Democrats are happy to make the guy from the outer bounds of the inner circle their "star witness" and forgo the inner circle. To get the more central witnesses requires litigation since they all have at least colorable claims of privilege. The Democrats don't want to wait for the courts.

The minimum requirement of a historic impeachment case, only the fourth in our history, would seem to be a complete account of the facts. Schiff used to say as much: "We have to flesh out all of the facts for the American people. The seriousness of the matter and the danger to our country demands nothing less." Now, the seriousness and the danger are demanding that Democrats rush things along so the president can be impeached by the end of the year.

No matter how often Democrats say, "Let's honor the Constitution," their actions say, "Let's check the box."

Democrats have had the difficulty from the beginning of trying to build an edifice of

impeachment and removal atop the narrow foundation of the Ukraine episode, and now they aren't even going to finish the edifice, content with what they could complete in a two-month investigation largely reliant on the testimony of people who weren't around for the main events (former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch) or were out of the loop (former Trump Russia adviser Fiona Hill).

With every day that passes it becomes a little more absurd to say Trump should be impeached and removed when the public can make its own verdict in the election. Besides, Democrats know that impeachment is going nowhere in the Senate, so why bother locking down the case to make it worthy of the gravity of the process?

They might as well go with what they have, a partisan impeachment pursued on a political timetable.

During Bill Clinton's impeachment, it was his defenders who were saying, "Let's move on." Now, it's Trump's pursuers, who prayerfully and sorrowfully want to get impeachment over with.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I saw your question in the Nov. 28 edition of the West Haven Voice asking who runs the Apple Festival and whether it would be possible to relocate it to the Grove. I am the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the First Congregational Church of West Haven (FCCWH), and I am also on the Apple Festival Committee.

The Apple Festival is supported by generous donors and volunteers spread across many organizations throughout the city of West Haven and Greater New Haven County, but it is organized and operated by a group of dedicated volunteers from the FCCWH.

To answer your reader's specific question about relocation, it would not be possible (to hold the Apple Festival at the

Grove). The majority of the food is prepared on premises in the church's commercial kitchen.

The food prepared outside is done using the church's health permit. The Grove does not have the facilities necessary for us to prepare all the food and operate the food service station. This is important as the FCCWH food service station generates a sizable portion of the proceeds from the festival.

Those proceeds are not only allocated to the various missions of FCCWH, but thousands of dollars each year is given right back to community organizations such as the WHHS Band, Community House, Cub and Boy Scouts, and many others.

While the committee works

Annual Pearl Harbor rites slated Saturday

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The West Haven Veterans Council will hold an observance of Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the William A. Soderman Memorial on the Veterans Walk of Honor in Bradley Point Park.

All veterans are invited to participate in the annual ceremony, which will commemorate the 78th anniversary of the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

The solemn service will include a presentation of the colors by the West Haven Police Color Guard and a flag-raising by the West Haven Fire Department Honor Guard, which comprises members of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown, the West Haven Fire Department and the West Shore Fire Department.

It will feature remarks from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, Veterans Council President Dave Ricci and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9422 Cmdr. Freddy Jackson.

Lou Esposito, Rossi's executive assistant, will serve as the master of ceremonies.

Representing the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Jerry Lehr, son of the late William C. Lehr, a Pearl Harbor Navy veteran, will read the names of the 18 Connecticut servicemen who died Dec. 7, 1941, at the U.S. naval base on Oahu, Hawaii. A member of the West Haven Fire Department will toll the department's chrome bell each instant a name is called.

Lehr, whose father served aboard the destroyer USS Monaghan, will be accompanied by Florence Stoeber, wife of the late Jack Stoeber, a Navy vet of Pearl Harbor and Iwo Jima who was a regular at West Haven's Pearl Harbor rites for many years.

Stoeber, whose ashes were scattered in Pearl Harbor after he died Jan. 16, 2016, at age 97, was a .50-caliber machine-gunner aboard the destroyer tender USS Whitney in the Pacific theater of World War II.

Florence Stoeber's 6-year-old grandson, Matthew McCann, will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The tribute will also include opening and closing prayers by West Haven Vietnam Veterans chaplain Elliott Hastings, a wreath-laying and a rendition of the national anthem by West Haven High School junior Nora E. Mullins, as well as taps played by retired West Shore fire Lt. Kevin McKeon.

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By Eleanore Turkington



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

from February through September to plan each festival, the actual setup and breakdown takes 3-4 weeks, which would not be possible if it

were not hosted on the green and on the church's property.

