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Rossi unveils \$173.4m plan

Mayor Nancy N. Rossi's just-released \$173.4 million budget package for Fiscal Year 2024 will come under public scrutiny April 3. That is the night the City Council has set the annual public hearing on the budget. The meeting was set last week, following the unveiling of the budget plan by the mayor in a special session of the council last Thursday.

The meeting is planned for Monday, April 3, in the Harriet North Meeting Room, second floor of City Hall, 355 Main St., at 6 p.m. This is the one and only time the taxpayers get to make public comment on the plan.

This session might be different than other over the past several years, as this plan will increase the city's mill rate by .97, putting the city-side rate at 34.97. That does not include fire taxes for the three taxation districts. That increase may increase the number of residents attending.

The budget is a \$5.1 million increase over last year's \$168.3 million plan and puts the Board of Education portion of spending at \$89.9 million, with the rest divvied out in city services and debt service.

In her address before the council, Mrs. Rossi touted the accomplishments of her administration, taking care of things that had been left unattended.

"The (city) continues to make good progress in improving its overall financial condition by delivering balanced budgets and maintaining operating surpluses. The city is reducing long-term debt and making important investments to address long overdue and deferred maintenance and infrastructure issues across the city," she said. "The fiscal year 2024 recommended budget is balanced, makes critical investments in our community and educational system, and is fiscally responsible."

The increase in taxes, always a hot-button item with some taxpayers was defended by the mayor as part of the long-range fiscal map to put our financial house in order.

"The recommended budget does increase the city's tax mill rate by .97, consistent with the City's Five-Year Plan. I am proud to report the City of West Haven has managed five consecutive balanced budgets. FY 18, FY 19, FY 20, FY 21 have been audited," she said. "When the FY 22 and FY 23 audits are completed, we expect a fifth and sixth operating surplus for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. Our fund balance or "rainy-day fund" continues to grow, giving the city financial flexibility and stability as we continue to recover from years of fiscal challenges."

Turning to Quality of Life issues, Mrs. Rossi noted the city has had success in utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds to make improvements in the city's parks and athletic facilities, altering a pattern that saw benign neglect at many sites.

"The city has completed or is in the process of renovating 27 parks, athletic facilities and recreational areas across the city.

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Photo by Matt Piscatelli

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, right, claps as Irishman of the Year Richard "Woody" Beirne, assisted by son Patrick Beirne, holding son Brayden, 1, and granddaughter Jillian Rossi, 3, pulls off the shroud revealing the Kelly green street sign designating City Hall's Campbell Avenue entrance as "Richard Beirne Square" for the next year at the 30th annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Friday. The cultural event, in honor of Ireland's patron saint, is presented by the West Haven St. Patrick's Day Committee.

Woody gets his day

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi presented retired West Shore fire Capt. Richard "Woody" Beirne with a navy blue jacket embroidered with his new distinction, "Irishman of the Year 2023," as part of festivities marking West Haven's 30th annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Friday.

Beirne, the grandson of Irish immigrants, was presented with other gifts of appreciation, including a mayoral proclamation declaring "Richard Beirne Day" in West Haven, and was showered with laudatory remarks by Rossi for "preserving and enriching the culture of

Ireland."

In addition to Rossi reading the proclamation citing Beirne's devotion to the Irish American community, the ceremony featured the unveiling of a Kelly green street sign designating City Hall's Campbell Avenue entrance as "Richard Beirne Square" until next year's celebration, when the lifelong Westie will pass his title to a fellow person of Irish heritage.

At the start of the 40-minute program, Keith Sweeney, the 2020 recipient who was honored in 2022 after a two-year pause because of the COVID-19 pandemic, received his rectangular

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Dorian from West Haven Community House After School program at Forest School sees sunny skies with a bit of wind, and rising temperatures in these first days of spring.

On this Date

2001 -- The Russian space station Mir plunges into the sea. The legendary station was disposed of in a controlled crash after 15 years in space.

1980 -- Archbishop Óscar Romero calls on members of the El Salvador armed forces to stop killing their fellow Salvadorians. A death squad assassinated the archbishop only one day after his famous sermon.

1956 -- Pakistan becomes the world's first Islamic republic. The Dominion of Pakistan also included the area of modern-day Bangladesh or East Pakistan, which seceded in 1971.

