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Voice Profile

A weekly in-depth interview

"The world has been really good to me. So, I am going to see if I can be good back."

Roman Khondker

-- See page 9



City wants to talk trash

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The 2020 pickup schedule for bulk trash is April 20-24 and Sept. 14-18.

Residents are reminded to separate metals, recyclables and regular trash from bulk trash and put them out no more than 24 hours before pickup. Violations carry a \$100 fine per daily offense, Public Works Commissioner Tom McCarthy said.

Residents are also reminded to "Put a Lid on It!" and use lids on all trash cans. Rain-soaked trash costs West Haven 10 times more at the dump, said McCarthy, adding that using trash can lids will save the city money by reducing the weight of trash and cost of tipping fees.

Bulk items include couches, chairs, tables, carpeting, padding, fencing and small amounts of bundled lumber, which may not exceed 6 feet in length. No building materials, tires, mattresses, propane tanks or hazardous waste are accepted.

Options for disposing of building materials include renting a dumpster or bringing the materials to a disposal facility for a fee.

Tires can be brought to Town Fair Tire, 63 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$2.75 per tire.

Mattresses can be disposed of for free in a container at the city's highway maintenance garage, 1 Collis St. Mattresses must

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Christmas card artists

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi recognizes the designers of her annual Christmas cards in the lobby of Bailey Middle School on Dec. 19. With Rossi are, from left, Bailey eighth grader Cassidy Montz, seventh graders Xaymarys Caban and Sophie Mazuroski, and Principal Robert Bohan. The students, who were accompanied by Bailey art teacher Kathy Shea, received their original artwork and a professional copy of their card in a frame.

Hockey team to honor Hotchkiss



SAM HOTCHKISS

A big game and big celebration.

The West Haven boys hockey team will host East Haven co-op at 1 p.m.

While the contest is always an intense rivalry, the day is special for another reason.

The team is planning a day for Sammy Hotchkiss, who has cerebral palsy, for all his support to the team as team manager.

The team is wearing camo jerseys with a green ribbon for cerebral palsy.

Sammy's love for hockey began when he was a toddler as he

spent the weekends cheering on his brother Cameron.

Sammy's father, George, allowed Sammy in the locker room at the age of eight, where Sammy gave short speeches to rally the team.

Sammy then moved to the bench with his father during alumni games and spring hockey games.

A few short years ago, Sammy joined the West Haven Youth Hockey Bantam A staff with coaches Andy Cafiero, Kevin Blake, and Callan McKeon. Once the high school season begins,

Sammy transfers his role to the high school team.

In his third year with the high school team, Sammy is wearing the "A" for assistant captain on his jersey.

The special day on Saturday will feature Sammy doing a ceremonial puck drop, while the high school bomb squad will honor Sammy with fat heads as part of the celebration.

At presstime Sammy's Westies were having a successful start to the new season.

For that all other sports news, turn to page 12 for details.

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Public Meetings

Monday, Jan. 13 -- Regional Water Authority Representative Policy Board (Finance Comm.), 5 p.m.; City Council, Council Chambers, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 14 -- WHHS Building Committee, City Hall, 6 p.m.; Planning and Zoning Commission, City Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 16 -- Regional Water Authority, 12:30; RWA Representative Policy Board, 6:30.

On this date:

2005 -- The second Sudanese War ends. As an outcome, Southern Sudan is granted autonomy; in 2011, South Sudan becomes an independent nation.

1916 -- The Battle of Gallipoli ends. The Gallipoli Campaign during World War I ended with the victory of the Ottoman Empire.

1861 -- The first shots of the American Civil War are fired. The steamer, Star of the West, was fired upon by the Confederates as it attempted to enter Charleston Harbor

1431 -- The trial against Joan of Arc begins. She was executed on May 30, 1431, exonerated in 1456, and canonized in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV.

Weather

Friday Jan 10 Mostly cloudy skies all day.



High: 47F
Sunrise: 7:17 am
Sunset: 4:42 pm
Wind: SW 10-15

High Tide: 10:33 am; 11:06 pm

Saturday Jan 11 Cloudy with spots of rain.



High: 56F
Sunrise: 7:16 am
Sunset: 4:43 pm
Wind: SSW 10-20

High Tide: 11:19 am; 11:52 pm

Sunday Jan 12 Mostly rain and mixed sunshine.



High 56F
Sunrise: 7:16 am
Sunset: 4:44 pm
Wind: WSW 15-25

High Tide: 12:07 pm

Monday Jan 13 Intervals of rain and clouds.



High 44F
Sunrise: 7:16 am
Sunset: 4:45 pm
Wind: ENE 5-10

High Tide: 12:39 am; 12:56 pm



Chloe Westerberg, age 4, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., is hoping for winter weather to build another snowman!

Things to Do!

Councilman Barry Lee Cohen is holding office hours on Thursday, Jan. 23, from 6:30-7:45 p.m., at the Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road, lower-level reading room. Constituent questions, ideas, and concerns are welcome and encouraged. Light refreshments will be served. If you are unable to attend and wish to contact Cohen, please email bcohen@westhaven-ct.gov or call (203) 645-2913.

The Department of Parks and Recreation is kicking off a trio of adult fitness programs this month.

The department will offer Kripalu yoga, instructed by

Mary Beth Colleran, beginning Jan. 7.

It will also offer eight-week sessions of cardio muscle toning and Zumba starting the week of Jan. 13.

Each program will offer a trial class for anyone at least 16 years old.

Go to www.whparkrec.com for program and registration information, or visit the department's Painter Park office at 190 Kelsey Ave.

For all your West Haven events, visit:

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UNH via City of West Haven

Season of giving

Operations Manager Angela Flynn and Associate Dean Michael J. Rossi of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of New Haven flank a cart of gift bags recently. The UNH college partnered this year with city Youth and Family Services Director Robert S. Morton to adopt a West Haven family for the holidays. Under the leadership of Flynn and interim Dean Elizabeth Ann Beaulieu, the college collected toys, clothes, books and other donations from more than 20 people for a deserving family.



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Dear Felicia

Well here we are honey bunch, a New Year, but not a new decade. We went through this with the year 2000. A new decade or century starts with "1." We don't have a year until it's complete. The decade isn't complete until we end 2020. It's that simple. But the media seems to want to have decade stories and setch, so they tell the great unwashed that we're in a new one. Sorry, not so. Never has been, never will be. Jest hype.

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Before we start getting into the nitty gritty of our fair city, Cobina has to say goodbye to a new old friend. Over the Christmas shutdown we received news that our reporter, Josh LaBella, was able to secure a position with Hearst Newspapers. That means anything that appears in this edition is the last we'll see from him.

Josh was with us about a year, beginning in January of 2019. It was his first gig as a reporter, and he had some growing and learning to do. He did. He became

a good friend to Cobina, and a pleasant change around the office. We wish him well in his new position, and hope to see his by-line often in the publications that go under the Hearst banner - which are quite a few in the Nutmeg State.

Best wishes, Josh!

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Tennyrate, here in the Asylum by the Sea, the New Year doesn't mean things around here have suddenly changed and all is hunky-dory. Nope. It jest means we've turned the calendar to another page. What is on that page is yet to be writ, but given we've been doin' this for almost half a century, methinks we both know the writing is the fun part.

The wag was here t'other afternoon and he had a great observation and thought. Y'see we found out a few weeks back that the Haven Group, the developers' consortium that is supposed to erect the Haven Proejck down there on Elem Street, was promised

funding by the state from the former administration - at least that is what they say.

Of course, this all kind o' puts into focus why things have been glacially slow down there to develop. Somebody was waiting for oodles of greenbacks from the state in order to get things underway. Methinks they call it "corporate welfare."

What the wag wants to know is the details o' the conversations betwixt the developers and the city in years past. That ain't a bad idea. We got a smattering of some o' the promises, but not much o' the details. We would really, really like to hear, read or see the notes that were took durin' the meetings with the developers. It could answer many, many questions.

Word is that something is gonna happen "by spring," but we heard that in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. The question before the house is: How seriously are we supposed to take these projections as opposed to the ones we've heard in the four years previous?

Whilst all that is going on, the houses that remain on the site - the many of them - are starting to fall apart. It's been rat-infested, and drug-infested, and for a while fire infested. We jest wonder when it's gonna be store-infested.

The Rossi administration has its work cut out for it. The foist term they could place

all the blame on the last crew that was in the Actors Colony. Now that they have a "new set o' downs" so to speak, they hafta come up with some answers, or, better yet, some solutions.

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Sammy Bluejay is ready to perch his feather outside the Board o' Education room at the Actors Colony Thursday night (tonight) to see what happens with the GOP Town Committee. The 60-member group is set to meet tonight to figger out weather the party will stay status quo or have a new set o' members. Each district of the current 10 will have a set of six reps. Effen the six are accepted, we are all done. Effen there is s challenge, there could be a town committee primary.