I hope this answers your reader's questions. If I can ever be of assistance regarding the Apple Festival or anything else to do with the First Congregational Church, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Christopher E. Vargo, Jr.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

On Beach Street, there's a vacant lot. It's on a little hill with cement steps and iron handrails leading up to it. Would you know who lived there? I walk past this area frequently and I am curious the actual name of the street it's located

on. The property is located on the corner.

RF Main Street Resident

Editor's response: It was once the site of a large building that became the original Our Lady of Victory Church until the present edifice was constructed in the 1950s. The steps are remnants of that era.

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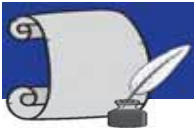
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine



The hurricane of 1950 blew through Connecticut late in the season on Nov. 25. It damaged the steeple of the First Congregational Church, and toppled the bell from its moorings. The bell was undamaged, however, and soon a rebuilt steeple housed it to call worshippers to prayer.



The Hurricane of 1950  
*Note: This week, we defer to a past First Church Historian, Marjorie Phelps, and part of a narrative she gave to the Vacation Bible School in August, 1960:*

Now, the front of the church where the steeple is looks very much as it did a hundred years ago; but the front of the church isn't exactly as it was a hundred years ago, because something happened here ten years ago.

On Nov. 25, 1950, I happened to be at a wedding at the church here. It was the wedding of someone whom some of you children had for a first grade teacher up in the old gymnasium. Do any of you remember Mrs. Jones? Well, it was her wedding day. And such a rainy, windy day it was. In fact, it was a day when we had a real hurricane here in West Haven. Now, I only live two blocks from the church, but I took a bus to get to the church, because it was raining so very, very hard—I knew I would be soaked if I didn't. And I couldn't drive my car.

Well, after the wedding was over, we all went into the parlor for a lovely reception. And we were having a nice pleasant time visiting around when the sexton, whose name was Mr. Duncan, came in; and he said, "Anybody who has his car parked outside the church better move it. The shutters are beginning to blow off." And we looked out, and it was raining harder than ever, and sure enough the trees were bending down, almost touching the ground, and shutters had blown off the church. Well, you never saw a building empty as fast as that parish house did. Soon, everyone was gone from the wedding reception. And I couldn't get a bus back to my home—I walked; and it was so windy it was just like pushing against a wall to get up the street; but I finally got home. I turned on the radio and they were telling about trees coming down and different things happen-

ing during the storm; and then all of a sudden came a News Flash! And it said "The steeple on the First Congregational Church on West Haven Green has just blown over".

Well, the next morning, it was sun-shiney and quiet and calm and all the people went to church. And the steeple lay in ruins on the steps and to the side—but there was a sign on the front of the church which said, "Church as usual". But we had to go in through the parish house doors.

And the people had a meeting right after the church service that morning and they decided they would rebuild the steeple. They would raise the money and they would put up another steeple just like the old one.

And so they did and they made the church a little bit larger while they were doing it, so there would be room for even more people.

And the bell that was in the old steeple was not broken so it was put in the new steeple and that's the bell that you hear sometimes on Sunday mornings calling the people to church.



Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice, and former historian of the First Congregational Church.

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Data mailers are being sent to residential property owners to verify property information. It is essential that all data mailers are returned.

In the coming year, Vision data collectors will verify information on file with the city assessor's office and visit properties recently sold, with open building permits or with known physical changes.

All data collectors will be wearing an ID badge, and their vehicles will be registered with the West Haven Police Department. Homeowners are encouraged to ask for identification before letting anyone into their homes.

Those questioning the identity of a data collector can call the Police Department's nonemergency line at (203) 937-3900 or the assessor's office at (203) 937-3515.



# Stevens likes where she is....

By Josh LaBella  
Voice Reporter

When the West Haven Community House was founded in 1941, founder Pauline Lang wanted to serve residents from ages 3 to 93. Patricia Stevens says the organization does their best to bring that goal to fruition.

Stevens has been the executive director of the Community House since 2005.

Before that she was associate executive director for nearly 20 years. Stevens said the storied nonprofit was founded to help children and families.

"Over the past 75 years we have had a lot of configurations," said Stevens. "But right now, we have like three general components."

The first component, said Stevens, is school readiness. The Community House actualizes this through their head start program, which is a pre-school program that serves 144 families in the city.

Stevens said the second element is children and youth services. The director said this comes in the form of before and after school programs as well as assisting children in need of remedial help in the lower functioning schools.

The third component is serving adults with intellectual disabilities. Stevens said the program is called Community Connections.