1933 -- The Enabling Act of 1933 grants Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers in Germany. With the Ermächtigungsgesetz, Hitler was awarded the legal right to issue laws even if in breach of the German constitution.

1888 -- The Football League meets for the first time. The league featuring teams from England and Wales was the world's oldest Association Football league. In 1992, its top 22 teams formed the Premier League.

Births

1968 -- Damon Albarn, English singer-songwriter.



Photo by Beth Sabo

Scholarship benefactors

Amanda Forst, left, and Mandy Hutchinson of Westies Nutrition at 153 Sawmill Road present a \$234 check in support of the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program on March 13. The money will benefit the program's Susan A. Ruickoldt Scholarship Fund. The fund was founded in March 2003 in honor of Ruickoldt, who taught third grade at Savin Rock Community School before succumbing to breast cancer in 1997. Each spring since 2003, a \$2,000 check has been awarded in Ruickoldt's memory to a female high school senior from West Haven who plans to continue her education.

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Grant to fund new WHFD personnel

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

U.S. Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and West Haven Fire Department Chief James P. O'Brien on March 7 announced a \$2.67 million federal grant to hire

eight firefighters in the department.

DeLauro(D-3), said the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant will fund recruitment and the "enhancement of existing firefighting abilities" for the West

Haven department, which serves the First Fire Taxation District, also known as the Center District.

According to DeLauro, the SAFER program was created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency "to pro-

vide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, 'front-line' firefighters available in their communities."

DeLauro, Rossi and O'Brien heralded the funding at a news

conference attended by more than two dozen firefighters, officers, chiefs and commissioners from the West Haven, West Shore and Allingtown fire departments at West Haven fire headquarters on Elm Street.

They were joined by state
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Photo by Michael P. Walsh

U.S. Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro, joined by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and West Haven Fire Department Chief James P. O'Brien, right, announces a \$2.67 million federal grant to hire eight firefighters in the department during a news conference March 7 at West Haven fire headquarters on Elm Street. With them are, from right, West Haven state Rep. Treené McGee, city Grant Coordinator Doug Colter and assistant grant writer Olivia Bissanti, Chief Michael R. Terenzio of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown, Secretary Herbert Hill of the First Fire Taxation District's Board of Fire Commissioners, Chief Stephen Scafariello of the West Shore Fire Department, Deputy Chief Michael T. Esposito of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown, and Deputy Chiefs Ronald Pisani, Jr. and William S. Johnson IV of the West Haven Fire Department. .

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Dear Felicia

By the time yew git this mis-sive, hon, spring will have sprung, and we're headed toward warmer weather - excep' in this burg it'll stay cold and damp for the next few weeks, at least. Yup, "cooler by the shore" will be the phrase of the day for most days over the next six or seven weeks, whilst the rest of the state gits warmer.

While the crocuses are coming up, and the number o' birdies in the air increase, the usual mirth and merriment that makes our lit'le corner of the universe so unique continues. Sammy Bluejay stopped by and mentioned that the number of candidates for mayoralty jest increased by at least one - and maybe by the time yew git this it'll be more.

Victor Borras, who is a member o' the City Council has thrown his political hat into the ring for mayor in November. By my count that

makes two Republicans and at least two Demmies. Sammy sez that the number in both parties will probably increase as people are more and more interested in what can become a very open field this time 'round.

Still to be determined is whether Herronner is gonna attempt a fourth term. Most of the street talk is that she ain't gonna do it, and that will mean that the primaries and political nudging will go on for most of the summer. Talk is that she'll let people know sooner rather than later, but it's anyone's guess.

Meanwhile, over on the GOP side, there is wonder whether Barry Lee Cohen will make a second try at the apple, putting him up against two other candidates.

Barry lost less than three dozen votes the last time under very questionable conditions. Whether he has the fire

in his belly to do a second time is, like we said elsewhere, yet to be determined. He'll make his announcement soon enuff, and we'll probably know before he makes it official.

Borras' announcement was certainly no surprise. He's been quietly telling people he would like to run over the last year or so. While a secret might be something you tell one person at a time, eventually it's no secret anymore.