Cobina tried to think back to the last time that happened, and we think it might've been way back in the late 1970s.

Al Conte was the chairman at the time, and the party was a force in city politics, even boasting a few mayoralities, like Al Zarnowski.

The party was strained during the last election cycle as they like to say today, and there is some talk that changes are on the way. But, we've hoid that before. We will wait to see what, if anything happens. There are sure to be a few new members of the RTC, but what happens after that is anyone's guess.

If there does happen to be a primary, all bets are off, and it'll be an interesting thing to watch. Ef-

fen the GOP wants to git back in the game here, it has to present itself as a viable alternative. It ain't done that since Bill Clinton's first term.

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What we don't expeck to see is a Demmie primary. Two years ago the Rossi people swamped would-be challengers, and swamped those same would-be challengers in the primary in September. Democratic voters have, at least for a time, said to party regulars we want stability.

Weather that translates to the sometimes tone-deaf minions that populate the party, Cobina ain't sure. We'll find out in the next few days when it has its own caucus. Effen a primary is called for, it'll be the latest in a string of them that goes back to the mid-1990s. We shall see what happens.

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Nelly Nuthatch happened by the most recent City Council meeting, and sez that the new members o' the council are showing that fresh off the rack exuberance that most of 'em have in the foist few weeks. That is a good thing. We jest wonder when the bloom is gonna come off the rose.

In the next few weeks we start the budget-making process. In fact, we are sure that the thoid floor of the Actors Colony is in the process of getting the annual wish list from the department heads from which they can pare down the frills and inject a bit o' realism into the requests.

The Board o' Finance does a lot o' its work during the next five or six weeks, reviewing with the mayor - at least on paper - the requests made and makes its own recommendations before herronner begins the closed-door process of trying to put the budget package together.

The focus of it all is the budget presentation in March.

Of course, all of this is under the watchful eye of the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB), who has the final say on all things budgetary.

The only thing we do know is that there will be a mill increase as the MARB has mandated that the mill rate be increased in each of the five years of the five-year plan. I think we are entering year three. So, we have a ways to go before we are done with the plan and the MARB.

It amazes me each time we get to this pernt in the year. It seems like we were jest here, and here we are again.

Another year has passed and another year is upon us.

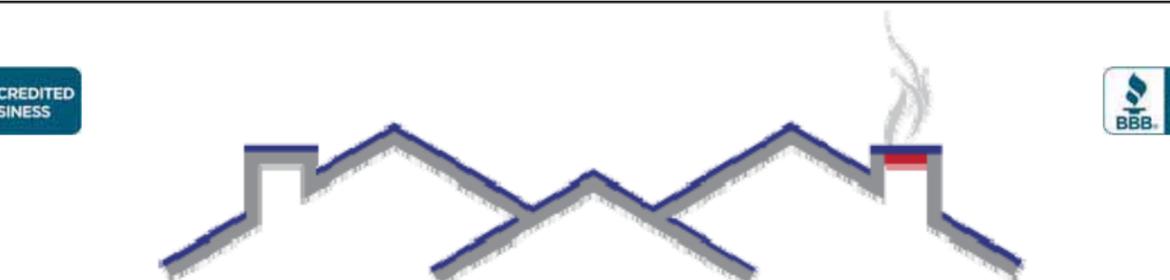
Before we know it, the budget will be presented. It'll be March, and we'll be lookin' forward to spring. Hard to believe.

With that bit o' chatter, I'll close this time till next, mitt luff und kizzez,

Cobina

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# Memorial services held for West Haven native, Greenwich police officer Justin Quagliani

West Haven native and Greenwich Police Officer Justin Romolo Quagliani, 38, died suddenly Tuesday, December 17, 2019. Hundreds of mourners attend his funeral mass. After the funeral services at St. Michael's Church, a long motorcade of more than 60 motorcyclists from around the region escorted the procession so St. John's Cemetery in Darian for his burial.

Quagliani was born in New Haven and was raised in West Haven. He attended Alma Pagels Elementary School and Harry Bailey Middle School. His uncle, Ronald Quagliani, is the former police chief of West Haven.

His aunt, Christine Quagliani, said the deceased officer had a physically imposing presence, "but he was a teddy bear on the inside."

Quagliani, a graduate of Stamford High School, was a body-builder and had won regional awards in the sport. Quagliani joined the Greenwich police in late 2015. According to the department, his personnel file contains numerous letters from citizens commending him on his performance and service to the community. In 2019, he received a commendation for saving the life of a resident by performing CPR.

He was a graduate of the University of Phoenix and also served in the U.S. Army Reserve for 10 years as a military



Sgt. Justin Quagliani, United States Army Reserve, pictured 2008.

police sergeant in Iraq and Kuwait, where his duties involved transporting detainees. He received numerous awards and certifications during his tenure in the reserves.

In the Greenwich Police Department, Quagliani was an instructor in defensive tactics, teaching proper techniques for arrests.

"He was well liked," said Lt. John Slusarz. "He had a lot of friends in the department."

Quagliani suffered a medical emergency at his Greenwich residence while off-duty at about 5 a.m. Tuesday, according to the department.

"Police and Greenwich Emergency Medical Service personnel responded to his residence, attempted lifesaving efforts and then transported him to Greenwich Hospital, where he was eventually declared deceased," the department said. First Selectman Fred Camillo expressed his condolences.

"During the four years he has served the Greenwich Police Department, Officer Justin Quagliani continuously demonstrated that he possessed the qualities and the abilities to be an asset not only to the department but to the entire Greenwich community,"

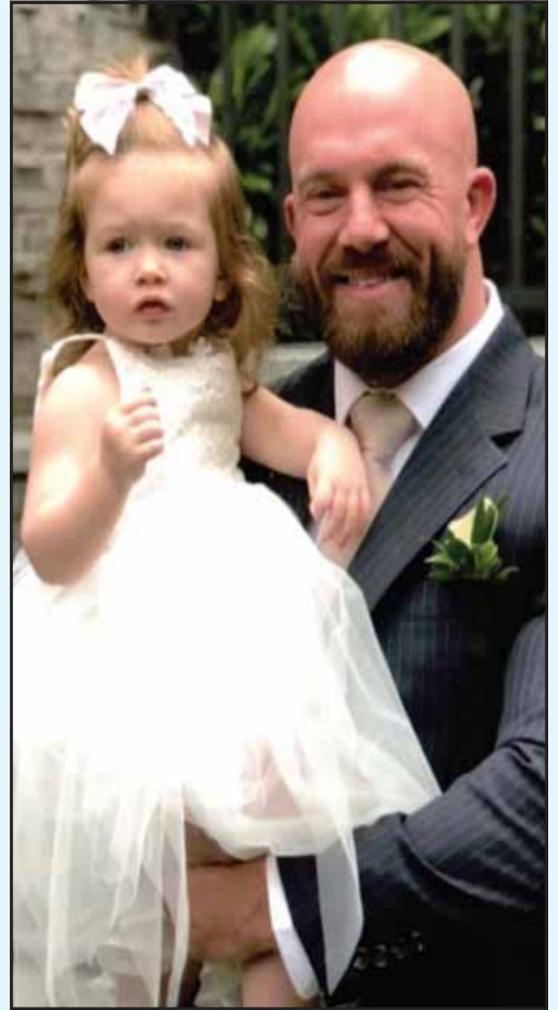
Camillo said in a statement. "My thoughts and prayers are with his family and his police brothers and sisters who mourn his sudden passing."

After taking his oath of office in 2015, Quagliani said of becoming a police officer, "I'm ecstatic. It's been a dream of mine for so long."

The Rev. Thomas Nin, a police chaplain, eulogized Quagliani as a high motivated officer who always strove to meet the highest professional standards.

In February, Quagliani earned a citation for a medical rescue. He was sent to a residence where a woman was unconscious on Jan. 25, and he performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation until paramedics arrived and took over. She was later taken to the hospital and recovered.

Quagliani leaves behind his wife, Mia Quagliani and his daughter, Nadia

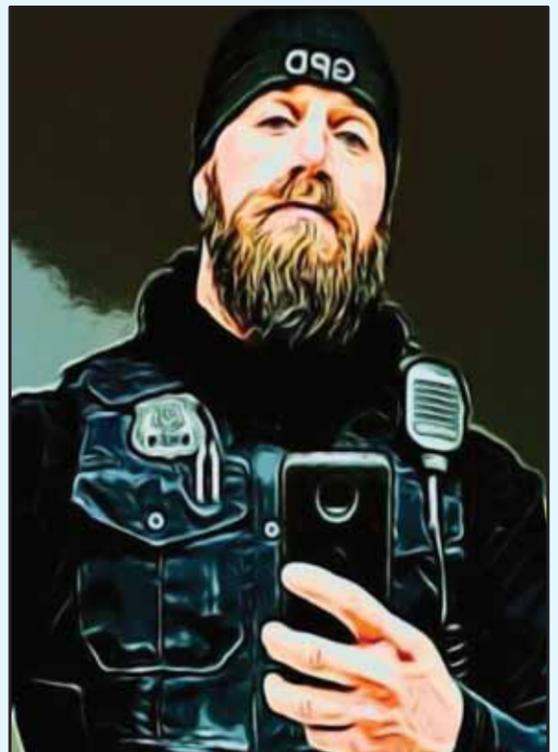


Quagliani and his daughter, Nadia

Quagliani, 3, of Stamford. Also his brothers, Ray F. Quagliani, III (Vicki) of New Hampshire; Christopher M. Quagliani (Jennifer) of West Haven; Nicholas Quagliani (Natalie) of Milford; Mario R. Quagliani (Jo-Ann) of Milford; his sister, Ericka D. Quagliani, of California.