"It's both day and residential," said Stevens. "We have about 100 clients in the day program and 23 in our residential program."

Stevens made a point to say that, while there are three main components of the Community House services, there are many other programs they run and subcomponents within each category. She also said the agency collaborates and works with other West Haven entities such as The West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce and the department of Youth and Family Services.

Stevens attended Southern Connecticut University where she studied social work. After graduating, she worked with the Red Cross in recruiting blood donors and organizing events. She worked there for 11 years and during that time said she did "a little bit of everything."

When Stevens got pregnant with her first child, she took some time off but eventually returned to the Red Cross for another two years. She said around that time she decided the work was "a little bit too much" and applied for a job at the Community House.

"I live in West Haven," said Stevens. "I come from West Haven. I thought, 'how hard could it be?' You drive down

the street to go to work, whereas before I was traveling the state."

Peter Schwartz was the executive director when she was hired. Stevens said they could not figure out the title for her job when she started but eventually settled on assistant administrator. She said in this role she did whatever needed doing.

When she became pregnant with her second child, Stevens said she decided she could not work anymore. She remained home until a year later when the woman who took her position also got pregnant.

"Peter called me and asked me to come back," said Stevens. "I came back and I'm still here. What I really like about this agency is that the work is really diversified. It isn't boring."

The executive director said the organization allowed for a variety of work.

She eventually got her masters degree from the University of New Haven in Community psychology. She said this degree helped her as she began to oversee many programs.

Schwartz retired in 2005 and Stevens was promoted to ex-

ecutive director. Stevens said she is thinking about retiring soon but wants to ensure she does not "leave a mess" when she exits the agency.

She said it is important the West Haven community understands their work – social services. According to Stevens, part of the "beauty" of the Community House is how many people do get involved in helping them.

Stevens said the work can be challenging. She said it can be hard to retain employees, who need specialized backgrounds, with the relatively low pay that comes with the job. She

also said they are always searching for more grants and fundraising opportunities to keep their programs running. Additionally, Stevens said they are always looking at ways they can better serve the various communities that fall under their purview.

Stevens said she is proud of the work that they do.

"I certainly like the fact that, I believe, we have an impact on the community," said Stevens. "I'm happy that I could be a part of that. I wasn't here when it started. But, hopefully, it'll be around longer than me."



PATTY STEVENS

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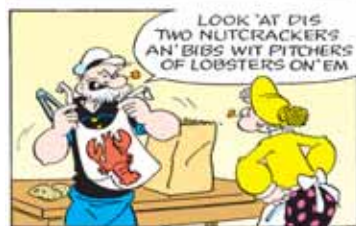
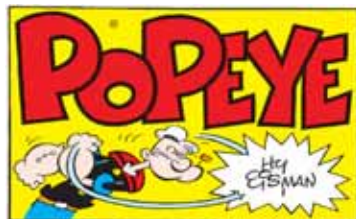
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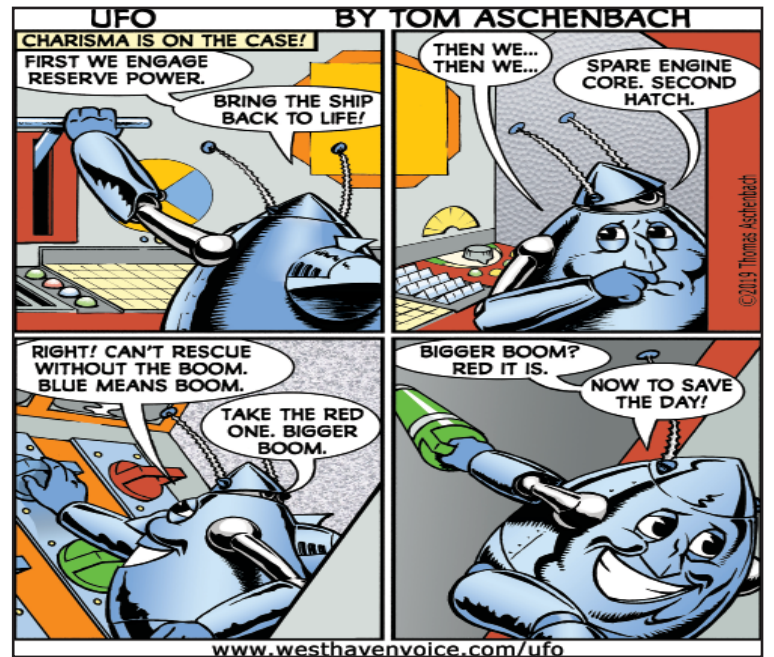


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## Battle for possession

Alexis Padilla leads the fight for Starzz in Mackrille action last week at the Mackrille gym. The West Haven Girls Basketball League's Junior Division opened its 2019-2020 season.



