

Voice Profile

A weekly in-depth interview

Black Heritage Committee to honor Jackson, Blackwell at annual City Hall gala.

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Freddie Jackson



Teresa Blackwell



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Celebrating Love!

Left -- Newlyweds Stefanie Kavanagh and Jason Paul Carasone, center, are joined by, from left, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, Justice of the Peace Rosa Richardson and City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath at City Hall on Friday. Kavanagh and Carasone were among seven city couples united in matrimony on Valentine’s Day as part of an annual service sponsored by the city clerk’s office, which offers free weddings to the first seven couples who apply for marriage licenses at City Hall. The weddings, performed by a justice of the peace, took place hourly. Right -- Rossi, center, joins Dorothy and William McCarthy during the

city’s 30th annual Valentine’s Day party at West Haven Elks Lodge 1537 on Friday. The McCarthys, who have been married for 70 years, were among 28 couples married for at least 50 years who were honored at the two-hour event, presented by the mayor’s office. Rossi recognized the McCarthys as the event’s oldest couple, presenting them with a bottle of Champagne and a gift-wrapped pendant courtesy of Leslie Jewelers of West Haven. Lou and Maryann Celone, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May 2019, were recognized as the youngest couple.

City’s grand list sees slight hike

The city’s grand list of taxable property has grown by nearly \$36 million, or just over 1%, for fiscal year 2019, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced.

The net grand list is now more than \$2.7 billion, said Rossi, adding that the grand list also grew by more than 1% in fiscal 2018.

“The grand list growth, specifically in the commercial area, is critical to stabilizing our tax mill rate as we move forward,” Rossi said. “Although the grand list growth is relatively small as a percentage, it will generate about \$1.3 million in new revenue for the fiscal year 2021 budget cycle, which be-

gins on July 1, 2020.”

The 1st District (Center) grand list assessments increased by about \$2 million and the 2nd District (West Shore) by \$13.9 million. The 3rd District (Allingtown) saw the largest increase at \$20.1 million.

Real estate had the largest growth in the 2019 grand list, with an increase of \$15.3 million citywide. Personal property increased by \$10.9 million and motor vehicles by \$9.8 million.

The real estate growth included the Yale New Haven Health distribution center project on Route 34 in Allingtown, the continued revitalization of

the Allingtown Center, and new and expanded business activity throughout the city.

“The continued growth in the city of West Haven’s grand list is encouraging,” Rossi said. “We have worked hard to show investors that we are fiscally accountable and serious about economic development.

“We will continue to aggressively market the city to attract new investment and business. We have put the city in a good position to create more commercial opportunities moving forward.”

The mayor continued: “Grand list

growth is essential and will generate much-needed revenue from commercial investments and help stabilize our tax rate for our residents. There is much more work to be done, but seeing the grand list continue to grow is a positive indicator and will build momentum for our future success.

“As we begin the budget process, the increase in the grand list is vital to reducing and hopefully mitigating the tax increase suggested by the state Municipal Accountability Review Board for fiscal year 2021. We continue to move in the right direction,” Rossi said.



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Aurora Frye, age 5, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., is hoping for some significant snow to build a snowman.

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Things to do!

The West Haven Historical Society is sponsoring a “Soup’s On” luncheon on Sunday Feb. 23 from 12-2 at the Poli House 686 Savin Ave. Cost is \$8 per person. The luncheon will feature special soups prepared by the University of New Haven Dining Service. A selection of breads, muffins, and crackers will also be available to guests. Coffee and tea will be served. There will also be a Trivia Contest on West Haven History after the luncheon. Participation by guests is optional although people are encouraged to participate. Prizes will be awarded to winners. For further information call Jon, (203) 933-0081.

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Monday, Feb. 24 -- Regional Water Authority Representative Policy Board Consumer Affairs Committee, 5:30 p.m.; City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 25 -- WHHS Building Committee, 6 p.m.; Planning & Zoning, 7 p.m.
Monday, March 2 -- Board of Education, meeting room, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, March 3 -- Board of Fire Commissioners (FTD), 6 p.m.; Board of Police Commissioners, 7 p.m.

On this Date

1988 -- The Nagorno-Karabakh War is triggered by der Autonomous Oblast’s secession from Azerbaijan.
1962 -- The first U.S. citizen to orbit the Earth lands safely in the Atlantic Ocean. John Glenn’s 5-hour spaceflight came almost a year after Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin orbited the Earth on April 12, 1961.
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Allentown rehabilitation was front and center last week as developers gave Mayor Nancy Rossi and other officials a grand tour.

The 85,000-square-foot building is being built by Park Commons LLC, an Acorn development company, on the site of what years ago was the Park Theatre and will include 44 student apartments with rear parking and 16,000 square feet

The Park View, overlooking the Allintown Green, is 400 feet from the University of New Haven's Route 1 campus, which is home to about 6,000 students.

When finished in late June, the Park View will complement Acorn's The Atwood, an \$18 million apartment and commercial building across the street at 222 Boston Post

Like The Atwood, which opened in August 2017, the Park View will consist of one- and two-bedroom studios.

Tenants for the Park View have not yet been announced.

Acorn, based in New Haven, has also announced plans for

Preliminary plans call for dozens of student apartments

and 15,000 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor. In all, the three developments, collectively known as University Commons, are projected to generate more than \$1 million in annual property tax revenue for the city's coffers.



Acorn Group Vice President Gary S. Letendre, second from right, leads Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, center, on a site tour of Acorn's budding Park View mixed-use development on Cellini Place. With them are, from left, A.P. Construction Co. project manager Kevin Deane, Svigals + Partners managing partner Jay Brotman and Rossi's executive assistant, Lou Esposito.



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The University of New Haven is slinging a bit of chili powder to help raise money for gun powder – in the form of fireworks, that is. The University of New Haven's Dining Services team from Sodexo will be a part of the upcoming Savin Rock Fireworks 16th Annual Chili Cook-Off.

Join us on February 29 from 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. at the Italian American Club. Proceeds will support the West Haven fireworks display. As the lead sponsor, the University is proud to participate and looks forward to a hot time this July!



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Shine does history

West Haven Voice Historian Dan Shine recently met with sixth grade students of Carrigan Middle School and gave a pictorial Powerpoint presentation titled “All About West Haven.” The intent of the presentation was to make the students aware of what was special and unique about their home town, both in the present and in the past. Without leaving the classroom, the students toured Downtown West Haven, Allingtown, and West Haven’s Shoreline. This presentation was made in answer to a request by Sixth Grade teachers Mrs. Linda Sampietro and Mrs. Kelly Hanson.

City soliciting architects for planning panel

The Department of Planning and Development is seeking one or more local architects who are willing to volunteer their time to assist with the review of applications submitted within the recently established Village District in the Center.

The new regulation, adopted in September 2019, establishes a series of design standards for new buildings, additions and renovations that can be seen from public streets in the district. Design standards guide building placement and orientation, building massing and form, facades, roof and cornice lines, landscaping, parking, and streetscape and sidewalk design.