He is also survived by his father, Raymond Quagliani, Jr. of West Haven and his step-mother Doris J. Quagliani of West Haven.

He also leaves behind several nieces and nephews and hundreds of fellow Greenwich Police Officers and friends.



Physically imposing, "but he was a teddy bear on the inside."

## New Year's wishes --2020

With the coming of the New Year – and no, the new decade doesn't start until 2021 – the West Haven Voice has given three major goals it hopes the city and residents accomplish in the next 12 months.

In many cases over the years, the goals and accomplishments are recurring. Brevity and expediency – getting things done in a timely manner under this definition – are not the city's strong suits. As we enter 2020, we hope the coming year finds us fulfilling these goals:

**The Haven** – This has been a goal for the last several years, and we're unsure it will be accomplished in 2020. The revelation last year that the Haven Group, the developers overseeing the site, have expected state funding to help the process puts much of the last four years into perspective.

According to the developers, certain promises were given to the group regarding city attempts under the O'Brien administration, to gain state funds to help enable the project.

The languishing and decay of the site area then becomes more understood. The developers might have, indeed, sought DOT plan approvals, and other bureaucratic red tape might have been cut through, but the major hold up is the promised funding.

This makes the success – or even the potential completion – of the project murkier. For years we were told permits would be sought, giving the city millions in revenue. When it came down to it, the group was looking for funds.

What we hope for in the coming year is closure one way or the other.

Is the Haven going to be completed? If so, when? The promise of the Christmas of 2021 or 2022 seems somewhat remote at this point. We are at a point when a decision one way or the other must be made crystal clear by the developers to the city. Full stop.

**Charter Revision** – The 18-month review of the charter and proposed revisions were filed last summer. We hope over the first quarter or at most by the end of the second quarter the revisions will be put to the voters. The City Council in its last term completed its work, what needs to be done now is setting a date for the referendum.

Because of the interweaving of the revisions, one to another, that vote has to be an up-or-down one. Some members were hoping for the city to slice and dice the questions into several, making it easier for the voters. However, doing so would play havoc with the whole document. The changes are so interwoven, doing so could potentially set up a chaotic situation with some parts approved and others not – thus making the whole document inoperable.

**Return of the Savin Rock Festival** – It has been two years since the Rossi administration canceled the Savin Rock Festival because of financial constraints. While we concur the city should not spend money it doesn't have, we wonder if some other accommodation could have been made.

Regardless, with the city having a better bankbook, the festival's return was mentioned as a probability this year. We hope so. The taxpayers of West Haven get very little in the way of payback for their levies. This is one of them.

We hope over the next several months a committee will be formed and the three-day celebration be put back on the schedule of events.

We also hope that concerts, once a summer-long staple will be increased. Finding sponsors and getting performers for summer music lovers should be another "perk" taxpayers get for their buck.

In the next 12 months, the city can make great strides in becoming an even better place, and solving some of its internal problems. We hope in the first editorial of 2021, we are able to tout those accomplishments.



## Vaping and the current hysteria

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

Never before has a boon to public health been met with such hysteria and ingratitude.

Vaping is almost all upside in comparison with traditional smoking, a wanton destroyer of health and lives, and yet the nation is in the grips of a panic about e-cigarettes. In a rarity for the Trump era, the anti-vaping sentiment jumps traditional geographic and political bounds, running from the Oval Office to San Francisco, from President Donald Trump to his most fervent enemies.

Trump has announced a proposed Food and Drug Administration ban on flavored e-cigarettes, while the San Francisco Board of Supervisors banned the sale of vaping products at retail outlets. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo imposed a ban on flavored e-cigarettes on an "emergency" basis. "Vaping is dangerous, period," Cuomo pronounced, citing, like the president, teenage use in particular.

Actually, there's little evidence that vaping, as a general matter, is hazardous, especially when compared with traditional cigarettes, whose smokers inhale a witch's brew of carcinogens and carbon monoxide. Smoking accounts for 30% of all cancer deaths, and 18% of all deaths.

A credible estimate is that e-cigarettes, which involve inhaling a nicotine-infused vapor rather than smoke, are about 95% less harmful than cigarettes.

The vaping-related illnesses that have recently garnered headlines and prompted the regulatory actions appear not to implicate standard vaping, but rather the use of black-market liquids containing THC, the active ingredient in cannabis. We could make the risky products involved illegal, if they weren't already illegal.

The problem with the flavor bans -- and especially a San Francisco-style outright ban -- is its effect on adult e-cigarette users. About 11 million adults vape, and some percentage of them are former smokers or would be smoking in the absence of e-cigarettes.

A robust study in the United Kingdom found that vaping is twice as effective as other common nicotine replacements in getting smokers to quit. The flavors, according to surveys of users, are a big draw for smokers quitting traditional cigarettes. It's manifestly absurd to ban vaping products and leave cigarettes, including flavored cigarettes, on the market.

Another source of the current panic is that teen vaping

is way up, but there's nothing to suggest that this increase in vaping is encouraging real teen smoking, which has fallen below 6%. Everyone would prefer that teens not develop a vaping habit, but this presents nothing close to the health issue presented by combustible cigarettes.

By all means, let's crack down on retailers who are selling products to minors. But exaggerating the harms of vaping and prohibiting the products is a formula for giving back some of the gains against traditional smoking. The libertarian publication Reason points to one study that, insanely, shows more people beginning to consider e-cigarettes as dangerous as regular cigarettes.

The U.K. has adopted a much more sensible approach that welcomes e-cigarettes as an important harm-reduction measure. A couple of National Health Service hospitals have even allowed vape shops on their premises.

That would cause a hue and cry in the United States, where we can't agree on anything except, apparently, our irrational hostility to a product that is an alternative to a terrible scourge.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2020 by King Features Synd., Inc.



**Gripe Vine Readers:**

We are beginning a new year and with my wishes for a healthy, happy year, we'll begin by opening 2020 with anticipation and accomplishments. Perhaps you found your gripe wasn't solved last year, send it again, gripevine4wh@aol.com or mail them to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice, 840 Boston Post Road, Box 4, and Gripe Vine will follow up on your complaint.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Good Morning if anyone is reading this, please, my street Everett Street needs help. This street is full of potholes everywhere from the beginning of the street to the stop sign where children get dropped from after school.

I am embarrassed to see myself living on a street like this and no one is doing anything about it. This street has been with holes over a year now and it is getting worse. There is a new house up the street and the potholes are not even from that construction. I have seen people from the city driving around and they see how the street is and nothing gets done. I have a neighbor that lives around here, and she says this is why she doesn't vote anymore. We need a better West Haven.

*Neighbor on Everett Street*



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

**Dear Neighbor:**

I have notified the Councilwoman from your district, Portia Bias.

My readers and I would like to hear if your complaint was acted on by Councilwoman Bias. If you don't hear from her within the week, please contact me.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I would like to know why Stop Signs, Red Lights, Right Turn on Red and Signal Lights on cars don't mean anything anymore. No one seems to obey the laws. If laws were enforced, West Haven would collect a lot of money.

*OB Motorist*

**Dear OB Motorist:**

A little research provided my readers with the latest on traffic signal violations and their fines if ignored. According to

Connecticut Law the fine for a Stop Sign violation, a motorist will typically pay \$129. The fines and fees for a Stop Light violation, \$146 what could be paid in fines and fees.

At a red light, solid or flashing or a stop sign, motorists must come to a complete stop prior to the nearest of reaching a marked limit line, entering the crosswalk at the near side of the intersection or entering the intersection itself.

The right on red rule in Connecticut allows motorists to make a right turn after stopping at a red light unless there's a sign that prohibits this action.

Connecticut doesn't allow left on red rule.

A yellow light is a warning that the signal is about to turn red. Motorists must stop at a yellow light unless they are so close to the intersection that a stop can't be safely made. Hopefully, OB Motorist, this information will help eliminate motorists that are careless behind the wheel.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

Once again, I am complaining about all the trash on Plainfield Avenue and also people are not stopping at Fenwick and Yates Street. Too late when someone is injured.

*I Care HC*

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I live in East Moriches, NY and have occasion to read your column.

Today, my only gripe is why aren't there more people like you and me?