# 'Hawks win 8U crown



West Haven 8U running back Tristian Crawford (4) drags a Dorchester defender into the endzone for his third score of the day. The Seahawks won the New England Championship game, 26-18, and finished the season

undefeated with a record of 13-0. Right -- Seahawk defenders converge on a Dorchester Eagle running back with help from Brody Coe (40) and Kahlil Tomlinson (5). Stong defense helped the team throughout the year.

The West Haven Seahawks 8U football team (13-0) finished a perfect season and earned the New England Pop Warner Championship with a hard-earned 26-18 win over a very talented Dorchester Eagle team (12-1).

Dorchester who represented Massachusetts marched down the field on their first possession for an early 6-0 lead. The Seahawks responded on the next series capped off by a Tristian Crawford touchdown run to take a 7-6 lead after one quarter of play.

The teams traded scores in the second quarter for a Seahawk half-time lead of 13-12. Seahawk Quarterback Majesty Whitaker executed a spectacular 38-yard touchdown run in the third quarter to put the Seahawks up 19-18 after three quarters.

Crawford scored his third touchdown of the game late in the fourth quarter to seal the Seahawk championship 26-18.

The Hawk' offensive line opened holes for the running back all game and was led by CJ Schlauder, Joshua Johnson, Skyler Sanford, Mohammed Turay and Kayden Loyola. Great tackling on defense was William Pastore, Jacari Harris, Mason Booker, Jayden Spell, Kahlil Tomlinson and Chace Stanley.

The 8U (7- and 8-year-olds) only play through the regional championship and finish the 2019 campaign with an impressive win, undefeated season and regional championship.



# Squirt A squad takes 7-3 victory

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team beat Wonderland, 7-3, at Bennett Rink on Saturday to notch its 10th win of the season.

The Blue Devils shut down the Wizards of Bridgeport behind Cameren Lipford's five goals and one assist, and goaltender Alex Werle's 24 saves. The dynamic duo was supported by center Tyler Silva (1 goal, 2 assists), forward Ryan Walsh (1 goal) and defenseman Kyle Guarino (2 assists), who also made several poke checks in key situations.

Walsh put the Westies on the scoreboard first, crashing the net and rebounding a shot by Silva at 5:04 of the first period. Lipford made it 2-0 just over two minutes later, catching a pass from Silva in the West Haven zone, deking his way up to the net, and backhanding a shot high to the glove side. The Wizards answered nine seconds later to make it a one-shot game. At 1:01 of the first, Lipford fired a wrist shot from the right faceoff dot to put the Blue Devils up 3-1. Kyle Guarino assisted on the play.

At 6:59 of the second, Silva rebounded a shot by Lipford and backhanded the puck into the upper corner to make it 4-1. Lipford then scored a short-handed goal to put the

Westies up by four late in the period.

Less than two minutes into the third, Lipford one-timed a laser pass from forward Michael D'Aiuto to make it 6-1. After the Wizards cut it to 6-2, Lipford scored on a pass from Kyle Guarino and forward David D'Aiuto at 7:30 of the period to give the Blue Devils a five-goal lead. The Wizards scored once more at 5:27 of the third to pull within four.

On Sunday, West Haven fell 6-4 to Darien A1 in a hard-fought game at the Darien Ice House.

The Blue Devils came out strong, opening the contest with three straight goals. Lipford scored first on a rebound from forward Aedan Guarino. Michael D'Aiuto made it 2-0, crashing the net and scoring on a rebound set up by Walsh and Kyle Guarino. Lipford gave the Westies a three-goal lead at 6:59 of the first, going coast-to-coast before slipping a shot between the Darien goaltender's legs.

Darien answered with three successive goals of its own, however, and tied the contest at 10:56 of the second. Lipford put the Blue Devils up 4-3 at 5:31 of the period after Westies defenseman Andrew Grillo made one of the defensive plays of the game. With

Darien pressuring in the West Haven zone and tying Werle up on the left side of the net, Grillo dived across the ice to block a shot and stop a sure-fire goal. Lipford then picked up the loose puck, deked his way into the Darien zone, and wristed a shot from inside the box high to the blocker side.

Darien tied it at 10:57 of the third and netted the game-winner at 1:24 of the period. The team added a final goal 17 seconds later.