The regulation requires the Planning and Zoning Commission to receive a report from a professional architect or architectural firm on proposed plans before acting on them.

The department invites interested parties to contact the planning and zoning office at City Hall and provide a letter of interest stating the reasons for wanting to serve in the advisory role. They must provide a resume or statement of the individual’s or firm’s qualifications to perform the work, including education and training, past experience and current employment. Examples of past work the individual or firm has completed would be helpful, as well as examples of how the individual has served in a similar advisory capacity in the past.

For consideration, interested parties must submit all requested information to the planning and zoning office on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St., no later than Feb. 28.

For more information, call Assistant City Planner David W. Killeen at (203) 937-3500, ext. 3007.

Assessment appeals heard

The Board of Assessment Appeals will hear appeals of real estate and personal property assessments on the 2019 grand list by appointment during March in the assessor’s office at City Hall.

The board will also hear appeals of motor vehicle assessments on the 2018 supplemental motor vehicle grand list that received a tax bill due Jan. 1.

Any property owner who wants to appeal an assessment must submit a written application to the board. The assessor’s office must receive the completed form to have it stamped in by 5 p.m. today.

Download an application at <http://cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/2239/2019-Board-of-Assessment-Appeals-Application-PDF>.

Applications are also available in the assessor’s office on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St., or by calling the office at (203) 937-3515.



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Future home of the Blue Devils

Chairman of the West Haven High School Building Committee, Ken Carney, stands on the future basketball floor of the reconstructed building. The new gym will join the main office, cafeteria, media center and auditorium when completed. Not in the original plans, the gym was added when regulators saw that the old gym was not in conformity to current flood requirements.



Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

The Quinnipiac Oystering Community
This week we continue our discussion of New Haven Topography.
When the first white settlers arrived at their “new haven” in 1637, they encountered the broad flat land that would become the original Nine Squares—the first



The oyster industry was a big part of the Quinnipiac River area in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

planned community in the Colonies. To the southwest lay the marshy West Creek, up which they had sailed; today West Creek itself lies buried beneath the Route 34 Connector. To the southeast lay East Creek, which would one day become the basis for the Farmington Canal. It too would

eventually become piped away; that riverbed would become the foundation for the New Haven Railroad’s tracks that would serve Hartford and New London.
It was only later that a second community began to form around the Quinnipiac River: it was originally called “Dragon Town” or “Dragon Point,” in reference to the “sea dragons” or harbor seals that inhabited the banks of the river when sailors first visited the area. Although this community was actually part of New Haven, its original farmers founded a separate village there in the late 17th century. A hundred years would

pass before a wooden bridge would be built over the Quinnipiac River, linking together the community that was springing up on both sides of that river. Nearby lay the first Indian reservation in North America—set aside for the confinement of the Quinnipiac Indians.
At first, Dragon Town was little more than a clustering of fishing huts, placed along the tidal estuary. But with abundant access to New Haven harbor, and bordered by two rivers, this little community developed an industry and an economy that was primarily based on oystering. By the mid-1800s, that economy was thriving, and the residents of Dragon Town voted to change its name to Fair Haven; long before, the legendary captain Richard Russell, upon seeing this beautiful area, had called it a “fayre haven.”
The American oyster was vital to everyone in Fair Haven; indeed, at one time every resident of the area was active in the oystering process. The rapidly changing temperature and salinity of the water in the Quinnipiac River and in the harbor were ideal for the growth of the oysters, and thus they thrived. The poorest soul could hollow out a log canoe, as the Quinnipiac Indians had done, and tong for oysters using two rakes that were on fifteen-foot poles and arranged like scissors, in order to catch

as many as forty oysters at a time. Those of better financial means would dredge for oysters, using a basket with a toothed bar, that was dragged over an oyster bed, harvesting as many as two hundred oysters at a time.
From this growing industry came the need for a commercial boat that had attributes that best qualified it for the peculiar needs of oystering. Thus in the 1840s was born the New Haven Sharpie: this style of small sailing craft became so popular with the New Haven oystering community that it began to be seen all up and down the Atlantic coast.
The Sharpie was within the means of the poorest fishermen. Typically a Sharpie was 25-35 feet long; it was propelled by means of one or two sails. It could be fitted with culling boards on either side of the cockpit; the man that was tonging would swing his tongs up, dump the contents of his tongs onto the culling boards, and then separate out the oysters from the other materials that came up with them. Ideally, one man would do the tonging, and a second man—perhaps his son—would perform the culling. By the mid-1800s, the oyster beds had grown and extended out past today’s breakwaters, which did not exist at the time.
At the end of the workday, the oystermen would return to their homes in Fair Ha-

ven, along with their catch. The homes there were constructed according to the peculiar needs of the industry, as may still be witnessed today: the oystermen entered their homes through the mud rooms which were at the ground level. There, families would sit and shuck the day’s catch.
Eventually, pollution and the oysters’ natural enemies brought the industry to bankruptcy, and by 1930, only one oyster company remained in operation in the area. The world was going through the Second Industrial Revolution, and Fair Haven was about to join.
Today, the only vestige of this once-flourishing industry is a mountainous pile of oyster shells, situated along Quinnipiac Avenue, just south of the Grand Avenue bridge. It’s worth a look when you are in the area!



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

Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Creator of Mounds bar cited

Vincent Nitido Jr., center, receives citations Friday from state Rep. Charles J. Ferraro and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi honoring his father, the late Vincent Nitido, Sr., as a brilliant mind in the industry of candy-making who created the famous Mounds bar 100 years ago. Nitido, Sr., a West Haven resident at the time, introduced the dark chocolate and coconut-filled candy bar in 1920 as a single piece for 5 cents. A century later, his achievement was celebrated by the city he called home. During a presentation at City Hall, fittingly held on Valentine’s Day, Rossi read the citation to Nitido Jr., saying: “On the centennial of your father’s iconic confectionary invention, the great people of our city join me in admiring his ingenuity in bringing his vision to fruition. We are proud of your father’s inspiring contributions to our local identity. We are also proud of you for preserving his daring legacy and undying spirit for generations to come.” On behalf of the city’s delegation, Ferraro, (R-117), presented Nitido, Jr., 85, of Brown Street, with the General Assembly citation in recognition of his father’s milestone. Nitido Sr. died in 1954.

Tax help offered

The Allington/West Haven Senior Center is offering a free tax preparation service to help low-to-middle-income taxpayers.
The AARP Tax-Aide program is available by appointment from 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, starting Feb. 5, at the Johnson Community Center, 201 Noble St.
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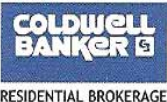


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Public forums necessary

In the next several weeks, the City Council will schedule public forums to discuss the proposed charter revisions as laid out by the Charter Revision Commission. The commission, appointed in 2017, worked for 18 months reviewing the present charter, and seeing where revisions and amendments should be made.

What the panel did, ultimately, was not a revision, but an overhaul – in our view a much needed one – as to how the city does its business. The forums will be conducted by members of the former commission, which ceased to exist by law once the report was presented to the City Council.