FPB  
Dear FPB:  
Thanks for the chuckle!

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Letters

The Haven, needles and a neighborhood

Perhaps someday we will have a shopping mall called The Haven. The developer will take down the homes and bury the empty bottles and hypodermic needles that now cover the vacant site. But we will always remember what was given up, under the guise of a promise of economic development that was built on a premise that economic development has to be a zero-sum game.

We could have had economic development without forcing people out of their homes and small businesses under the threat that their property would be taken by force under Eminent Domain. We could have built upon what we had by using the vacant lots that the city already owned, instead of destroying the good parts of the area under the mistaken assumption that the homes weren't good enough and had to be annihilated. Many people in West Haven will say that the displaced homeowners 'made out like bandits', 'ran to the bank' with their supposed windfalls, or 'couldn't wait to run to the table'...and perhaps that characterization did pertain to a small number of absentee owners. But for the majority of people who lived in the non-blighted family homes or ran the numerous small businesses that populated the area, this was not the case. They wanted to retain their homes and neighborhood.

This case is a sad lesson in the domino effect, and how the fragile balance that makes a neighborhood viable and vibrant isn't just based on economic factors. The homes that were once occupied in the area bounded by First Avenue and Water Street, Main and Elm Streets were critical to the integrity of a wider neighborhood -- one that is now profoundly destabilized because of what happened next door.

The City of West Haven has done a great disservice not only to the homeowners who were vacated, but also-and perhaps more so-to the homeowners who remain on the fringes of this project footprint. They cannot refinance their mortgages. They cannot take equity out of their homes. But still they hang on, because they really have no choice.

The approval of The Haven South Municipal Development Plan by the West Haven Redevelopment Agency, the West Hav-

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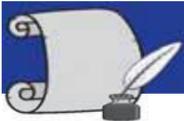
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

**George Belbusti
Ramey Air Force Base
Aguadilla, Puerto Rico
Cold War, Autumn, 1953**

Air Force Crew Chief George Belbusti watched from the ground as his ten-engine B-36 Bomber labored down the runway and powerfully lifted itself from the ground. Suddenly, its number four reciprocating engine exploded into flames.

As he began to tremble, George feared for the B-36's

crew: they were now part of what was quite literally a flying bomb, and which was loaded with 26,000 gallons of high-octane fuel and 80,000 pounds of explosives. What would happen next? Belbusti considered the chances of a devastating crash, a "ditch" at sea, or the very unlikely possibility of a safe landing. The situation looked very, very bad.

And then it happened: Somehow, the B-36 began a wide

sweeping turn, and while trailing smoke and flames it landed safely on the same runway that it had just used for takeoff. Sixty-six years later, George Belbusti can still remember the look on the pilot's face as he and his crew hastened from the plane: "He was as white as a sheet!"

George Belbusti was born at home on Stevens Avenue in West Haven, the fourth son of Anthony and Mary Belbusti. He attended Thompson

School from Kindergarten to Eighth Grade and graduated from West Haven High School in 1949; while he was in high school, he served in the National Guard. After he graduated from West Haven High School, he joined the US Air Force, where he served from 1949-1954

The Air Force had wanted to make a pilot out of George, but by this time he was looking for something different in his life. Upon returning to civilian life,

he applied for entry into what was then Southern Connecticut State College under the GI Bill. He was accepted and successfully pursued a degree in Elementary and Special Education; later he completed his studies for a master's degree in Reading, followed by an administrator's degree from Bridgeport University.

In 1958 George began teaching at what then was Bailey Junior High School; he taught Social Studies, English and Reading, and stayed there until 1964. He was proud of the fact that he brought the SRA (Science Research Associates) reading program into West Haven, and many Westies will remember the SRA program well. In addition, George Belbusti is credited with ensuring that all West Haven schools had libraries within their walls. His introduction of IGE (individually guided education) brought a new dimension to grades K-6.

As time passed, George Belbusti became supervisor over twelve elementary schools. During that time, he met Colleen Bartlett, who was one of his co-workers in the school system. Later they were both widowed; subsequently they were married, and have celebrated sixteen years together.

George is warmly remembered by many of his students, both for helping them with their academic studies, and also for teaching many of them about aviation, in which he partnered with Henri Pozzouli at West Haven High School. George had a pilot's license and flew regularly for 35 years. Today, George Belbusti is enjoying his life in retirement and traveling with his wife Colleen. It should be noted that his son-in-law Rob Bohan is the current principal of Bailey Middle School.



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George Belbusti had quite a harrowing experience in a plane similar to the model that sits before him.



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Trials give Khondker perspective

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

Roman Khondker said his being raised in Bangladesh influenced him to pursue a life of public service.

Just 20 years old, Khondker's said his experience as a child gave him a great appreciation for the freedoms he has in the United States.

"Everyone from my father's side was very, very powerful. They were all politicians," said Khondker, reflecting on his time in Bangladesh. "Everyone on my mother's side was very rich. They were all rich men and women. To simplify it, my father's side grew overly jealous of the wealth that my mother's side had."

Khondker said his father's family eventually went on a "rampage" and started killing off members of his mother's family. He and his mother were forced to flee. Over the next years, they lived in India, Nepal and Pakistan. Khondker said when they returned to Bangladesh, he had to use a fake name to ensure his safety.

"At that point, I was 7," said Khondker. "From 7 to 10 I lived in Bangladesh again – hiding in different places throughout the years."

The West Haven resident said it was a scary time for him but his mother always did her best to make him feel safe. He added he owes all he has to her. In 2010, Roman and his mother were granted visas to come to the United States.

"For me, that was the happiest day of my life. Up until the plane took off, we were still worried that the government officials there might stop us and take us to be killed," said Khondker. "In August of 2010, as soon as the flight took off, my mom let out a sigh of relief. I knew from then on that I wanted to serve the public of the world."

Roman said he greatly appreciates the freedoms and opportunities granted in the US. He added that his faith as a Muslim has been a cornerstone in making him the man he is today. He said he was taught to love everyone and instilled with a desire to help others.

He said his mother eventually married his stepfather, who has been a positive influence on his life. They moved around a lot before settling in West Haven when his stepfather got a job at the VA hospital. He was in eighth grade.

Roman contacted Dave Riccio during Riccio's run for mayor and asked about getting involved in the town Republican Party. He said he was drawn to the party because of their belief in small govern-

ment and individual liberties.

"I joined the RTC shortly after turning 18. By January of 2018, I decided I wanted to run for office," he said. "I want to expand my ability to serve the people."

Khondker ran in the Republican primaries for state representative. He ended up losing to Richard DePalma but joined his campaign after to help out.

After that election, Khondker was appointed by Mayor Nancy Rossi to the Community Development Administration, where they worked to give block grants to those in need. He said he believes he was the first Muslim to be appointed to a board in West Haven's history.

"A month after that I was appointed to the state Commission of Equity and Opportunity," said Khondker, adding he was appointed by Gov. Ned Lamont. He said their job will be to review bills and ensure they have a positive effect on everyone. Their first meeting is later this month.

Khondker ran for city treasurer this past election, but soon dropped out when he decided it was more important to focus on his studies and the state commission. He is about to start his second semester at the University of Rhode Island where he is studying ocean engineering and business.

"I also got involved with the Rhode Island GOP," said Khondker. "I am the social media director for the Trump

2020 campaign for Rhode Island. I'll be going from college to college giving speeches and registering voters."

Khondker admits he has a

full plate. He said he does not know where his future will take him but he believes in going with the flow, rolling with the punches and seeing where

the world takes him.

"The worlds been really good to me," said Khondker. "So, I am going to see if I can be good back."



Photo by Josh LaBella

Politics has become a consuming interest in the young life of Rومان Khondker. A Republican, he was a former candidate for the local GOP, and now devotes some of his time with the Rhode Island Republican Party while studying at URI. He is shown with US Senate candidate Matt Corey.

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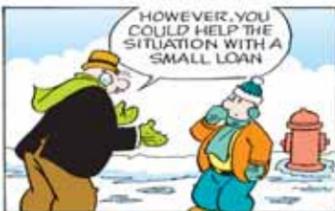
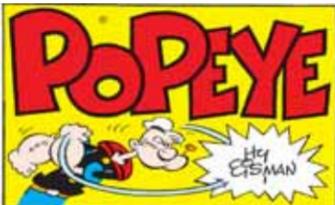
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Christmas Sing-along

Mackrille School celebrated the Christmas break with a Sing-along that included Mayor Nancy Rossi. Rossi mugs it up with Faye Marzinotto, school psychologist, and Kim Zabilowski, School Reading Consultant. Meanwhile, the choristers make sure they get in the mix. They are: Isabella Sisson - Grade 4 - next to mayor, (left to right) Hadley Albarado - Grade 2, Allison Delgado - Grade 2, Skye Nelson - Grade 3, Mya Alves - Grade 3, Trisha Torres - Grade 3, Isabella Petruzzello - Grade 4, Eli Murnane - Grade 1, Lulu Sebas - Grade 4.