Werle tallied 23 saves for the Blue Devils.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team used solid goaltending, tough defense and balanced scoring to post two wins over the weekend. The Blue Devils defeated Darien A, 3-1, and Western Minor, 6-1. West Haven is now 13-13-1 overall and 12-9-0 in CHC league play.

On Saturday night at Stamford Twin Rinks, the Westies faced Darien which had beaten West Haven, 8-0, earlier in the season. After a scoreless first period, Darien took a 1-0 lead off a scramble in front of the West Haven goal midway through the second.

Alex Bowery tied the game for the Westies six minutes later when he stole the puck from a defenseman and slid it through the five-hole.

Early in the third period, Ryan Pniewski hustled to keep the puck in the Darien zone. Bowery took it off the boards and centered to Ronnie Mastroni for a one-timer and a 2-1 lead. Jacob Silva (17 total saves) made a couple of clutch saves during a Darien power play late in the third. Mastroni then iced the game when Sean Studley won a face off to him and he snapped a wrist shot bar down for the 3-1 win.

On Sunday morning at Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Westies hosted Western Minor and posted the 6-1 win. Mastroni picked up right where he left off when he gathered the opening face off and fired a laser over the goalie's shoulder seven seconds into the game.

The Colonials tied the contest in the opening minute of the second period and went on a power play looking for more. Bowery denied them when he took Jonathan Charbonneau's pass and slid a shot inside the far post for a short-handed score.

West Haven then took over the game from there. Brady Price took the puck to the net and Chris Consorte cleaned it up with six seconds left in the second. Zach Melchior made it 4-1 in the third with helpers from Price and Consorte. Mastroni fed Bowery for

a long wrist shot and Dylan Bosworth finished the scoring with a breakaway goal with Matt Kelly assisting. Greg Gallaso was clutch with his glove and finished with 18 saves.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team won its only game of the week, defeating the Ramapo Saints, 8-0, Saturday afternoon at the Edward L. Bennett Rink.

Cade Simone led the way with two goals and an assist, Michael Madera added a goal and an assist, while Dante Hardt and Gabe Mongelli each had two assists.

West Haven took control of the game with three goals in a span of 41 seconds in the opening period. Cam Delvecchio got the ball rolling with a goal off an assist from Sean Bosworth, before Mickey Dowd scored off an assist from Jayden Spreyer 31 seconds later. Just 10 seconds later, Madera took a pass from Simone and scored for a 3-0 advantage.

The Westies increased the lead to 4-0 with 1:10 remaining in the second as Dave Brown scored off assists from Mongelli and Hardt.

West Haven put the game away with four goals in the third period. Will Giaquinto scored off assists from Matt

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# Hockey: *Bantams take a triple on ice*

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Stevens and Jason Alling, 4:16 in, Simone scored an unassisted goal with 6:06 remaining, then added another tally off assists from Kyle Droney and Madera. Chris Adkins rounded out the scoring, assisted by Hardt and Mongelli.

Bryan Hong and Brendan Smith each played well in goal,

combining for the shutout. West Haven's defense of Bosworth, Brown, Alling, Haygen Axelrod, Josh Gyolai and Matt Wezenski each played very well to aid in the shutout.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team won three games this weekend.

On Saturday, the Blue Devils traveled to South Kent

to play Northwestern and came away with a 6-4 victory. Northwestern jumped out to an early lead, but the Westies took the lead by the end of the first with unassisted goals from Yousaf Ullah and Matt Wright.

In the second period, Javed Ullah connected on a pass from Zack Fonda to take a

3-2 lead into the third. After falling behind 4-3 halfway through the third, the Westies tied the game on a goal from Wright off an assist from Alex Kurowski. The Westies took the lead on a goal from Yousaf Ullah off an assist from Ashley Welch. An empty net goal from Wright, for his hat trick, and 24 saves from Austin Fruin sealed the win.

On Sunday morning, the Westies started December in Pawling, New York against Trinity-Pawling and posted a 7-2 victory. Trailing 1-0, Cody Rocchio answered back 30 seconds later with assists to Danny Johnson and Carson Lee.

The Westies added goals from Fonda (Javed Ullah assisted), Yousaf Ullah (unassisted and short-handed) and Nate Chiappetta (Kurowski assisted) to end the first period up, 4-1.

In the second period, the Westies got goals from Yousaf

Ullah (unassisted), Jamie Kerzner, his first of the season off an assist from Kurowski, and a short-handed goal from Wright off an assist from Fruin.