These former members will answer questions, give rationales and generally bring the public up to speed as to what it was thinking when it re-wrote the document. These discussions were mandated in order to help give residents the opportunity to inform themselves before a final vote is taken. That vote, still to be determined, will be pivotal as it will decide if the commission's work is worthy of implementation.

The forums are important. The revisions made by the commission in its proposed overhaul will change the way the city does its business, alter the form of government the city employs, and reallocate the powers distributed to the executive and legislative branches. Put simply, it is a whole new ball game if passed.

Under the new proposal the City Council will become primary, with the mayor's position becoming a "first among equals" position on that body. Somewhat in the vein of the selectman system, the mayor will have some executive powers, but only insofar as there needs to be an ultimate authority.

Much of the executive powers will be allocated to a city manager, who will be hired by the council, and under its authority. This professional will move the city toward a more streamlined operation, and will have the know-how and understanding that takes mayor's months or years to acquire.

Department heads will be hired based on credentials. There will be expertise in the various departmental categories, giving the city a more professional outlook. These will be handled through attrition, eventually giving the city expertise sometimes lacking in its current structure.

The genius of the document cobbled together by the Charter Revision Commission is the interwoven connection between one section and another. The restructuring of the city's government is constructed in such a way that one section of the document is dependent on the others. It stands or falls as one piece.

The public's understanding of the revisions, then, is vitally important toward making an informed decision. If passed, there are going to be necessary changes made almost immediately. And, what the City Council, city attorneys, and the commission itself realize is that it cannot be broken up into several questions. It must be given an up-or-down vote as a whole in order for it to work.

This publication will list the meetings and times. We urge the residents of the city to take part in one or more of these forums in order to gain a working knowledge of the revision, and then make an informed decision.

The Charter Revision Commission has offered to the city a new way of doing things – one that will alter forever the sometimes clunky way things get done. It won't be easy, but the electorate should know the details before it is asked to vote on it.



Buying a Democrat nomination

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

The rich are different from you and me -- they can buy themselves instant presidential campaigns.

Former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg has elbowed himself into the Democratic nomination race solely on the basis of his fortune.

His campaign is high-handed as only a billionaire many times over could even contemplate.

He entered late, is skipping the early contests and hasn't participated in any of the debates to date (although that will change soon, thanks to the Democratic National Committee retrofitting its rules for Bloomberg).

It's a free country, and with more than \$50 billion to his name, Bloomberg can spend as much money as he likes on whatever suits his fancy. But Bloomberg 2020 is still an affront to small-d democratic sensibilities, a tribute not to his superior political skills or messaging compared with the other candidates, but to his access to an enormous personal bank account.

The level of his spending is truly astonishing -- Croesus goes all-in on Super Tuesday. Bloomberg spent more than \$300 million on various forms

of advertising. He's single-handedly changed the market for TV ads in many places. He spent \$10 million on a Super Bowl spot, or about half of what Joe Biden raised in the entire fourth quarter.

This is the Bloomberg way. He spent a quarter of a billion dollars to become and stay New York mayor for three terms.

He was eligible for his third term only because he got a term-limit law changed, with the support of charities that he happened to make generous donations to.

What's wrong with all this, beyond the cynicism of thinking everything has a price tag? Maybe Bloomberg is right, that trying to go in and convince voters of your appeal at town hall events and meet-and-greets in places like Iowa and New Hampshire is for suckers.

But there is much to be said for grassroots politics. It forces candidates to take account, up close and personal, of what their voters believe and want. As president, Abraham Lincoln devoted serious time to meeting with random people who showed up to see him, in what he called "public opinion baths."

The candidate who does countless of these early-state

events must have the ability to inspire and impress, think on his feet, show endless patience and stamina. If he's not up for it, or is a pretender, he will inevitably be exposed.

In comparison to the other candidates, Bloomberg is a Wizard of Oz candidate, shielded and inflated by his TV ads.

Another advantage of the traditional approach is that anyone can do it.

Pete Buttigieg, the unknown mayor of a small Indiana town, finished strong in Iowa through sheer talent, tireless work and clever messaging.

All this said, perhaps Bloomberg will break all the rules and be the last man standing between Bernie Sanders and the cusp of the American presidency. Then, his spending might look to a lot of Democrats like a public service. There is also no denying that Bloomberg is a genuinely talented man.

Yet this style of campaigning shouldn't be the norm. If Bloomberg succeeds, he will enrich many TV stations, consultants, pollsters and campaign workers, but impoverish our politics.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Heritage panel picks Jackson, Blackwell

United States Army veteran Freddy Jackson has been named West Haven African-American Citizen of the Year by the West Haven Black Heritage Committee said Committee Chairman Steven R. Mullins. Jackson will share the honor with the late Teresa S. Blackwell, former head of welfare services in the City of West Haven.

Jackson, 75, a native of Opp, AL, has served as commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9422. In 2018, he led the West Haven Memorial Day Parade as grand marshal. In the Army, he served in Colorado and Korea in 1963-66

during the Vietnam War era. In addition to VFW Post 9422, he is a member of Hughson Miller Post 71 of the American Legion, where he also served as commander in the early 1990's.

"Jackson was an obvious choice, due to his service to the nation and his continued service and commitment to veterans here in the City of West Haven," Mullins said.

Blackwell, a native of Bennettsville, SC, moved to West Haven in the mid-1950s. She later became politically active in the city, working on several campaigns. In the mid-1980s then-Mayor Azelio "Sal"

Guerra appointed Blackwell as West Haven's first female Director of Welfare Services. After her retirement, she served as United States Rep. Rosa DeLauro's office manager.

Blackwell died in 2005, after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

"Teresa Blackwell was a trailblazer in the City of West Haven," Mullins said. "She was ahead of her time and her contributions to West Haven's black community and the City at large still live on to this day."

The city's annual Black Heritage Celebration will be held on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 11 a.m. in the Harriet C. North Community Room, second floor of West Haven City Hall. Jackson will receive a certificate from the West Haven Black Heritage Committee and a citation from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi. Blackwell's sons Paul and Edwin will receive the awards for their mother.

In addition to Jackson and Blackwell, two black West Haven High School Seniors Edward Kruah and Esther Danso

will will be honored for their academic achievement and leadership. Kruah and Danso were chosen by WHHS Principal Dana Peredes.

The West Haven Police Department Honor Guard will present the colors as West Haven High School junior Nora E. Mullins will sings the Star Spangled Banner.

Light refreshments will be served following the program, which is open to the public.

For more information, call Committee Chairman, Steven R. Mullins, at (203) 824-4262.



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Dear Felicia

Well honeybunch, things in the Asylum by the Sea are a bit on the quiet side as one would expeck at this time o' year. Even though we ain't had much in the way of snow, we've had cold and rain and that leaves things indoors fer most, including the politicos around here. Things will start perkin' up very soon.

This year is especially quiet since it seems the Jan. 29 deadline went the way of all flesh, and there seems to be no petitions for town committee primaries! Thin about that, m'girl. When was the last time we were able to say that there wasn't gonna be a primary for town committee? Effen I was a bettin' gal I'd say we were talkin' about Clinton's second term.