Trash: *New Year brings new reminders*

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be dry. Hazardous waste can be dropped off for free at HazWaste Central, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven. HazWaste is open Saturday mornings from mid-May through October.

Propane tanks can be brought to Taylor Rental, 304 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$10 per tank.

The amount of bulk trash per collection is limited to 6 cubic yards, which is equal to a pile of trash about 6 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4.5 feet high.

Homeowners are required to rent a dumpster or hire a junk removal service at their expense if trash exceeds 6 cubic yards. Otherwise, trash exceeding 6 cubic yards will be left at the curb, and a \$100 fine per daily offense will be imposed, McCarthy said.

To prevent a potential fine, property owners should familiarize themselves with the city's trash guidelines at <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/260/Bulk-Trash-Pickup>.

Bulk trash must be generated by the customer at the residential unit where it is collected. Trash will not be collected if it is generated by anyone other than the resident of the home.

Bulk items must be separated and orderly. Do not place them next to a mailbox or utility pole or close to a fence, McCarthy said.

Also, do not place bulk items in front of a vacant lot or home — they will not be collected, he said.

In addition to bulk trash, the city picks up metals, including household appliances, also known as white goods, and toilets. To schedule a pickup on their curbside collection day, residents must call the Highway Department at (203) 937-3644 or (203) 937-3585. Appliance doors must be removed.

The 2020 pickup schedule for leaf bags is April 1-June 1 and Oct. 1-Dec. 31. The pickup schedule for grass bags is May 18-Nov. 20. The bags are picked up on residents' weekly collection days. Leaves and grass clippings must be in separate biodegradable paper bags and will not be accepted if they are in plastic bags.

The city also picks up brush that is cut into 3-to-6-foot lengths and tied in small bundles, no more than 70 pounds.

Logs and stumps are prohibited.

Residents can bring grass clippings as well as bagged leaves and untied brush to the compost site, 1 Kimberly Ave., from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays and, starting in the spring, from 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays. The first cubic yard of compost is free with proof of residence. Additional compost costs \$25 per cubic yard. Residents must bring their own buckets and shovels.

For a \$50 fee, the Department of Public Works will deliver up to 2 cubic yards of compost to city homes.

For electronic items, including TVs, the 2020 drop-off days for e-waste are Jan. 25, April 25, June 13 and Sept. 19.

Residents can drop off electronic recyclables — typically anything that contains a circuit board or needs a battery — from 8 a.m.-noon at the highway maintenance garage.

Anything that has refrigerant, including air conditioners and dehumidifiers, is not accepted. Those items are considered white goods, and residents are asked to schedule a pickup on their curbside collection day by calling the Highway Department.

The city is partnering with Take 2 Inc. of Waterbury, a recycler and collector of

universal e-waste devices, to collect residential electronic items on a quarterly basis.

The e-waste drop-off is free for residents who have such items as TVs, handheld video games, computers, monitors, copiers, scanners, microwaves, toaster ovens and other small appliances.

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Sharks terrorize early on

The West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy girls hockey team is off to an impressive start with all facets of the game clicking, the Westie Sharks are undefeated early on.

West Haven / Sacred Heart Academy improved to 3-0 with an 8-5 victory over Hall-Conard Monday evening in West Hartford.

Jenna Hunt led the offense with two goals and two assists, Emilee DeGrand had one goal and three assists, Mia Celentano added two goals and an assist, while Megan Froehlich and Taylor Nowak each had a goal and an assist as seven players were in the scoring column. Hailey Alfano made 13 saves in the victory, including six in the middle period.

"Hall/Conard got on the board early first, but what makes me proud is our girls didn't hang their heads," West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy coach Erin Blake said. "They fired right back and kept the momentum up the rest of game. It was a whole team effort."

Trailing 1-0, the Westie Sharks evened the contest with 1 minute, 59 seconds remaining in the opening period when Mia Celentano scored off assists from DeGrand and Hunt.

West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy put the game away with five goals in the second period. Hunt gave the Westie Sharks a 2-1 lead off an assist from Mackenzie Gardner 1:22 into the second, before Hunt's second of the period, off an assist from DeGrand with 10:25 remaining gave West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy a 3-1 lead.

"Jenna's (Hunt) line had 11 points total between the three of them," Blake said. "(Jenna) started the scoring and Emilee (DeGrand), as a freshman, had her first goal and added in four points. Taylor's (Nowak) line all scored so each player on our top two lines scored. Brooke (McNabola) played her best game yet, holding down the defensive with Mackenzie (Gardner)."

Leading 3-2, DeGrand scored off an assist from

Celentano, and Celentano scored 1:59 later off assists from DeGrand and Hunt for a 5-2 advantage. Froehlich

added a tally with 33 seconds remaining in the period for a 6-2 lead.

The Westie Sharks took a

7-2 lead 2:43 into the third when Nowak scored an unassisted goal, before Nowak and

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Photo by Todd Dandelske

Megan Froehlich scores on a wrap around for the girls' hockey team in their 8-5 victory over Hall/Conard.

Knights win 'Snow Jam' tournament

While the students had a nice extended break, the winter athletes were busy representing our teams over the Holiday break! From hockey winning three games in Boston and basketball capturing the Winter Snow Jam, it was a successful span for the Green Knights winter teams.

Basketball -- Coach Shea's squad has gotten off to a fast start, both in their record and scoring totals. Notre Dame has

won their first five games and have scored 75 or more points in four of the five games. In fact, the Green Knights scored 196 points in less than 24 hours in the two Christmas tournament wins. ND beat Holy Cross and Stamford in that event and also has wins over Amity, East Lyme and cross town rival West Haven on Friday, January 3. Zach Laput has led the way averaging over 25 points per game.

Hockey -- The hockey team is also off to a great start. After a season opening win over Immaculate, the Green Knights went to Boston to play in the Catholic Memorial Christmas Tournament. They won all three games to come home with the hardware. After a 5-3 win over Bishop Feehan, John-Michael Childs scored the lone shootout goal as ND beat the host school 4-3. Connor Smith then made 29 saves in a 1-0

win over Valor Christian from Colorado. Then, ND erupted for four second-period goals in a 5-1 win over Hamden on New Year's Day and followed that up with a come-from-behind 3-2 win at Simsbury on Saturday. John D'Errico scored with 3:10 left to break a 2-2 tie.

Indoor Track -- With teams from all across the nation competing at the Hispanic Games, Jared Russo came in sixth place in the high hurdles. Russo set a personal record completing the event in 7.94 seconds. He was the top Connecticut finisher in this event. A quartet of freshmen made their presence felt also. Cayden Drost placed third in the high hurdles. Malcolm Benton and Donovan Davis placed fourth and fifth in the dash and the trio combined with Jalen Sutton '23 to take third place in the 4x200 relay. Russo won the same event at the SCC Developmental on December 23 while Max Bothwell placed second in the pole vault, clearing 12-feet.

Swimming -- Alex Ozonoff and Sean McDermott have swam well and won their

mainstay events but the Notre Dame swim team has lost a pair of close decisions to West Haven on December 20, 2019 and Lyman Hall/Coginchaug on January 3, 2020. Ozonoff has won both the 200 and 500 freestyle events in both meets. McDermott has won the 100 breaststroke and 200 IM at both meets.

Wrestling -- Luis Stephenson had the match of the season so far. Trailing 39-36 heading into the final match against Cheshire, Stephenson was matched up against the Rams' Zach Coleman.

Stephenson would via pin to give Notre Dame a thrilling 42-39 win. The wrestlers also finished second at the Law Duals on Dec. 28, where they went 3-1 on the day. Jackson Paulishen has been a force winning the majority of his matches.

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The ND basketball team won its own Winter Snow Jam Basketball Tournament beating Holy Cross and Stamford on back to back days over the Christmas Holiday. It's the second year the Green Knights have won this event.

# Mite C picks up big win v. N. Canaan

The West Haven Mite C hockey team played New Canaan at home Saturday morning, and picked up a big win against a talented New Canaan team that beat them earlier in the season.

Brady Salkins opened the scoring for the Westies, and found two more goals to get the hat trick. Kyle Johnson and Logan Minio both picked up hat tricks of their own. Tony Parise netted twice, his second a hard fought goal as he battled off two defenders to tap the puck in, and Evan Harrison and Joe Mondo both picked up their first career goals.

Ben Trenchard rounded out the scoring as he put in a back hand shot off a Johnson rebound. Jax Guarino played a strong game, making passes and breaking up New Canaan attacks. Julius Stokes was stellar in goal, leading his team to the win with several key stops.

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team posted its 13th victory of the season on Saturday, winning 5-4 over Northwestern Connecticut A1 at Bennett Rink.

Forward Cameren Lipford powered the Blue Devils' offense with four goals, and goaltender Alex Werle anchored the team's defense

with 24 saves.