The elephant in the room is whether Dorinda Borer will decide to run, though why she should is a puzzlement. Why leave a nice little niche like she's got up in Hartford? She's got a lotta power and prestige, why should she wanna come back here and be a toady for the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB)?

That lit'le group is gonna be around for at least two or three more years, and the power of the mayor will be to attend meetings and get yelled at, whilst the power of the purse and other things will be held by them.

So, as we roll on toward November, it's gonna be interesting to see 1) how many candidates come outta hiding over the next several weeks; and 2) how many stay in the race as things move onward. That in itself will offer some lessons in political give-and-take as we

observe in these parts.

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*Sammy also told me that word is the MARB is backing away from a total state takeover at least for the time being. In fack, there have been some published reports about that we notice. Well, there are a couple o' reasons and they might hafta do somewhat with that which we mentioned above. Effen herroner decides to call it a career, that might give the MARB a bit more leverage as the new mayor is put into office.*

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The other way of looking at it is that it approves of the new Finance Director, whom we are told is pert good with the accounts and is a no-nonsense kind of guy. Nonsense is our stock in trade, and effen it were a cash crop we'd corner the market. Sooo, effen the MARB is calling off the dogs right now, it could be there gonna keep things cool until setch as we the voters determine what comes next.

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 Of course, this issue has the annual fiction called the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024, beginning July 1. Yew know why I call it fiction. I ain't gonna repeat. But, the annual spring rites of budget propos-ing, budget deliberating and, eventually, budget passage are underway now that the mayor gave her proposal to the City Council last week.

The council will meet in special session under the Finance Chairman and see effen it can cobble together enuff votes to make any alterations effen they see any to be made. Nine votes passes a change of 13 members.

That has been a high bar in the past, and has been one of our problems - that, and the fack that things go in by default effen they can't agree on changes. The two are con-joined. The inability to make changes has led to the default process three times.

There is now talk of more charter revision after we jest had a two-year process back betwixt 2018-2020. It failed by a few hundred votes in a closer election than many thought possible. Whilst the powers that be in town like to say they want charter revision - and the threshold for making changes in the budget has always been one of them - there is really no desire to make big changes.

The local papyrus called the changes over the years "cos-metic." If that were only the case. Most of the time they were less than that.

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 Soooo, now there is talk of having new charter revision processes. D'ya think after the last debacle, where the committee and its co-chairmen were treated rather poorly there will be anybody who'd wanna take that on? One is al-

lowed to doubt it.

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*Nelly Nuthatch stopped by and sez that the demolition of the former Haven site is at full speed. It's amazing what can happen when you have a mind to it. Evidently, there is a buyer for the land stretching from Elm Street to Main and beyond a bit. Soooo, guess what has happened over the last month? The place has been demolished and the rubble cleaned up at record rates. It makes one understand jest how much of a stonewalling the city took during the last nine years from the Simon Group.*

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Nelly wasn't sure who or what was proposing to buy the land, but the haste with which crews are moving is a master class in efficiency. It's also damned mad-den-ing. It shows the lack of good faith the city put up with for far too long.

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 We see the politicians are saying that "more education" has to take place in the "Food Scraps to Energy" program cuz things, obviously, are moving as well as the happy talk and columns sent to this papyrus seem to indicate. In a word, people are not buying what the city is selling.

That is not to say no one is takin' part in the program. There are lotsa orange and green bags - but there are more of other types of bags.

The city and the providers and the regional squires who like to tell us how we should live our lives are frustrated by the lack of cooperation. Cobina ain't. Effen the state decides to make this type of program the law, that will end it. But, until then, people will do what they have always done cuz they don't see a reason to change.

All the talk about the city saving money in tipping fees don't mean much when we know that money ain't going back to the taxpayer. It'll jest be pushed over into something else - when was the last time yew ever saw money go back to the people who provided it?

Nope. Effen it's made law, people will comply. Cuz it ain't we are not surprised by the lack of participation. It's jest another thing for hard-working people are asked to do, and they have answered. No answer, as momma used to say, is an answer.

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So, as you can see, honeybunch, things in the burg continue as jest about they always have. We're gettin' outta the winter doldrums and things are starting to percolate. Before you know it we'll be complaining about the heat. With that bit o' chatter I'll close this time till next mitt luff und kizzes,

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Dear Eleanore Turkington:

What does the Public Works Department have against patching potholes? We still have potholes from last winter that have never been repaved yet on Fairfax Street and Ardale Street. Its pathetic. West Haven is the worst town in Connecticut at patching.