The Demmies, especially, are prone to having these intramural fights every two years as they, like all Gaul, are broken into three parts: the former Picard faction, now the Rossi faction, the Borer faction, and the Morrissey faction. Usually, there is something of a free-for-all at this time with people lookin' for others to sign their petitions to get on the ballot, and we spend boo-coo bucks for an election that brings out about 500.

This time, it seems the Demmie factions are bidding their time. There seems to be a cease-fire for the time being. That don't mean they're getting along any better, it jest means that the other factions know that the Rossi people are ridin' a crest right now, and it's not the time to play "king of the hill." This is smart politics. Like I said, they ain't likin' each other any better, jest bidding their time.

The big surprise was the GOP. Sammy Bluejay seemed to think that there was some angst amongst the faithful concerning the town committee and having new blood. Sammy sez that there was some movement on the town committee at the caucus last month, and it seemed that with the personae put on the panel, a donnybrook of a primary was somewhat fore-stalled. We shall see.

Sammy and I were tryin' to remember the last time the GOP had a primary for town committee, and we think it was way back in the 1970s when Al Conte was the chairman. Those were the days when both parties were in play and both had great numbers on the rolls. Times have changed.

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*People are still getting used to the fack that we've gone to twice monthly. We got a call last week from a well-wisher, who hopes that things toin around. We hope so, too. Things are pickin' up somewhat, and the response from the community has been nothing short of remarkable; but, we ain't at the pernt yet where we can go back to every week, though, we, like the readers, are hoping.*

*Still, we're able to give people the coverage they want and the stories they'll read. So, I guess, in a way, it's working. Again, we shall see.*

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Nelly Nuthatch was here t'other afternoon and sez that things are moving to have public forums to teach the vot-ing public about the new charter revisions that are gonna be up for vote. Before the end o' the last term, and reiterated in the new term, the City Council wants the former Charter Revision panelists to give the public a series of public meet-ings concerning the proposals.

There will be a schedule in the near future, and when there is, we'll let yew know about it, Felicia. The proposals made by the committee have been the topic of scrutiny by the council and the barristers representing the city. The concern was whether there could be only one question or several.

Luckily, the barristers agreed that the way the proposed changes are intertwined, it would be almost impossible to break things up into several questions.

Given that reality, one ques-tion will go before the voters. That necessitated the forums, and getting the public on board. We shall see how suc-cessful these are. Yew know as well as I do that they could have 20 of them, and there'd still be people who will cry ig-norance.

Nelly did say that the council is now considering not having a vote until next Election Day in November. The thought is it's a presidential election and there will be a better turnout than if they have a special vote; and, the vote won't cost the city any extra kopecks cuz they hafta have the election anyway.

There is a down side to this. The vote will be 15 months af-ter the commission issued its final report, and when and if it's adopted, the city will have only one year to implement the changes cuz they would go into effect with the 2021 election. That would be inter-esting.

Needless to say there is some angst about things waiting this long. You don't need me to tell yew why.

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*Iva Lootey fluttered by the new high school complex t'other day. I guess the new gymnasium is almost completed, and now will join the media center (it was a library in our day, hon), auditorium, and cafeteria. The story about the gym was a lesson in bureaucracy. Originally, the gym that is currently there was gonna be retained as part of the new school complex.*

*Then some pencil-pusher decid-ed that current flood plain regu-lations would not be conformed and, even though the place pre-cedes the regs, it had to go. Need-less to say, that was an addition no one expected, and not exactly one that people wanted.*

*So, we had an example of our own as how the "deep state" gits involved in things that the gov-ernment was never intended to be part of. It caused a little indi-gestion cuz new plans had to be made. But when yore sitting in a federal office somewhere, and can be a pooh-bah, what do you care?*

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Nelly Nuthatch was here t'other afternoon and sez that things are moving to have public forums to teach the vot-ing public about the new charter revisions that are gonna be up for vote. Before the end o' the last term, and reiterated in the new term, the City Council wants the former Charter Revision panelists to give the



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The wag came in and was chuckling about the way politicos in the Peoples Republic of Connecticut, especially those in Hartford, seem to live in one o' them bubbles we hear so much about. Of course, the assembly's consideration of tolls for truck (yeah, right) was the opening salvo. But we were talking about the new "fee" that has been imposed on things like cars, and homes. Yew know, the "conveyance fee." This is nothing more than another tax, but the yokels in Hartford think the rest of us rubes don't understand that "fee is jest another word for "tax."

The funny thing is that the wag had a discussion with a state persona about his and the discussion got heated when the Wag insisted it was a "tax," and the state persona insisted a "fee" is different. Natchurly, when said persona was asked how in Goodness' Name was it different, the explanation got a bit muddled.

There is not difference excep' in the minds of the people who put these bills forward. Yew jest hafta use the "duck principle." It smells, acts, and sounds like a tax, so it is nothing else but a tax. The politicos jest use these differences cuz they wanna say they didn't raise taxes. It's all so tiring.

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Mitt luff und kizzez,  
*Cobina*

Photo courtesy of WHCDC

Sharing our feelings!

Combining fine motor skills, with creativity, Adilyn Sanders, age 2, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. stamps a face, then demonstrates the matching emotion!

Units can apply for city parade

The city is seeking veterans, civic groups, fraternal organizations, service clubs and marching bands to participate in the annual Memorial Day parade, which steps off at 10:30 a.m. May 25.

The parade has no rain date. Participants must register and list required special accommodations.

Transportation is provided for veterans who are unable to walk the 1.5-mile parade course, which follows Campbell Avenue from Captain Thomas Boulevard to Center Street. To make arrangements, call the mayor's office at 203-937-3510.

The parade grand marshals are World War II veteran Frank Corso, who served in the Army Air Forces in 1942-45, and Korean War vet Salvatore Gullo, who served in the Navy in 1948-52.

Trip to Atlantic City set for May 18-20

F. Seniors and Friends is sponsoring another trip to Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City, May 18-20. The trip includes two nights' accommodations, two dinners, \$25 in slot play, show tickets (based on availability), driver escorted and delux motorcoach.

Price is \$275 double-occupancy, \$270 triple, and \$385 single. A \$50 deposit must be made with reservation no later than April 10.

Those interested should contact Fred Morgillo at (203) 389-5808 or (203) 927-4249. Checks should be made out to Conway Tours and sent to Morgillo at 37 Yates St., West Haven 06516.

Download a participation form at <http://cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/2215/Memorial-Day-Parade-Reservation-Form-2020-PDF>.

Forms are also available in the mayor's office at City Hall, 355 Main St., where they are due April 10.