Both teams were held scoreless in the third as West Haven won 7-2. Fruin had 22 saves.

In their third game of the weekend, the Westies faced off against the Southern Stars and once again fell behind in the first period before posting the victory. The Westies were unable to get a puck past the Stars goalie until the third period when Fonda scored off assist from Welch and TJ Levenski to tie the game.

With four minutes left on the clock, Yousaf Ullah found a seam to get around the Stars defense and tucked a puck around an outstretched Stars goalie. Despite a valiant effort from the Stars, Fruin and the rest of the Westies shut the door and win the game, 2-1.



Photo courtesy Mike Madera.

Dante Hardt (2) and Dave Brown (17) celebrate a goal by Will Giaquinto (11) against Ramapo in Bantam A action Saturday.

## *Girls hoops opens Junior Division year*

West Haven Girls Basketball kicked off its Junior Division schedule with the Bruins and Panthers jumping out with two wins to start the season.

The Chuck's Garage Panthers outlasted the TBNG Eagles, 13-3, as Jaecianna Mitchell hit for 6 points in the win. Kylie Gibbons, Jaearrah Mitchell, Aleya Lachance and Jocelyn Silber also scored for the Panthers. The Eagles were led by the play of Perez Rosario and Asihan Tuzco.

The Panthers used the scoring of Tiranka Keita, Hayden Holm, Jaecianna Mitchell and Jaearrah Mitchell to upend the Oyster River Energy Cardinals. The Cardinals were led on the defensive end by Cristel Miguel and Danavia Pittman.

The Emmett's Auto Bruins, using the scoring of Sarah Went, Amare Bennett and Jada Turner, downed the Oster River Cardinals 15-6 to open the season. Cristel Miguel accounting for all the Cardinal scoring and Parish Rutledge played well for the Cardinals.

Samantha Boyd, Yeganeh Mohammadkhani, Jada Turner and Sarah Went led the offensive attack as the Bruins downed the Gunning Law Huskies, 19-8. The Huskies were led by scoring of Taryn Walker, Lehanna Philogene and Ella McDonnell.

The Huskies opened the season with a 20-7 win over the Prospect Fish and Game Blue Devils. Finley Gunning and Taryn Walker combined for 16 points in the win. Sophia Empric also scored for the Huskies. Terrianna Rodgers and Kylee McCort accounted for the Blue Devil scoring.

Perez Rosario and Justice Butler combined for 8 points as the TBNG Eagles held off the Prospect Fish and Game Blue Devils, 8-5. The Blue Devil attack was led by Timyra Rodgers, Talia Decresenzo and Isabella Vanbrederode.

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# Friends renew holiday tradition

By Dan Shine  
*Special to the Voice*

Each year, the holidays have their familiar routines for families and friends, and most of us can recall at least one annual routine with a smile. For a group of lifelong friends, Thanksgiving has its own tradition that has been maintained for more than a quarter-century.

The Boys of Autumn can certainly think of one: they call it The Turkey Bowl.

It all began in 1994: Two teenaged brothers and a brother-in-law rounded up a group of friends and began holding an informal football game every Thanksgiving morning, as a means of fellowship and as a way to work up a good appetite for the Thanksgiving feast that would follow.

They were all Westies: a group of classmates who had mostly known each other since childhood.

Together they would gather on an open field, sometimes Brennan Field, sometimes behind Bailey Middle School, and a game of tackle football would ensue.

But often, the football game would lead to trips to the hospital for one or two of the contenders, who had zipped when they ought to have zagged.

As the years went by, the Thanksgiving routine gathered a reputation and attracted additional players. By now, the core group were 30-ish and had discovered that falling down wasn't as much fun as it used to be.

Thus, tackle football was replaced by two-handed touch football, and finally flag football, complete with a time clock and official linemen.

The group was divided into the "over 30s" and the "under 30s" who played against each other while their wives and children—and dogs—watched.

For now, some of the Boys



of Autumn were fathers and family men. And their children grew up. And today, some of them are participating in the Turkey Bowl, alongside their fathers, many of whom are now in their forties.

This Thanksgiving marks the 26th playing of the event, which in past years has been played in freezing cold, falling snow, and torrential rain.

We wish them luck—and many more years of playing The Turkey Bowl.