SB

Dear SB:

I have contacted your district Councilperson, Robbin Watt Hamilton and requested repairing f these potholes on these streets. Her reply, "I have forwarded these concerns to the Public Works Commissioner."

Dear F.B. if these potholes have not been patched after you read today's column, I will correspond with Councilperson Watt Hamilton and continue to follow up on these patches. Please be sure to notify me if there are any changes here.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

The crossing guard at Morgan Lane and Shingle Hill Road, frequently stops traffic at Morgan Lane to allow the buses at Shingle Hill Road to turn onto Morgan Lane. It is my understanding the crossing guards are to help people and students cross streets, not buses and cars. Additionally, the crossing guard has created her own parking spot on the grassy area between the road and the sidewalk. The road in front of Bailey looks so much nicer with a curb and grass, but by creating her own parking spot it's looking poorly again. Why is she able to stop cars on Morgan Lane for the movement of traffic and why is she permitted to create her own parking space?

First Church plans Easter Festival

First Congregational Church is hosting its annual Easter Festival and Craft Fair, on Saturday, March 25, 9-2:30, at the church, 464 Campbell Ave. It features handmade crafts, a bake sale, and an Easter Basket Raffle, as well as light breakfast and lunch options.

The Easter Bunny will be visiting between 11-2. Kids can have their picture taken with the bunny, get free face painting, enjoy our crafts/activities table, and get a surprise from our big pink tree.

The committee still has a few vendor spots available. Email events@fccwesthaven.org to ask for an application. Contact us for more information at (203) 933-6291 or office@fccwesthaven.org.

Trip planned to Hepburn Museum

The West Haven Senior Center will offer a minibus trip to the Katharine Hepburn Museum in Old Saybrook on May 24.

Hide original message

The one-hour docent-led tour will feature some of Hepburn's personal wardrobe pieces, her 1975 Primetime Emmy Award, and photos from her life and career.

The trip will include lunch at Penny Lane Pub in Old Saybrook, followed by a stop at Bishop's Orchards in Guilford.

The trip costs \$140 and includes a \$5 donation to the museum, gratuities, transportation and lunch with a meal choice. Payment is due April 14.

The bus will depart at 9 a.m. from the Veterans Memorial Park parking lot at 91 Bull Hill Lane, the former Nike site, and will leave at 3:30 p.m. from Bishop's.

For reservations, call the senior center at (203) 937-3507.

Just Curious

Dear Just Curious:

Sgt. Joseph D'Amato, Supervisor of the Traffic Department at the West Haven Police Department, promptly responded to your questions with: "In the crossing guard handbook it reads, 'As a school crossing guard you will direct motorists and pedestrians. You must take command of your intersection.' With this wording the City of West Haven crossing guards are not in the wrong for directing buses or motorists."

As far as parking on the grass, the crossing guard who works at this location was informed to park at the school's driveway off to the side or in the parking lot.

Just as a side note the reader also contacted the traffic office and she was informed of the same information.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Would you please check out an abandoned automobile blocking the sidewalk at the corner of Peck and William Street? Please correct this situation.

Annoyed

Dear Annoyed:

Council member, Meli Garthwait was notified of this situation and replied, that the car was removed.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I can't believe that they took down the skate park. Yes, it was a mess, but the city never did anything for it. It was never cleaned or maintained. They said that it was a mess to look at. Really!!! What about the Debononare, the Haven, the old Captain's Galley. Are those OK to look at? This whole city is a mess if you ask me. Where are they supposed



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

to ride now? That's why I call this city "Waste Haven." We have the longest shoreline in

Connecticut and there is nothing there worthwhile. The center of town has nothing in it. There is no reason to go there.

They say they are going to build condos where Chick's was, but they can't do anything until they fix the road. Who knows how long that will take. I feel bad for all the people that ride. The day before the park was taken down, a whole bunch of people came to ride it for the last time. So sad, because I am the one who pleaded with the city for years to build it. I remember when

they used to have contests there. The pace was packed every time. They did that for quite a few years. Now its all gone. Its just too bad.