Forms can also be emailed to parade organizer Kristen Teshoney at [kteshoney@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:kteshoney@westhaven-ct.gov) or faxed to (203)



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## Around Town

### 'Soup's On'

The West Haven Historical Society is sponsoring a "Soup's On" luncheon on Sunday Feb. 23 from 12-2 at the Poli House 686 Savin Ave. Cost is \$8 per person. The luncheon will feature special soups prepared by the University of New Haven Dining Service. A selection of breads, muffins, and crackers will also be available to guests. Coffee and tea will be served. There will also be a Trivia Contest on West Haven History after the luncheon. Participation by guests is optional although people are encouraged to participate. Call Jon, (203) 933-0081.

### Nostalgia Dance

The Tri-Area Benevolent Group of New Haven is sponsoring a Leap Day Nostalgia Dance on Saturday, Feb. 29 from 6-10 p.m. at the St. Lawrence School gym to benefit the school. Those interested in tickets should call Ton Castaldi, (203) 506-7663. The non-alcohol event features pizza, refereshements and a raffle. The snow date is March 7.

### WHGC sets confab

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 9, at Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Road at 11:30 a.m. A luncheon will follow and the program will be David Carr, Project Manager for the Pollinator Pathways an exciting nationwide project.

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Dear Gripe Vine Readers:

I have begun to become impressed with the cooperation my readers have received from out Councilmen and Councilwomen recently. Most of these city representatives have been responding promptly to your inquiries. It can really get frustrating when there are safety hazards, blights and issues that can present frustration and anger within a population. To my readers, thank you for your patience and persistence and my appreciation to the time and resources provided by our Councilmen and women.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There is a large pothole at the corner of Winslow and Woodmont and oncoming traffic forces you to run over it. I have already blown out a tire at this site.

GM A Frustrated Driver



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

Dear GM:

I notified your district representative, Councilman Barry Lee Cohen who investigated this hazardous road condition. Following my correspondence to Councilman Cohen, Gripe Vine received this response from you: "The huge pothole on Winslow Drive and Woodmont Road

is now patched. Thank you, Public Works. Although a larger repaving will be necessary, more than a few front-end alignments and tires have been spared."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

A high percentage of vehicles do not even slow down for the stop sign on Rangely and Enright Streets, never mind stop.

MI Dangerous Area

Dear MI Dangerous Area:

Councilman Peter Massaro received your complaint and he replied, "Well, there is only one stop sign there going eastbound, the westbound side is coming up hill and there is no stop sign."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There is a huge cone in a deep hole on Fairfax Street. The hole is a couple of feet away and was filled and this one wasn't.

This is a very dangerous sec-

tion of Fairfax Street especially at night when you can't see this hole or the cone until you are right in front of it. Please repair.

PH Unhappy Driver

Dear PH Unhappy Driver:

According to Councilman Peter Massaro, "This was already taken care of; the cone removed, and the hole was filled."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Would you please look into a sink hole in front of the apartments on Bassett Street?

John Z An Observer

Dear John Z An Observer:

Council Woman Bridgette Hoskie was notified of this condition and she replied, "I reported this to Public Works."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Numerous potholes that keep getting a shovel of fill instead of a real repair on Dee

Street. West Haven, please take care of this.

Three years and the holes are still here.

Resident of Dee Street

Dear Resident of Dee Street:

I contacted your district councilwoman, Robbin Watt Hamilton with your complaint. Her reply, "I have forwarded this very pothole to the commissioner of public works early last week. Those have been filled in the past and I am confident they will be taken care of."

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Readers, you may send your gripes, comments and issues to gripevine4wh@aol.com or mail them to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice, 840 Boston Post Road, Box 4 West Haven 06516 Please include your name, address and phone number, kept strictly confidential with me.

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Avoiding some planning pitfalls when investing

You save and invest to meet a variety of goals during your lifetime: college for your children, long vacations, a comfortable retirement, and so on. But you probably also want to leave something behind – to your loved ones and, possibly, to the charitable organizations you support. To do so, you'll need to develop a comprehensive estate plan, but to make that plan work, you must avoid some common mistakes.

Here are a few of these pitfalls you'll want to avoid:

- Not writing a will – If you were to die "intestate" – without a last will and testament – the state in which you live would determine how your property was distributed. And the state's decisions may not match what you had in mind at all. Furthermore, a will is where you would name guardians for your minor children.

- Not going beyond a will – While a will is an essential component of estate planning, it's often not enough. You may need to create other documents, such as a living trust, which, among other benefits, enables your estate to avoid probate, a time-consuming and public process that can lead to disputes among your heirs and others. And a living trust lets you place highly specific conditions on how and when you want your assets distributed. You might also consider other legal documents, including a power of attorney, which allows you to appoint a person or organization to handle your affairs if you can't do so yourself, and

a health care directive, which lets you name someone to make health care decisions on your behalf, should you become physically or mentally incapacitated.

- Choosing the wrong executor – An executor is responsible for distributing property to your beneficiaries and paying off any debts and taxes your estate may owe, among other tasks. Because the role of executor is so important, you need to choose someone who is reliable, competent and trustworthy. It's certainly possible to find such an individual in your own family, but many people choose someone who is either conflicted, too busy or simply not up to the task. If you have doubts about picking a good executor, you may want to turn to a trust company. The costs likely will be higher than if you chose a family member, but the results may be much better.

- Not naming proper beneficiaries – Many of your assets – 401(k), IRA, life insurance and so on – require you to name a beneficiary. These beneficiary designations are powerful, often superseding the instructions in your will. If circumstances change in your life, such as new children, or divorce or remarriage, you may well want to change beneficiaries. It's easy to do – but it's also easy to overlook.

- Not updating ownership of assets – A change in your family situation or changes in the laws governing income and estate taxes could require you to update ownership designations of financial assets.

And here's perhaps the biggest mistake of all: not understanding what's in your estate plan.

You need to work closely with your tax, legal and financial professionals to create a plan you fully comprehend and can communicate effectively to your loved ones. Surprises are often pleasant in many areas of life – but estate planning is not one of them.

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Westies: *Squads enter final season stretch*

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Howard helped keep West Haven in the contest with seven points in the second quarter as West Haven trailed 35-25 at the half.

Carrano drained a pair of 3-pointers and had eight points in the third quarter, and Abuhatab had four points, but the Westies fell behind 52-39. Abuhatab and Howard combined for all 15 of West Haven's points in the fourth quarter, but it was not enough in the loss.

Every team wants to be peaking as the postseason approaches. The West Haven boys basketball team is doing exactly that.

With a 55-44 victory over Hamden, the Westies won their sixth in a row and improved to 12-4 on the year. Malcolm Duncanson led the way with 17 points, while Khalel Francis had 12.

West Haven set the tone of the game early, taking a 21-11 lead in the first quarter as Duncanson scored seven points, Shea Sheffield drained a pair of 3-pointers and Manny Belcher scored four points.

Hamden rallied to get within 29-25 at the half, but the Westies were up 11 at the end of the third quarter as Francis scored six and Duncanson drained eight of the team's 16 points in the quarter.

West Haven won its fifth game in a row and improved to 11-4 on the year with a 55-52 overtime win over Career Tuesday evening in West Haven.

Duncanson and Sheffield led the way with 20 and 14 points,

respectively.