*Our thanks to Mike Hawes for contributing this story.*

**Top -- The young warriors in the early days of the "Turkey Bowl: Matt Bennett, John Bennett, Mike Hawes, Jeff Natrass, Joe Michel, Jon Hawes, Matt Bombace, Klarn Deplama, Joe Baxter, and Ray Guarino. Front row: Bruce Berthel, Tony, Pete, Jay Perrone, and Danny Shine. Below -- The more mature warriors, this time with their offspring.**

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## Youth league publicists reminded of deadlines

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.

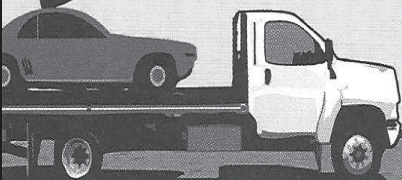
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  - 13 Final (Abbr.)
  - 14 Small combo
  - 15 "Desperate Housewives" actress Eva
  - 17 Cincinnati team
  - 18 Ingratiate
  - 19 Warehouse pile
  - 21 Pigpen
  - 22 Deck for a 10-count
  - 23 Wife of Saturn
  - 26 Embrace
  - 28 Become one
  - 31 Addict
  - 33 Shell game item
  - 35 "My Heart Will Go On" singer
  - 36 Ringworm
  - 38 Egypt's boy king
  - 40 Toss in
  - 41 Transmit
  - 43 Afternoon party
  - 45 "Jane Eyre" author
  - 47 Do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do
  - 51 Mongolian tent
  - 52 Great bliss
  - 54 Mideastern potentate
  - 55 Fields or Butterworth
  - 56 Villain's look
  - 57 Fix, in a way
  - 58 Crafty
  - 59 Young woman
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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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**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

**Junior Whirl**  
by Charles Barry Townsend

**"MAR" WORDS!**

The grid above has room for eight words that begin with "MAR." Using the hints below, try to get a passing "mark" in less than three minutes.

1. Suffers for others.
2. Abandon on an island.
3. A large game fish.
4. Theaters usually have one.
5. Found on the printed page.
6. A street band.
7. An endurance contest.
8. Type of Australian animal.

Answers: 1. Marty; 2. Maroon; 3. Marlin; 4. Marquee; 5. Margins; 6. Marauder; 7. Marathon; 8. Marsupial.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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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!

Answers to last week's puzzles

— King Crossword —  
Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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**APPEND A "T" TO MAKE A NEW WORD**

— Weekly SUDOKU —  
Answer

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# Knights take 69th Green Bowl

The Notre Dame football team used a big second half, a strong defensive effort, and five turnovers to win the Green Bowl for the 14th year in a row in their 42-7 win over Hamden.

Leading 14-7 at halftime, the Green Knights scored four unanswered touchdowns, two in each quarter of the second half, to pull away for the win.

Jackson Zalinsky threw two of his four touchdown pass-

es within 90 seconds of each other as Notre Dame scored twice late in the third quarter to break the game open.

Zalinsky, who was 9-16 for 142 yards, found Tommy Candelora on the far sideline for a 23-yard scoring strike with 2:21 left in the third quarter. For Candelora, it was his 10th touchdown reception of the season, and allowed him to record a touchdown in every game.

Hamden did not catch the ensuing kickoff, allowing Notre Dame to recover it at the Green Dragon 30-yard line.

Three plays later, Zalinsky proceeded to hit Aiden Stankiewicz on a 16-yard touchdown connection and the Green Knights lead grew to 28-7 in a 74-second span.

Zalinsky punctuated his final game as a Green Knight with a two-yard touchdown run on the Green Knights next pos-

session and Notre Dame led 35-7 with 9:27 left in the game.

The Green Knights defense, which was stout all game long, added to the final score when Robbie Oliverio returned an Isaiah Riley overthrown pass 47 yards for the game's final score with 8:22 left in the game.

Notre Dame's defense held a high-scoring and potent Hamden offense in check for the majority of the game, while also forcing five turnovers. Notre Dame recovered three Hamden fumbles while Michael Consorte added a second interception for the Green Knights.

"We knew we would need to play well defensively to win today and we did," said Notre Dame head coach Joe DeCaprio. "The key to it was tackling and we tackled well. We knew we had to stop the run and that's what we did."

For the game, Notre Dame held Hamden to 228 total yards and nine first downs. They held the powerful Hamden ground attack to only 132 yards rushing.

Chris Pigatt had five catches for 89 yards, and four carries for 16 yards. Tymell Haynes had nine carries for 59 yards to pace Hamden's rushing attack.

After Notre Dame took a 7-0

lead on a Zalinsky to Austin Pieck touchdown pass on its first possession, Hamden tied the game with 20 seconds left in the first quarter when the electrifying and elusive Pigatt snared a Riley pass with one-hand and outraced three Green Knight defenders for an 83-yard score.