Sadly, DT

Ed. Note: The condominium development at the former Chick's property is now under construction.

Coming up...more potholes to patch...what's taking so long?...Washington Avenue property needing cleanup... missing trash pickup...Campbell Avenue gripe..Rockdale Road...missing street sign at Tuttle Street...

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Get involved in budget

Last week, Mayor Nancy N. Rossi unveiled her \$173.4 million budget package for Fiscal Year 2024, beginning July 1, before a special session of the City Council. The annual March proposal begins a six-week process that culminates in the adoption of the budget as written, or with changes made by the council during deliberations. Of course, that process now includes the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB), which has final say over the document and its implementation.

The package is a just over a \$5 million increase over last year's budget, and would – if passed as is – increase the mil rate .97 mills, from the current 34 to 34.97. The City Council will be looking at the plan and seeing where and if any changes should be made over the next while. Under the City Charter, the budget must be adopted by the first Monday in May.

This is our annual call for residents to pay attention to the budget process, and what is included in the plan as given by Mrs. Rossi and, later, by the City Council itself. The annual public hearing is the primary opportunity for the public to voice its concerns and/or support, but its participation does not end there. During the weeks ahead, residents can contact their council members to voice other ideas.

The bottom line for most taxpayers is the final mill rate as adopted by the council/MARB. A “mill” is the tax per thousand dollars of assessed value of property. For example, a 30-mill rate, would mean for each thousand dollars assessed the owner is to pay \$30, up to 70 percent of the assessed value. This includes most property taxes.

Because the city is still under its original charter scheme regarding budget adoption, the process is rather arcane, and has survived several charter revisions since its adoption in the 1960s.

Following the presentation of the budget proposal by the mayor, the City Council sets the date for the public hearing. As stated above, this is some days after the publication of the budget plan, and is the only time such a hearing takes place.

Once the public hearing is completed, the council members go into session as a Committee of the Whole, under the chairmanship of the Finance Committee chairman. This “meeting” once begun does not adjourn until the budget is adopted. Traditionally, the council only suspends the session. This sets the original “quorum,” allowing discussion and voting, regardless of subsequent attendance by members.

The City Council can make changes in the budget, but needs a super-majority of nine votes out of 13 members in order to adopt the change. Failure to get the super-majority keeps the original line item in place. This nine-vote threshold has been a major hurdle over the decades, but some alterations have succeeded.

Under the charter provisions, the council may only pass or alter the budget, it cannot reject it. Failure to adopt a budget package means the mayor's original proposal, unaltered, goes into effect by default.

This has happened three times in the city's history, where the council cannot muster enough votes to pass the budget. Unlike alterations, the budget ordinance passes by simple majority. The default mechanism is in place to inhibit extended negotiations, and to comply with state law that expects a May adoption.

The city's budget process is the most important event of the fiscal year, get involved.



Dickensian border policy

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

“I became, at ten years old, a little labouring hind in the service of Murdstone and Grinby.”

Thus relates David Copperfield in the Charles Dickens novel of the same name.

Of course, Dickens was a crusader against the exploitation of children. The edge is taken off the depictions of the heartless treatment of children in his fiction, though, by the funny and memorable portrayals of the malefactors, the upward trajectory of the lives of the likes of David Copperfield and Oliver Twist, and the knowledge that the practices that Dickens inveighed against are a thing of the past in the advanced world.

It takes a heart of stone not to smile at the name of David's cruel stepfather, Edward Murdstone (Mr. Murdstone, to you), or the wine-bottling factory where David unhappily works, Murdstone and Grinby.

The orphan Oliver Twist had a bad time of it in a workhouse in the town of Mudfug. Yet, at least Oliver avoids the dangerous fate of getting apprenticed to the chimney sweep, Mr. Gamfield, and eventually an unexpected inheritance and a happy adoption await him.

This is all relevant today, because, as a big New York Times report highlighted, we have a Dickensian border policy.

The Times details how so-called unaccompanied minors end up “in some of the most punishing jobs in the country.” The Times found: “Twelve-year-old roofers in Florida and Tennessee. Underage slaughterhouse workers in Delaware, Mississippi and North Carolina. Children sawing planks of wood on overnight shifts in South Dakota.”