After a prolonged slump, the West Haven boys hockey team looks as if it has righted the ship. Playing better hockey as of late, the Westies won their second in a row with a 7-4 victory over Simsbury last Saturday afternoon at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven.

With the win, West Haven improved to 9-7 on the year.

Kaden Morgillo led the way with three goals and an assist, Kevin Moriarty had a goal and three assists, and Jared Pliszka made 21 saves in the win. Sean Dupre, Nick Boanno, and Ben Carfora also scored for the Westies.

For 45 minutes, both the West Haven and Notre Dame-West Haven hockey teams played in a classic high school contest.

In the end, it was a West Haven native, Connor Faughnan, who proved to be the difference-maker for the Green Knights.

Taking a pass from Joe DeLucia from behind the net, Faughnan roofed a shot from in front past Pliszka with 1 minute, 21 seconds remaining as the Green Knights topped the Blue Devils 2-0 in a Division I contest at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven Wednesday evening.

The goal by Faughnan spoiled what was a magnificent effort by Pliszka in goal as the West Haven goaltender finished with 38 saves, several in outstanding fashion. Pliszka single-handedly kept the Blue Devils in the contest in the second period as well with 20 saves.

After a gut-wrenching loss against cross-town rival Notre Dame Wednesday evening, the team was eager to get back on the ice.

Saturday could not come soon enough and the Westies took advantage with a 7-4 road victory over Glastonbury. The win was West Haven's third in four games and helped the Westies improve to 10-8.

Senior Kevin Moriarty led the way with three goals and two assists, while Boanno had two goals, and Greene and Robbie Forleo each had a pair of assists. Greene and Morgillo also scored for West Haven. Pliszka finished the contest with 24 saves.

With the postseason approaching, the West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy girls hockey team is looking to find its stride once again. Unfortunately for the Westie Sharks, they have hit a bit of a rut.

The Westie Sharks dropped their second in a row and fourth in five contests with a 7-4 loss at Simsbury Saturday evening.

West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy scored first, but trailed 3-1 after one period and never caught up.

Mia Celentano gave the Westie Sharks a 1-0 lead at the 7:29 mark off assists from Emilee DeGrand and Jenna Hunt, but Simsbury took a 3-1 lead.

Jianna Cohrs got West Haven/Sacred Heart Academy within 3-2 at the 2:57 mark of the second, but Simsbury scored the next three for a 6-2 lead. Brooke McNabola got the Westie Sharks within 6-3 in the second, and Taylor Nowak

scored off assists from Hunt and Megan Froehlich in the third, but it was not enough.

The West Haven boys swimming team fell to Greater New Haven 102-80 last Friday evening.

The Westies had four first place finishes in the meet.

The 200 free relay won in 1 minute, 43.66 seconds with a team of Issac Gorske, Chris D'Inzeo, John Barrington, and Luis Lopez. The 100 back was won in 1:13.80 by John Barrington, and the

100 breast was won in 1:10.25 by D'Inzeo.

The 400 free relay posted a win in 4:29.47 with a team of Luis Lopez, Anthony Castillo, Bradford Hatjopoulos, and Robert Vets.

The team had six second place finishes as the 50 free saw Gorske in 24.33, while the 100 free had Bryan Barrington second in 55.77.

The 200 free relay finished second in 2:01.56 with a team of Brandon Paucar, Vets, Liam Weir, and Brian Carew.

The 100 back with Paucar was second in 1:18.32, Vets was second in the 100 breast in 1:26.83, and the 400 free relay was second in 4:40.37 with a team of Angel Perez, Obyda Charachfi, Walter Dalton, Max Leatherman

West Haven then topped Sheehan 102-84 in Wallingford Monday evening. The Westies had five first place finishes and eight second place finishes in the victory.

The 200 medley relay team of John Barrington, D'Inzeo, Lopez, and Gorske won in 1 minute, 54.73 seconds. The 500

free was won by Anthony Castillo in 6:01.42, the 100 Back was won by D'Inzeo in 1:07.56, Lopez took home the 100 breast in 1:13.27, and the 400 free relay of Bryan Barrington, John Barrington, D'Inzeo, and Castillo won in 3:58.73.

Lopez was second in the 200 individual medley in 2:24.72, Gorske placed second in the 50 free in 24.21, while the 100 fly saw Jacob Fairheart second in 1:06.93.

Gorske was the runner-up in the 100 free in 55.46, while Bryan Barrington followed suit in the 500 free in 6:05.56. The 200 free relay team of Gorske, Lopez, Castillo, and Mustansir Jamalee placed second in 1:43.45, while the 100 back saw Paucar second in 1:14.13, and the 100 breast had Brendan Carew second in 1:21.73.

West Haven fell to Lyman Hall/Coginchaug, 96-89, Thursday evening at West Haven High. The Westies had six first place finishes and five second place positions in the close loss.

West Haven's first place finishes came in the 50 freestyle in 24.28 seconds by Gorske, and also the 100 freestyle in 55.28, also by Gorske.

The 100 butterfly was won in 1:04.03 by Fairheart, while the 100 breast was won in 1:08.52 by D'Inzeo.

The 200 medley relay won in 1:53.76 with a team of Bryan Barrington, D'Inzeo, Lopez, and Gorske. The 400 free relay was victorious in 4:00.63 with a team of Bryan Barrington, John Barrington, D'Inzeo, and CGorske, Youssef Ossama, Jamalee, and Lopez.

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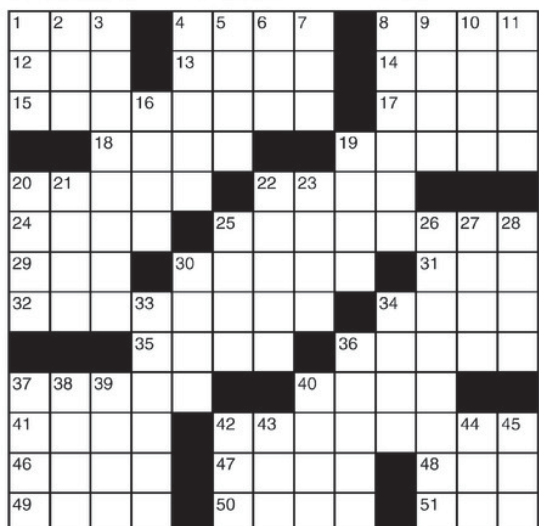
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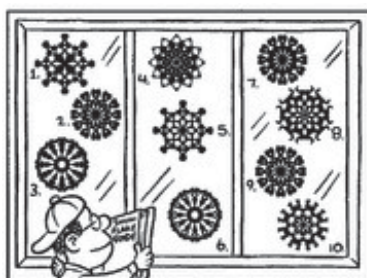