Just eight seconds into the contest, Lipford nabbed the puck off the opening faceoff from center Tyler Silva, skated it into his offensive zone, and drilled a wrist shot low to the glove side to put the Westies up 1-0. Northwestern, based in New Milford, tied it at 8:02 of the first and took the lead at 3:47 of the period. A minute later, the Icehawks went up 3-1 before Lipford fired a wrister high to the glove side to make it a one-shot game.

At 8:19 of the second, the Icehawks made it 4-2. Lipford then scored from the right side of the net at 6:31 of the period on a play set up by defenseman Andrew Grillo and Silva. At 1:18 of the second, with the puck in his offensive zone, Westies center Grady Schulte exploded to the net and rebounded Silva's shot to tie the contest.

Lipford netted the game-winner from forward Aedan Guarino at 7:23 of the third, wristing a shot from between the hash marks. In the final minutes, Werle made multiple saves, including blocking a shot with his skate at 3:51 of the period, to preserve the victory for the Blue Devils.

On Sunday, West Haven lost a 4-3 heartbreaker to South

Windsor A at the South Windsor Arena.

Werle was a warrior in net, fending off a flurry of shots, and Lipford had a hat trick to lead the Blue Devils.

At 8:16 of the first, Lipford put the Westies up 1-0 on a wrist shot from the right faceoff circle assisted by Silva. Werle held the Knights scoreless in the period.

Lipford made it 2-0 at 10:43 of the second, launching a wrister from the right hash marks high to the blocker side. Aedan Guarino assisted on the play. The Knights, however, answered 24 seconds later to cut it to 2-1.

At 7:17 of the third, the Knights tied it before scoring two straight to pull ahead 4-2. Schulte made it a one-shot game at 1:55 of the period, netting a wrist shot from the left faceoff circle high to the glove side.

Werle finished the contest with 26 saves, including seven stellar saves in the third to keep his team in contention.

The West Haven Peewee AA travel hockey team returned from the holiday break Friday night against fifth-ranked Wallingford at Choate. The Devils controlled possession early and often in the contest and won 6-0.

Thomas Porto got it going in the first period, putting West Haven up 1-0. Gabe Locklear would add on two more goals, with assists coming from Brody DiNuzzo and Billy Mascari. DiNuzzo tacked on two more goals, assisted by Jack Aloï and Porto to expand the lead to 5-0.

Locklear collected the hat trick with his third goal assisted by DiNuzzo, giving WH a 6-0 victory over Wallingford. Nicky Stevens, Nick Eberhart and Nick Salzano played well. Beckett Stenz and John Donohue provided solid defense. Nate Kempton and Tyler Donroe combined for another shut-out. The duo have 15 shutouts combined so far this season. West Haven traveled to Simsbury Farms to square off against third-ranked Simsbury and posted a 7-4 victory. The Westies found themselves in unfamiliar territory as Simsbury not only scored the game's first goal, but it also came short-handed a few minutes into first period.

With 10:46 remaining in the first, Stevens sent a pass to Porto across the slot who sent it right back to Stevens for the goal. Simsbury answered with a power play goal, but with seven seconds left in the first period, Mas-

cari evened the game, assisted by DiNuzzo.

Stevens added his second of the game four minutes into the second period off a Mascari rebound to put West Haven up 3-2. Later in the second, DiNuzzo sent a pass from his goal line connecting with Locklear as he was breaking the blue line to send him in on a breakthrough. Locklear finished the play for a 4-2 lead. Just 1:28 later, Locklear fed DiNuzzo down low who redirects puck to Connor Benz for the tap in goal and a 5-2 lead.

John Donohue opened the third with a goal to give the Westies a 6-2 lead. Simsbury got within 6-4, but with 4:37 remaining in the game, DiNuzzo sent a pass to the front of the net that was tapped in by Locklear for a 7-4 advantage.

Kempton and Donroe split the game and were outstanding.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team split a pair of games this weekend. The Westies went on the road to upend Yale 2007A, 8-4, and dropped a home game to Wonderland A, 7-5. The team is now 16-15-0 in CHC league play.

On Saturday afternoon at Northford Ice Pavilion, Yale

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Above -- Marlin Walker lays one up for the Blue Devils in a 76-66 loss to the Green Knights on Friday evening. Right --Sarah Evangelista guards her player in the Westies 49-43 defeat of the Cheshire Rams on Friday.

## Youth Hockey

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went up 1-0 in the opening minute. The Blue Devils tied the game on a power play when Alex Bowery found Brady Price who lifted in a backhand. The Westies took a 2-1 lead 12 seconds later when Chris Consorte grabbed the faceoff and converted a backhand of his own. Yale made it 2-2 after one period.

In the second period, penalties mounted on both teams. Yale went up 3-2 with a power play goal. West Haven equalized on a 5-on-3 when Dylan Bosworth hit Leo Mazuroski who fired on net. Bowery cashed in the loose puck. Yale regained

the lead in the final minute of the second period. The Blue Devils then dominated the third period. Mazuroski, Bosworth, Ryan Pniewski, Jonathan Charbonneau and Matt Kelly were solid on defense. Greg Galasso made every save (he finished with 19 total). Five different players scored goals in the period.

Bowery centered to Ethan Kelly who tapped it to Price for a wrist shot.

Mike Page won the puck on the boards and then banged in his own rebound. Ronnie Mastroni and Page assisted Sean Studley for a nifty goal while Studley got knocked to the ice. Bowery fed Bosworth for a laser from the point. Bowery then one-timed Price's feed to cap the scoring.

On Sunday morning at Edward L. Bennett Rink, the Westies hosted Wonderland in a close battle for the full 45 minutes.

Price fired off the post and Bowery jammed home the rebound to open the scoring. The Wizards tied at 1-1 after one period.

Penalties hurt the Westies in the second period, but they kept battling. Down 2-1, Bosworth chipped it to the high slot where Consorte settled it and fired through the five hole to tie the game.

Down 3-2, Mastroni won a scrum on the boards and hit Page. He deftly backhanded it to Bowery who rammed it home to tie it again at 3-3. Wonderland scored on a power play for a 4-3 lead at the second intermission. The Blue Devils immediately tied the contest again early in the third by scoring on a 5-on-3 when Ethan Kelly won the draw back to Mazuroski. He hit Bosworth who rang it off the post and Kelly sniped it home.

The Wizards scored twice but the Westies would not go away. Studley skated around a defender and fired it in front where it hit a skate and deflected in.

The Blue Devils could not equalize though and Wonderland escaped with the win. Jacob Silva was solid in net for the Westies and finished with 19 saves.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team split a pair of home games this past weekend, topping Potomac, Virginia on Saturday, before falling to Yale on Sunday.

Against Potomac, Michael Madera led the offense with two goals, and Cam Delvecchio had a goal and two assists in a 5-3 victory.

The Westies took a 2-0 lead in the first period when Matt Stevens scored 1:27 in off an assist from Matt Wezenski, and Jayden Spreyer scored off an assist from Delvecchio with 8:54 remaining.

Potomac cut the deficit in half to close the opening period, and evened the contest with 8:59 left in the second.

Madera gave West Haven a 3-2 lead 53 seconds into the third off an assist from Delvecchio, before Delvecchio's unassisted tally 3:50 later built the lead to 4-2. Madera increased the margin to 5-2 off an assist from Will Giaquinto with 8:08 remaining.

Bryan Hong was outstanding in goal, making numerous big saves in the final two periods. Wezenski, Haygen Axelrod, and Jason Alling played well defensively, while Dante Hardt, Mickey Dowd, and Kyle Droney all played well in the contest.

The Westies closed the weekend with a 3-0 loss against Yale. Hong was solid in goal, making several stellar saves throughout, but it was not

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# Westies: *Netters lose to Knights*

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Froehlich set up Cohrs with 8:18 remaining for an 8-3 lead.

The West Haven/Sacred Heart girls hockey team improved to 4-0 with its second consecutive 8-5 victory over Hall-Conard Saturday afternoon at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven.

Nine players were in the scoring column, including Froehlich with three goals and two assists, and Celentano and Nowak with two goals apiece. Jianna Cohrs and Meghan Dupre each had a pair of assists in the win for the Westie Sharks.

West Haven / Sacred Heart Academy took a 4-0 lead in the opening period. Jenna Hunt got things going 2:06 into the contest off assists from Froehlich and Dupre, before Froehlich scored off assists from DeGrand and Brooke McNabola 5:48 later.

Froehlich scored again 26 seconds later off an assist from Cohrs for a 3-0 lead, before Celentano scored off and assist from Dupre for a 4-0 advantage.

Hannah Davey made nine saves, including five in the opening period, and Hailey Alfano made four in the win for the Westie Sharks.

Five games into the regular season, West Haven coach Steve Harris loves the way his team is playing. Five wins in five games is a great start.

The Westies showed plenty of grit in their latest victory. Playing without some key players due to injury and illness, West Haven improved to 5-0 with a 6-1 victory over North Haven Thursday evening at the Northford Ice Pavilion.