Needless to say, J. Crew and Walmart aren't as charming as Murdstone and Grinby, and favorable plot twists are unlikely to be written into the stories of many of the kids caught up in this child-labor maw. Most important, this isn't happening more than 150 years ago in another country.

The upshot of The Times piece is that we have chosen to import a social problem -- as if we didn't have enough already.

The Times reports that the child-labor force has “exploded” since 2021, which, of course, coincides with the advent of Biden's lax border policies. A quarter of a million children have entered the United States over the past two years.

For no good reason, we've made it difficult for ourselves to quickly send home minors coming on their own from noncontiguous countries, and thus we've enabled a market in child smuggling and child labor.

are not children who have stolen into the country undetected.” Caseworkers interviewed by the Times estimate that two-thirds of all unaccompanied minors end up working full-time.

This is bad for the kids, corrupting to the companies that exploit them, and unhealthy for our society generally.

The Department of Health and Human Services is in charge of sheltering the minors when they arrive, and then monitoring them upon release. It is not doing a good job, but the king's cure would be to have better enforcement at the border and in the interior. That way, children wouldn't be sent alone across the border in the first place, on an arduous journey with perhaps a dangerous factory job in the offing at their ultimate destination. But no one in charge ever seems to think of that.

There are a few other things to be said about all this.

One, it's worth remembering that migrants are supposed to be asylum seekers, fleeing persecution in their home countries; but almost every time the press reports in any detail on the stories of individual migrants, they prove to be economic migrants.

Two, it's hard to believe that the availability of cheap, easily exploited illegal child labor doesn't exert downward pres-

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Around Town

Review celebrates 40th

The 40th anniversary of the Golden Oldies Review (50's 60's 70's DooWop) is wcheduled for April 29 at the Cielo Ballroom, 85 Chase Lane, from 7:30-Midnight. Music by DJ Charles Rosenay!! of Liverpool Productions

Michael Hoover will present "Memories of Elvis" at 9. Cash Bar Smoke Free Door Prizes Raffle and Proceeds to benefit MDA Tickets are \$40 per person For ticket information please Geri Caccavale at (203) 795-5473 or Lucy Prokop, (203) 468-252

Raffle for Swift concert tickets

St. Lawrence School will hold a Taylor Swift Tix raffle, with the winner receiving two tickets to the sold-out Taylor Swift concert on Friday May 19 at Gillette Stadium. Tickets are now on sale for a drawing to be held on Monday, May 1. The proceeds of this raffle will benefit St. Lawrence School, West Haven.

Tickets can be purchased until May 1, either in-person at the school office or by calling (203) 933-2518. The cost of each raffle ticket is \$50, or 3 for \$100. The drawing A limited number of raffle tickets will be sold. Seats located in Section 205, Row 4.

Movie at Vets Museum

The West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center will be recognizing National Vietnam Veterans Day on Wednesday, March 29, by hosting the movie, Good Morning, Vietnam! in our Media Center at 10 a.m.

Refreshments will be served. Join us for some fun and tour the museum! The WHVM is located at 30 Hood Terrace, across from the West Haven train station. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 26, to (203) 934-1111 or email us at whmilmuseum@snet.net.

Liberty Coin Club sets schedule

The West Haven Liberty Coin Club announces its show schedule for 2023 and its new location. Due to scheduled renovations at its recent location our shows will be relocated to The Courtyard By Marriott hotel located behind the Outback Restaurant on Marsh Hill Road.

The 2023 schedule is: April 2, June 11, Sept. 10, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10. Show hours are 9-3.

Lowry: *Policy of fiction*

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sure on low-skilled wages.

Three, not to sound like a child-welfare nativist, but there are plenty of children already in the United States who desperately need the attention of caseworkers.