For Notre Dame, Damian Blount ran 29 times for 142 yards as the Green Knights maintained the ball for almost 30 minutes. Candelora added his 10th and 11th touchdown receptions and also scored via a fumble return against Hand, an interception return against St. Joseph's and a kickoff return against Fairfield Prep. With his four touchdown passes, Zalinsky wound up with 23 for the season.

"I am proud of our seniors," said Notre Dame head coach Joe DeCaprio. "We fought and we fought and battled through so many injuries and stuck together and were able to come out on top and end the season on a positive note."

With the win, Notre Dame finishes with a 6-4 record for the second straight season. It was also the Green Knights 14th win in a row in the 69-year series. Notre Dame now holds a 46-21-2 all-time record heading into the 70th Green Bowl next year.



Photo courtesy of NDWH

The Notre Dame Knights mug it up for the camera following a convincing victory in the 69th Green Bowl at Hamden High.



Submitted Photo

## Church reaches out

Vertical Church, Molloy Road, served 1200 families in the greater New Haven area. On Tuesday 400 families from Savin Rock, Washington, Pagels, Bailey, Carrigan, and Forest Schools; as well as the Head Start Program of the Community House were served a Thanksgiving basket including turkey and

trimmings. Vertical Church Outreach Team with Savin Rock School Principal Taryn Driend, Mayor Rossi, Pastor Ken Vance, and Councilwomen Robin Watt Hamilton. Regina Mullings of Vertical Church Outreach team is shown bringing in bags for Community House of West Haven.

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# Around Town

## Christmas celebration

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## Holiday Bazaar

The West Haven Garden Club will have its Holiday Bazaar on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 9-2. It will take place at the West Haven City Hall, 355 Main St. The bazaar will have handcraft items, Christmas tree raffle, plants, and bake sale plus so much more. This is to include money, which is being raised for a bench for a child shot in Newtown. The bench will be put at the pink playground on the beach.

## Christmas Fest

First Congregational Church is hosting its annual Christmas Fest on the Green on Saturday, Dec 7, from 9 to 2:30. The festival will have exciting craft and candy vendors, lunch, bake sale, and a kids' activity table and surprise tree. The Book Sale, Clothes

Closet, and White Elephant sale will all be open as well. We'll have decorated trees, wreaths, and other items being raffled off. Have your picture taken with Santa between 11:30 and 2. There is a collection of food for WHEAT. Questions? Contact First Congregational Church at (203) 933-6291.

## Santa breakfast

The West Haven Italian-American Civic Association is sponsoring a Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 10-1 at the Cielo Banquet Hall, 85 Chase Lane. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. Children 10 and under eat free. All Children must be registered with name, age and sex. RSVP by Dec 11. Contact: Rich Frey, (203) 215-8698 or Lisa Aguzzi, (203) 927-6467. The buffet-style breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee and juice.

## Christmas events

The First and Wesley United Methodist Church parish is sponsoring two holiday events the weekend of Dec. 7-8. A Living Nativity (an outdoor re-creation of the Christmas story), is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7, from 2-4.

This is a Christmas gift to the community. Experience the story of Christ's birth by seeing the manger scene with costumed characters. During the event, parishioners will distribute free gifts (hats/mittens) to children, provide hot chocolate, and host a children's craft area.

The next day, the 2nd annual Praise & Worship Concert "Light of Hope, is scheduled for 4 p.m. The concert is free and includes a wide variety of

sacred music. \*Your generous freewill offering will be used for the many ministries of the church. There'll also be 17 handmade light-up snowman couples (approx. 7"x6"x6" each) available to purchase to benefit the church.

## 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.

Reservation must be with a deposit is \$50 person with final payment due Nov. 29. Call Fred Morgillo, (203) 389-5808, or (203) 927-4249.

## Coin Show

The Liberty Coin Club of West Haven, organized in 1962, will host a Coin Show on Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Elks Club, 265 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

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.

Submitted Photo

## Bounty for Thanksgiving

The true meaning of Thanksgiving was evident at Holly Hill Childcare and Learning Center in Orange. Thanks to the generosity of the children and parents of the center several parishioners of the First Lutheran Church of West Haven enjoyed bountiful Thanksgiving baskets filled with everything needed for a wonderful holiday dinner. Pastor Phil Krakowiak (rear right) was overwhelmed when he was presented with the baskets by Debbie Manson Fedorko, managing director (back, left)



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