Seven different players were in the scoring column and Jared Pliszka continued his hot start with 15 saves as the Westies were in control from the start.

Mike Alfano and Ben Car-

fora led the offense with two goals apiece, Nick Boanno and Richie Greene each had a goal and an assist, while Kevin Moriarty added two assists in the victory.

The Westies took a 2-0 lead in the opening period and never looked back. Carfora took advantage of a North Haven turnover and scored an unassisted goal 6 minutes, 31 seconds in.

Pliszka needed to make just three saves in the period, before Greene fed Boanno in front with 3:46 remaining for a 2-0 lead.

Moriarty also picked up an assist on the goal.

After Carfora gave the Westies a 3-0 advantage 2:24 into the second off a scramble in front, Pliszka kept the lead at three with nine saves in the middle period, including a point blank shot with 6:17 remaining.

"The biggest thing for us is keeping the shots wide," West Haven coach Steve Harris said. "We want to keep them at the perimeter. Jared (Pliszka) is playing really well. We want to keep the shots to the perimeter and contain the middle."

The Westies put the game away in the third period with three more tallies.

Alfano had the biggest goals, scoring twice in 33 seconds for a 5-0 advantage.

After a North Haven turnover off the boards, Alfano picked up the loose puck and roofed a shot to the top corner for a 4-0 advantage 2:47 into the third. Alfano then took a pass from Ryan Bernardi and went to the lower right corner for a 5-0 lead.

"The big thing was, after the St. Joe's game, we wanted to keep the pressure on for three periods," Harris said. "We wanted to take advantage of the power play and put pressure on. In the last seven minutes of the second period,

we got a little sloppy. We regrouped between the second and third periods, and got three in the third."

Greene capped West Haven's scoring off assists from Boanno and Moriarty with 11:12 remaining for a 6-0 lead. North Haven scored with 5:49 remaining to spoil Pliszka's shutout bid.

The win streak to open the season came to an end for the West Haven boys hockey team.

Facing a big and fast Branford hockey team, the Westies were defeated 4-2 Saturday afternoon at the Northford Ice Pavilion.

Despite each team taking 34 shots in the contest, Branford was in control from the start, taking a 2-0 lead in the first, and extending the margin to 4-1 after two periods of play.

"We came out flat," Harris said. "We could feel it even in warmups. We did not see any pep. But, Branford played a great game. They took it to us all three periods. You have to give them a lot of credit."

Goals by Jack Manware and Blake Kustra gave Branford a 2-0 lead after one period of play, before Kustra and Daniel Farricelli scored in the second for a 4-0 advantage.

Branford goalie Jared Yakhimoff was solid in goal for the Hornets, denying 19 West Haven shots in the first two periods, including D.J. Carfora in front with 4:13 left in the first, and Robbie Forleo's point blast with 7:31 remaining in the second.

Off a perfect pass from Kaden Morgillo, Moriarty was turned aside 14 seconds before he found the back of the net for West Haven's first goal of the game.

West Haven finally got on the scoreboard with 1:36 remaining in the period when Moriarty scored a power play goal in front off assists from

Greene and Morgillo.

Boanno scored off an assist from Ben Carfora in the third, but it was not enough. Pliszka and the Westies suffered their first loss of the season, despite Pliszka making 30 saves.

"It is not easy to take a loss, but a loss like this could help us," Harris said. "We will see how we regroup from this on Monday."

The West Haven boys basketball team felt as if it was up to the test entering Friday evening's contest with cross-town rival Notre Dame.

Unfortunately for the Westies, Notre Dame was too much to handle in a 76-66 Notre Dame victory at Alumni Hall at Notre Dame.

The Westies trailed from the first quarter on, falling behind by 10 points after one quarter of play.

The Green Knights led 34-24 at the half, and 58-43 after three quarters of play.

Laron Holmes led West Haven with 15 points, Shea Sheffield added 14, and Malcolm Duncanson had 10 points in the loss for West Haven. Zach Laput led Notre Dame with 26 points, Ben Carroll had 13, Kairon Hooks added 11, and Marquise McDuffie scored 10 for the Green Knights.

The West Haven girls basketball team improved to 4-1 on the year with a 49-43 victory over Cheshire Friday evening at West Haven High. After a season-opening loss to Bunnell, the Westies have rolled off four straight victories.

Freshman Amani Abuhatab led the Westies with 20 points, including 4-of-5 from the free throw line. Tenique Gates scored eight points, Sarah Evangelista scored seven, and Jayden Steinman added six in the victory.

The Westies, who drained just a pair of 3-pointers in the contest, trailed 11-7 after one

quarter, before rallying to take a 21-18 lead at the half with a 14-7 run.

The Westies were just 1-of-4 from the charity stripe in the first quarter and hit just three field goals, two by Abuhatab and one by Evangelista. In a 14-7 second quarter run, Abuhatab scored eight points, including three field goals. Steinman also hit a pair of field goals in the quarter.

Evangelista drained a 3 in the third quarter and had five points, while Abuhatab scored four points from the field. Gates helped close out the contest with six points in the fourth quarter.

The West Haven/Platt Tech boys swim team fell to Shelton on the road Friday afternoon 103-65.

Issac Gorske won the 50 freestyle in 23.90 seconds and Christopher D'Inzio was first in the 100 backstroke in 1 minute, 8.72 seconds.

"The Shelton meet was a challenge for West Haven/Platt with many of our swimmers sick or away on vacation, but the seniors and captains from West Haven and Platt stepped up to the challenge and swam their hardest with Westie Pride," West Haven coach Kevin Dickson said. "The team will be back together and ready for our next meet this Friday."

The Westies had five second place finishes. The 200 medley relay team of Brendon Paucar, D'Inzio, Jacob Airheart, and Shane Taulty was second in 2:04.08, while Airheart was second in the 200 IM in 2:35.64.

The 500 freestyle saw Anthony Catillo place second in 6:16.30, while the 200 freestyle relay of Gorske, Castillo, Christopher Olsen, and Mustansir Jamalee was second in 1:49.35. The 400 freestyle relay team of Airheart, Jamalee, D'Inzio, and Gorske also placed second in 4:02.43.

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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.

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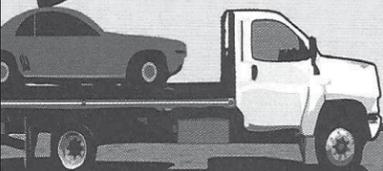
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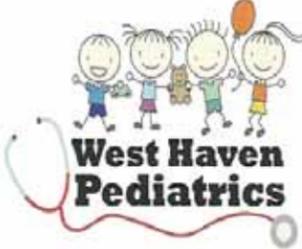
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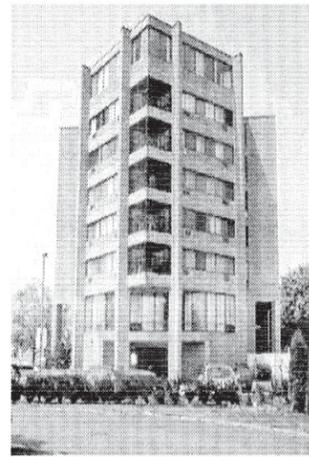
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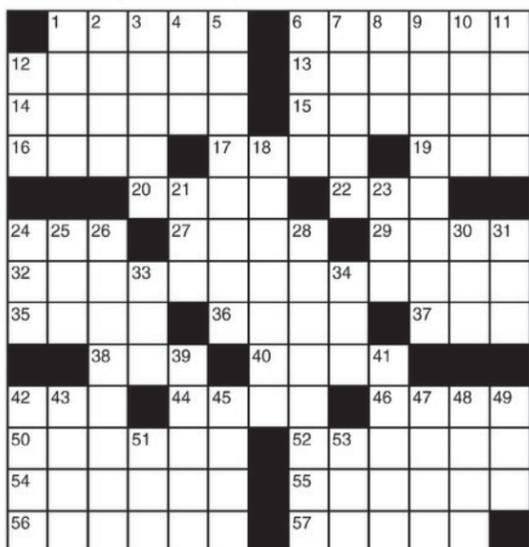
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  - 16 First victim
  - 17 Bullets and such
  - 19 Big bother
  - 20 Director Kazan
  - 22 Unruly group
  - 24 Trouble
  - 27 Taj Mahal city
  - 29 "— Mis-behavin'"
  - 32 New Orleans neighborhood
  - 35 Criterion
  - 36 Yanks
  - 37 Sauce source
  - 38 That girl
  - 40 Send forth
  - 42 Raw rock
  - 44 Sheltered
  - 46 Capri, e.g.
- DOWN**
- 1 "— Your Enthusiasm"
  - 2 Reed instru-ment
  - 3 More than enough
  - 4 Whopper
  - 5 Unwavering
  - 6 Unwanted email
  - 7 Ricochet, in billiards
  - 8 Shack
  - 9 Occupies
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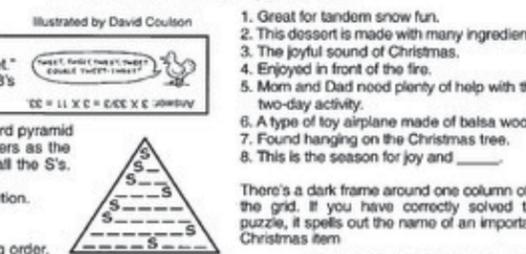
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4. Enjoyed in front of the fire.
5. Mom and Dad need plenty of help with this two-day activity.
6. A type of toy airplane made of balsa wood.
7. Found hanging on the Christmas tree.
8. This is the season for joy and \_\_\_\_.