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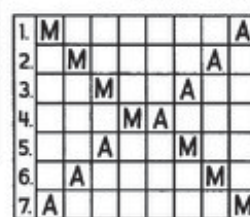
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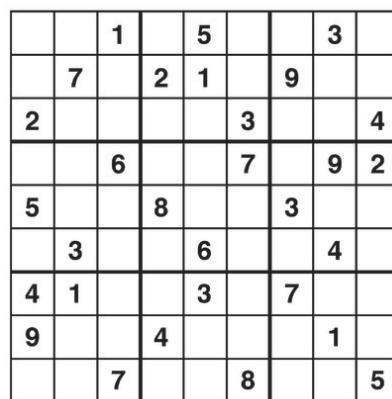
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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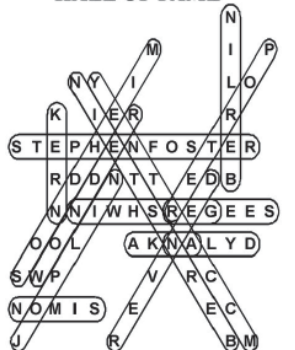
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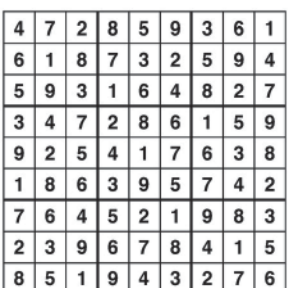


SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer



Saturday morning, the West Haven Mite C hockey team hosted the Hamden Dragons Mite C's. The Westies came out on top, 12-4.

Logan Minio and Brady Salkins each picked up a hat trick, and Julius Stokes, Jax Guarino, and Anthony Parise also scored. Ben Trenchard played a great game in goal, picking up 16 saves in the win for the Blue Devils.

The team played in the Mite Jamboree at Taft in Watertown on last Sunday, going an impressive 3-1-1 on the day against five B travel teams.

In the opening game of the day, the Blue Devils took on the Simsbury Mite C team, falling 6-2. Trenchard made his debut in goal, making 21 saves to try to keep his team in the game. Logan Minio scored both goals.

In game two, the Mite C's took on the Hamden Mite B team, and in a tough back-and-forth game, the Westies won, 5-4. Anthony Parise, Minio (two), Kyle Johnson, and Minio scored for West Haven. Evan Harrison played great in goal.

In game three, West Haven topped Watertown Mite B Redwings, 10-2. Minio continued his scoring. Johnson picked up his second goal of

the day. Brady Salkins scored a nice goal.

In game four, the West Haven played rival Greater New Haven Mite B. The Westies tied 3-3 against New Haven, and played one of their best games of the season. Minio netted twice off of Trenchard assists. Johnson picked up the third goal.

In game five, the Blue Devils took on the Wallingford Hawks Mite B team. It was a tense game, until Salkins broke through on a breakaway and buried the puck into the back of the goal to give West Haven the 1-0 win.

Despite a good effort, the West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team lost, 5-3, to Avon A at Bennett Rink on Saturday.

After falling behind 1-0, Cameren Lipford tied the game. The Panthers went up 2-1 three minutes later, but Lipford tied it once again.

At 4:24 of the second, Lipford then rebounded forward Grady Schulte's shot to put the Blue Devils up 3-2. The Panthers clawed their way back, however, to tie it at 3:13 of the period.

It was all Avon from there. Goalie Alex Werle stopped 25 shots.

West Haven won, 6-2, over the Connecticut RiverHawks

at Bennett Rink last Saturday. Gavin Coady, Tyler Silva, off an assist from Michael D'Aiuto, Cameren Lipford (two goals), D'Aiuto, off an assist from Ryan Walsh, and Walsh all scored.

The West Haven Pee Wee A hockey team faced the Ice-Hawks of Northwestern A1 in a home-and-home series over the weekend. The Blue Devils came away with a win and a tie and have an overall record of 23-24-2 on the season.

On Saturday morning at O'Neill Arena on the campus of Canterbury School, the Westies got four goals and three assists from Brady Price in the 8-8 tie.

The rematch was Sunday morning at Edward L. Bennett Rink. The Westies went up 1-0 in the opening minute when Bowery fed Kelly in the high slot for a wrister. Northwestern tied it four minutes later.

Despite controlling most of the play (West Haven outshot Northwestern 41-18), the home team yielded an early goal in the period and it was tied again. Bowery's breakout pass to Price led to the winning goal, 4-3.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team won its only game of the weekend with a 6-4 victory over West-

ern A at the Edward L. Bennett Rink Saturday morning. Cam Delvecchio led the way with two goals and two assists, while Matt Stevens had four assists.

West Haven took a 1-0 lead when Delvecchio scored an unassisted goal. Western evened the game before West Haven took a 3-1 lead after one.

Jayden Spreyer gave the Westies a 2-1 lead off an assist from Stevens 3:16 in, before Delvecchio's second of the game off another assist from Stevens increased the margin to 3-1 with 59.2 seconds left in the first.

Western got within 3-2, but Michael Madera scored a power play goal off assists from Delvecchio and Stevens for a 4-2 lead 3:21 into the second.

West Haven added two more goals in the second for a 6-2 lead. Mickey Dowd scored, and Matt Wezenski tallied.

West Haven won the Jimmy Welch tournament in Berkshire, MA, last weekend. The Westies played four games and outscored their opponents 32-2.

Behind strong defensive play from Matt Wezenski, Haygen Axelrod, and Jason Alling, Bryan Hong posted three shutouts in the tourna-

ment.

Cam Delvecchio led the way with three goals and nine assists, Jayden Spreyer had five goals and three assists, Dante Hardt had three goals and five assists, Matt Wezenski had a goal and seven assists, Mickey Dowd added six goals and one assist, Michael Madera had five goals and two assists, and Will Giaquinto scored four times and added two assists.

West Haven advanced to the finals with a 7-0 victory over the Berkshire Bruins Saturday evening. Madera and Dowd led the offense with two goals and an assist apiece, Hardt scored twice, Wezenski had three assists, and Delvecchio added a pair of assists. Hong was solid in goal in posting the shutout.

The Westies took home the title with a 6-0 victory over the Berkshire Bruins on Sunday. Delvecchio led the way with a goal and two assists, Dowd scored twice, Hardt had a goal and an assist.

In its only game last weekend, the West Haven Bantam B played New Canaan Winter Club and posted a 4-1 victory. Alex Kurowski got the first goal. Wright would then connect 36 seconds later from Yousaf Ullah. Shortly after, Kurowski (unassisted) netted his second of the game.

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Wizards splash at Trials

The West Haven Wizards had an successful weekend at Yankee League Swim Trials. The Yankee Swim League consists of 11 teams and more than 600 swimmers. Trials took place at two different venues, over four sessions on both Saturday and. A total of 128 Wizard swimmers competed, 66 swimmers will advance to Yankee League Finals in one or more events and an eight were selected as alternates.