Despite The Times story, the insanity at the border will continue, and we can be assured that it's not going to produce any great literature.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Legal Notices

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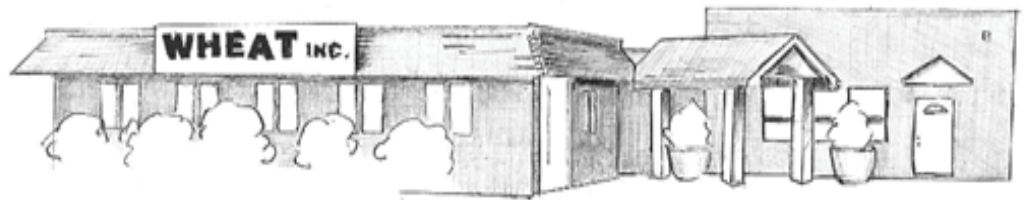
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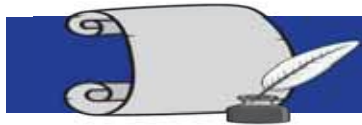
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

New Haven Topography Part II

Scientific tradition holds that the continental glacier entered and completely covered Connecticut about 26,000 years ago. In addition, tradition holds that the Ice Age preceded that flow, about 150,000 years ago. These forces had a great impact on what is today our homeland.

As it has been explained, the more recent glacier was thick enough to completely cover Mt. Washington, which is 6288' high. Here in Southern Connecticut, our landscape was covered by ice that was 1200-1500' deep.

As these glaciers moved

southward, their tremendous weight depressed the land areas and plowed earth materials before them with an action resembling that of enormous bulldozers, and re-shaped the surface over which they traveled.

This action is called glaciation; it creates trough-shaped valleys with steep vertical cliffs where entire mountain-sides were created by glacial scraping. And so it was that glacial movement created drumlins, elongated hills or ridges extending north and south, and composed of debris or fragments of rock pushed along and compressed by the moving ice. These drumlins

were composed of boulder clay, glacial sand and gravel. Melting glacial ice produced massive rivers which cut valleys still deeper, and in some places created lakes.

Today we see ridges and valleys and everywhere there are erratic boulders which consist of types of rock that differ from the underlying bedrock. These boulders were plucked from faraway hills and moved to new locations by glacial action. They lie where they were dropped when the glaciers melted out from under them.

A good example of erratic boulders would be those comprising Judges' Cave on

West Rock, a formation of erratic boulders, which lie on the spots where they were left so long ago.

After the glacial age, the land was bare of vegetation and the surface was covered with mud and rocks; the passage of time brought the return of vegetation, birds and animals.

And then, after the passage of the centuries, the area that we now call home was ready to be inhabited by mankind, so thus they did appear.

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*We acknowledge the work of Floyd M. Shumway and Richard Hegel from which much of this article was drawn.*



Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice, and local history buff.



Judges' Cave is a popular site when walking West Rock. It hid regicide judges Whalley, Dixwell and Goffe following the restoration of the monarchy after the fall of the government of Oliver Cromwell. New Haven was a staunch supporter of the Puritan takeover following the English Civil War, and later lost its charter as a Proprietary Colony, absorbed in Connecticut Colony for its support.



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### March honorees

A breakfast was held on March 6 to recognize those 1st through 8th graders selected for Student Recognition in the month of March. This month's award centered around the theme of kindness. Family members were on hand at the breakfast to celebrate the accomplishments of their children. The students are: Grade 1-- Brayden Nolan, Grade 2 -- Ryan Shore, Grade 3 --Jorge Zecua, Grade 4-- Karen Nimak. Grade 5 -- Aiden Gargiulo and Sofia Lupone; Grade 6 -- Gavin Roman and Sebastian Disisto, Grade 7 -- Aaron Cabacungan,. Grade 8 -- Maya Minsky. They are pictured with principal Frank Arnone.



### WHFD

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Rep. Treneé McGee, D-West Haven, and city Grant Coordinator Doug Colter and assistant grant writer Olivia Bissanti.

At the morning announcement, DeLauro also touted a previously announced \$927,333 FEMA grant for new firefighter radios.

The fire radio replacement grant, announced by DeLauro on Jan. 30, is part of round 15 of FEMA's fiscal year 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown Chief Michael R. Terenzio, whose department hosted the application and received the grant, said the regional award will pay for mobile, portable and base radios that will benefit the Allingtown department as well as the West Haven and West Shore departments.

DeLauro, speaking in front of a new Allingtown triple-combination pumper truck funded by the AFG program, said the new radios will "strengthen protection of the people of Connecticut's 3rd Congressional District."

DeLauro, the chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee, said: "These critical grants will prepare our first responders for the life-saving work of fighting and preventing fires. This federal funding plays an important role in guaranteeing they have the tools to protect themselves and the health and safety of the public."