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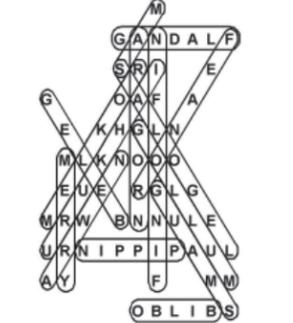
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## Around Town

### Parade Ball March 7

The Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee invites you to attend the Annual St Patrick's Day Parade Ball on March 7, at Anthony's Ocean View, New Haven. The 2020 Award Recipients accomplishments and contributions to the greater New Haven community will be presented: 2020 Grand Marshall- Seamus Bohan; James J Dinnan Award-Richard Graziano; Cornelius Driscoll Award- Leonard Guercia, Jr.; Appreciation Award- Katie Regan ; Lifetime Achievement Award- Sean Canning.

For more information and to purchase tickets please contact: ball@stpatrikdaysparade.org .

### BPGC events

Bradley Point Garden Club of West Haven will hold a bake sale on Thursday, Jan. 23, from 9-1 in the lobby of West Haven City Hall, 355 Main St. The public is invited.

The club will hold its monthly meeting at noon on Jan. 21 at Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Rd. Call Marie at (203) 878-8428 if you are interested in becoming a member.

### Adult fitness programs

The Department of Parks and Recreation is kicking off a trio of adult fitness programs this month.

The department will offer Kripalu yoga, instructed by Mary Beth Colleran, beginning Jan. 7.

It will also offer eight-week sessions of cardio muscle toning and Zumba starting the week of Jan. 13.

Each program will offer a trial class for anyone at least 16 years old.

Go to [www.whparkrec.com](http://www.whparkrec.com) for program and registration information, or visit the department's Painter Park office at 190 Kelsey Ave.

### Senior Center trip

Join the West Haven Senior Center on the following scheduled trip: All trips leave from Savin Rock Conference Center:

The first trip is to Mohegan Sun Casino Tuesday, March 24. Cost is \$35 with \$15 Free Bet and \$15 Food Voucher or Free Buffett. Payment due by Monday, March 2. Bus departs Savin Rock Conference Center at 8:30 a.m. with departure from casino at 4 p.m.

Flyers with details for this trip are available at the office West Haven Senior Center 201 Noble St. or call (203) 937-3507 for more information.

### WHGC confab

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 13, at Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road at 11:30 a.m. A luncheon will follow and the program will be a Valentine Heart, presented by Pati Rudolph. Newcomers are always welcome to join. For further information, call Iris at (203) 937-1674.

### 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.

### Student Loans

The Seth Haley Memorial Loan Fund of West Haven provides eligible college students with loans of up to \$2500 to help students finish their post high school education.

Applicants must be West Haven residents who have completed two or more years of college or post-secondary work or be in their final two years of advanced work. Any West Haven resident attending college or a post high school professional, technical or trade school can be eligible for a loan. Repayments do not begin, and no interest will be charged until one year after graduation. If you are interested in making an application for a loan, please call Ralph Lawson, (203) 934-6442.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

### Celebration time!

Mike Alfano celebrates his second goal of the game with Conner Fowler in West Haven's 6-1 win over the North Haven Indians. The Westies were off to one of their best starts in years over the opening weeks of the season.

## Letters, we get letters

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en Planning and Zoning Commission, and the West Haven City Council in 2015 wreaked havoc in a large swath of West Haven.

Over a year ago, then-Councilman Aaron Charney proposed a citywide ordinance to prohibit the use of Eminent Domain when the purpose is to convey certain private property to another private party for an economic development project. This ordinance was never acted upon by City Council, and it died when the last council session ended.

Such an ordinance will prevent a repeat of The Haven and will give some protection to those homeowners north of Elm Street, which was to have been the target neighborhood for Haven Phase II.

I urge the new City Council to resurrect this ordinance or to develop a new one and to act on it.

Patricia Bollitieri

### Thank you for your help

Growing up in West Haven I was always acutely aware of the Veteran population that sought help and housing with us here. They were a segment of the population about whom not much was known back then but they made a mark on the psyche of many of us who grew up here. And they left many of us with questions...

Upon my retirement I moved out of town to another city to be closer to my family, but I missed the energy of West Haven and the many friends I'd made over the years. When retirement didn't agree with me, I decided to see if I could get involved with those Veterans who had made such of an impression on me while

trying to find the answers to those long- ago questions. I was fortunate enough to be hired by a non-profit, the Veterans Support Foundation, which provides transitional housing for homeless Vets. While I learned that there were many federal programs for Veterans, I also saw holes in the services provided and wondered how they were filled. What I learned about, most importantly, was that those holes were filled by the kindness and generosity of the people of West Haven and the strength of purpose exhibited by the West Haven Chamber of Commerce. The Board of Directors of the Chamber, supported by local businesses and a caring population seeks to fill the need of people who are struggling to get by. This year, 2019, the focus was on our Veterans. When the non-profit for which I work came up two Thanksgiving dinners short for the holiday, the word was put out and two complete dinners magically appeared for the two apartments that had none. Recently, the Chamber held a luncheon so that they could provide gift cards and much needed necessities and gifts for the Christmas holidays.

So the answers to my question of who fills up the gaps in services that are inevitable in caring for a population this large is, in West Haven, the caring community in which the Veterans live. So to the organizers of this effort, Teddi, Patty, and Alan and all the rest of the generous individuals who came forward, thank you from the bottom of our collective heart. The Veterans at all the houses in West Haven certainly know that Christmas angels are among us.

May the peace of the season be with us all...

Susan Booth

Veterans Support Foundation

# Veterans Museum gets AT&T boost

The West Haven Veterans Museum & Learning Center has been awarded a \$5,000 contribution from AT&T to support the museum's ongoing efforts to preserve the history of Connecticut's military and the sacrifices made by Connecticut soldiers. AT&T's contribution will support the museum's educational programs.

"The West Haven Veterans Museum & Learning Center has an all-volunteer staff, and we survive on grants and donations. This donation comes at a critical time. On behalf of the staff, and myself, we thank AT&T for this most generous contribution," said President Frank Chasney in a statement.

"I would like to thank AT&T for the opportunity to bring together two great institutions that have the desire to benefit our veterans and our community. Most Connecticut residents only think of AT&T as the letters on the top of their monthly bills, however AT&T does so much for our community that goes unnoticed. AT&T's generous donation to the West Haven Veterans Museum & Learning Center will go a long way to bringing awareness to one of West Haven's best-kept secrets," said State Representative Charles Ferraro in a statement.

In 2013, AT&T set a goal of nationally hiring 10,000 veterans and their families over the ensuing five years. The goal was reached in three years. In conjunction with White House Joining Forces, AT&T then committed to hiring another 10,000 veterans and their families by 2020.



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Alyce Benson; Bill Benson, WHVM Board Member; Gordon Bergman, WHVM Vice President; Frank Chasney, WHVM President; Kelly Wade Bettuchi, AT&T; Arlene DeGrand Painter, WHVM Manager; State Rep. Charles Ferraro.



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## Fighting cancer

From left, Art Gilbert and Dubel's Cafe owner Fred Hugendubel, co-chairmen of the Dubel's Golf Tournament, present a \$7,680 check for the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program to committee member Beth A. Sabo at City Hall on Dec. 5 as tournament organizers Elma Dunn, Kate Kane and Kc Duffy look on. The money was raised at the annual golf tournament in October. Other organizers included Kaci Fabish, Jo-Anne Hugendubel-Case, Sue LePre and Mary Price. Since its inception in 2000, the program has collected about \$700,000 for breast cancer research and education.



## Local 681 donates for homeless families

Photo by Michael P. Walsh

From left, Local 681 Vice President Shawn Doody, Chief Steward Rosa Richardson and President Eric Peterson present a donation of \$450 to family therapist Sheila Hebert and Director Robert S. Morton of West Haven Youth and Family Services at City Hall on Dec. 20. Brothers and sisters of Local 681 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which represents rank-and-file city employees, collected the funds for a Youth and Family Services program that aids West Haven homeless families. Morton said the money will buy clothing, food and toiletries for those families in need.

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