The following swimmers will advance to Yankee League Finals: Elyze Ancheta, Kelly Asperas, Christina, Ayala, Katherine Ayala, Marco Ayala, Lauren Blake, Ethan Burgard, Lucy Cacioppo, Carli Cassone, Gianna Cassone, Collin Charron, Nathan Charron, Johan Chen, Jacob Collette, Olivia Delauri, Sophie Delauri, Khondo Dorjee, Emily Eschweiler, Emily Falanga, Kaelyn Falanga, Morgan Falanga, Gavin Falcigno, Sean Fitzpatrick, Jeffrey Flores, Adriana Giachino, Aiden Giannettino, Owen Giannettino, Jillian Goldbeck, Madison Hobart, Lauren Hoppner, Aubrey Holthous, Hayden Holthous, Hayden Jacob, Madelyn Lisi, Raymond Listori, Carter Liston, AJ Meglio, Michael Meglio, Erin Morton, Kaleigh Morton, Aarya Mulmi, Evan Murphy, Daniel

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The following swimmers were selected as alternates: Giocanni Cacioppo, Emma Dorjee, Ethan Joseph, Yusuf Khan, Evan Piskura, Ryan Schmitt, Ella Simonear and Naomi Shubin.

In addition, the Wizards had 5 swimmers qualify first in the league in one or more individual events and two relay teams qualify first. This means that they had the fastest time

for their age group. Those coming in first were: Ella Sutton in the 6 & under girls 25-yard butterfly and the 25-yard freestyle; CJ Sutton in the 9/10 boys 50-yard freestyle; Aarya Mulmi in the 11/12 girls 50-yard butterfly and 50-yard backstroke; Kaleigh Morton in the 13/14 girls 100-yard butterfly; and Collin Charron in the 13/14 boys 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke.

The 6 & under girls 100-yard freestyle relay team and the 13 & over girls 200-yard medley relay team also qualified first in the league.

Yankee League Finals will be held at the West Haven High School Pool on Saturday.

For more information on the West Haven Wizards Swim team please visit www.westhavenwizards.org.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

Tenique Gates drives for the hoop in the Westies loss to Sheehan on Senior Night Monday.

Knights

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Notre Dame has one regular season meet left against Xavier before heading into the post-season.

Wrestling -- Jackson Paulishen became the second Notre Dame wrestler to claim an SCC championship by winning the 220-pound division. Add in a third-place showing by Alex Barbour and it was a solid showing by the Green Knights, who are only in their fourth year of a varsity program. Paulishen had a first round bye, then won his next two matches by pin to advance to the finals. In the championship match, Paulishen beat East Haven's Gunner Horton 8-0. Barbour lost early in the competition in the 182-pound division. He then rallied to win three matches, two by pin, then an 11-4 decision to reach the consolation finals. He then won that match in OT to place third in what was a busy day of wrestling for him. The team finished 11th overall and will compete in the Class M Championship Meet this weekend!

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Devil squads seek tourney

The time for the West Haven girls basketball team to qualify for the postseason is dwindling away. The Westies now have one game to play to qualify for bonus basketball.

After the Westies lost their seventh straight contest, 59-37, in Guilford Friday evening, West Haven must now win Tuesday afternoon at Harding to secure a playoff bid. The loss dropped West Haven to 7-12 on the year.

The Westies hit on just four field goals in the first quarter, and saw Abuhatab score five points in the second quarter. With the game out of reach, West Haven battled in the fourth quarter as Abuhatab scored seven points.

With a 45-42 loss to Foran Friday evening at West Haven High, the Westies lost their fifth straight contest and fell to 7-10 on the year.

West Haven struggled from the field in the opening quarter, draining just 3-pointers from Kassidy Carrano and Brianna Sebastian. West Haven could not get going in the second quarter as only Sarah Evangelista hit a 3-pointer and Jayden Steinman hit from the field.

Abuhatab and Evangelista each had nine points, Howard scored eight and Carrano added seven in the loss.

Looking to get that eighth win on Senior Night at West Haven High, West Haven could not do so in a 67-54 loss to Sheehan Monday evening. The loss dropped the Westies to 7-11 on the year.

Despite 16 points apiece from Howard and Abuhatab, West Haven could not clinch the playoff bid.

As has been the case in games during this losing streak, West Haven fell behind early and struggled to catch up. Sheehan jumped out to a 21-10 first quarter lead and never looked back.

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Photo by Diane Dietman

Lady hoopsters recognized by Quinnipiac

As part of a ceremony celebrating National Girls and Women in Sports Day, members of the West Haven Girls Basketball and Department of Parks and Recreation's Summer Fun leagues were among 100 girls recognized before the Quinnipiac University women's basketball game against Siena College at the People's United Center in Hamden on Feb. 8. The special event, which included free admission for girls and their families, featured a postgame autograph session and meet-and-greet with Quinnipiac players. The lady Bobcats fell 68-60 to the Saints in

Knights get ready for tournament runs

Basketball --The 5th-ranked Green Knights beat Fairfield Prep 62-43 on its annual Senior Night game on Valentine's Day. Four of the five seniors got in the score column and as a group they tallied 42 points.

Zach Laput led the way with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Fellow seniors Amadou Kamara added 10, Matt Consorte 7, and Marquise McDuffie 6. Brett Hutchison ran the show from the point guard spot

well. Notre Dame had a busy week as they scored 78 points both Monday and Tuesday nights beating Bassick and East Haven. Notre Dame improved to 17-1 and travel to Cross and Xavier to conclude

the regular season.

Hockey -- It was a week of mixed emotions for the Notre Dame hockey team. They opened the week with a thrilling 2-0 win over West Haven in a very well-played game by both teams that can best be categorized as an instant classic. The winning goal came off the stick of West Haven native Connor Faughnan with just 1:21 left in the game. Notre Dame added an empty netter with four seconds left. The Green Knights couldn't tide that momentum into Saturday's game against Fairfield Prep. The Jesuits roughed up the Green Knights, 8-1. ND is 13-5 with Ridgefield and Darien left on the regular season schedule. Notre Dame will get a chance at redemption against the Jesuits in the SCC D1 championship game on Friday, March 6 at the Ben-net Rink.

Indoor Track -- Jared Russo won the 55-meter hurdles, while Max Bothwell won the pole vault to help the Notre Dame indoor track team to a

fourth-place finish at the CIAC Class L Championship Meet. Russo crossed the finish line in 7.89. Bothwell cleared 12-6 to win the pole vault event. The 4x200 relay team ran fourth. All three will compete in the CIAC State Open Meet this Saturday at the NH Athletic Center.

Swimming -- The quartet of senior divers stole the show in the Green Knights Senior Day swim meet against Amity. The Spartans would emerge victorious 93-79. The Green Knights would win three events, led by the diving quartet of Michael Iasalvatore, Dylan Schwartz, Chase Socquet, and Hunter Stenquist. Iasalvatore would capture first place scoring 156 points for his six dives. Stenquist totaled 154 points, Schwartz 141 points, and Socquet 83 points. Alex Ozonoff would capture his signature event, the 500 freestyle, touching the wall in 5:21.60. Sean McDermott won his best event, the 100 breaststroke, touching the wall in 1:07.70.

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Photo courtesy of NDWH

Notre Dame honored its Class of 2020 basketball seniors at its annual Senior Night Game on Friday, a 62-43 win over Fairfield Prep.