According to DeLauro, an Assistance to Firefighters Grant is a competitive grant awarded to fire departments and emergency medical service organizations to enhance their ability to protect the health and safety of the public and first responders. Fire departments and EMS organizations can use the grants to buy emergency response equipment, and emergency vehicles, and training materials, she said.



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Photo by Michael O'Brien

A contingent of the Lifeskills class take orders for coffee from faculty members and make deliveries.

## 'Lifeskills' classes teach teens tasks they will need later

At West Haven High School, teacher Carissa Anastasio is helping juniors and seniors work on life skills that prepare them to become independent and a contributing member of society. Learning practical skills, the students are taking away abilities they will use a lifetime.

"This program has become much more than I had ever anticipated," said Mrs. Anastasio. "The students truly enjoy learning how to cook, bake, count money, take inventory and shop at the store. The students are so respectful and are always trying their hardest every day. I could not be any

prouder of the young adults they are becoming, and I cannot wait to see what they are able to create next year!"

The four-course Life Skills program begins with "Life Skills I" and "Internship I," where students work on interpersonal skills, solving problems, managing money, achieving success in the workplace, and cooking and cleaning. They also make trips to stores, as needed, to stock the classroom, and will participate in fun community outings to work on behavioral and social skills in leisure settings.

After completing the Life Skills I and Internship I courses, students move into "Life Skills & Internship II," which is designed for them to develop employability skills for securing employment. The students work at job sites in the school setting such as the coffee cart, food pantry, school store, bulletin boards, etc. They also complete job interest inventories, simulated job interviews, and job applications.

Students can remain in the Life Skills and Internship Program until their 22nd birthday. For the students that come back, known as senior-plus students, they will have more internship experiences outside of the school building. These opportunities will include helping with elementary school field day, recess monitors, and running the coffee cart at the elementary schools.

During the Life Skills & Internship II courses, students look to improve their employability skills while cooking, baking, cleaning, and working as the cashier for their coffee cart. They also learn the soft skills of employment, including reporting to a supervisor, completing a specific task, following directions, and following a schedule. Additionally, students monitor inventory and schedule trips to the grocery store as needed.

"I like to make the food that we sell at the coffee cart," said senior William Lopes. "I also like to shop for food and items for students that need this stuff for their homes."

There are currently 20 students in the Internship and Life Skills program. Every day, they are taking orders from teachers and staff for coffee, tea, hot chocolate, brownies, and snacks, and delivering them to the classrooms. The proceeds are reinvested into the program with half of it used to buy supplies at Costco and the other half to fund activities such as educational

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# Beirne: *His big day!*

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sign to take home. The West Haven St. Patrick's Day Committee each year recognizes an Irish resident or couple who exemplifies service in the city's robust Irish community.

"What a great week for the West Haven Irish community and a great week for the city of West Haven — with (Grand Marshal) Joanne Conlan leading the (Greater New Haven) St. Patrick's Day Parade and Keith Sweeney's name removed from in front of City Hall," cracked Beirne, drawing laughter from the crowd, many of whom donned Aran sweaters and other Irish garb on a partly sunny St. Patrick's Day.

As the sound of Celtic music played by bagpipers and drummers filled the air at the cultural event in honor of Ireland's patron saint, Beirne, 65, toasted his forebears with about 250 of his closest friends and loved ones, along with a sea of shamrock-clad dignitaries, including former and current fire and police officials, and descendants of folks from the Emerald Isle.

Beirne, one of the hardest working volunteers on the committee and in the Irish community, thanked just about everyone on God's green earth who has supported him along the way, especially his wife, Suzan Beauchamp Beirne, who has been his rock in sickness and in health.

"She is the mother of our two children and my best friend," he said. "She stayed with me and helped me get back to good health. I look forward to our next chapter. I Love you, Suzan."

In 1891, Beirne's paternal grandfather, Patrick Beirne, left the family farm in County Roscommon, Ireland, in pursuit of prosperity in America, settling in New Haven. Four years later, his grandmother, Mary Jane, whose last name coincidentally was also Beirne, came to the Elm City from the Irish parish of Bornacoola, which straddles counties Leitrim and Longford. Each Beirne had followed cousins to New Haven, where the couple met and later wed at St. Mary's Church in 1901.

Beirne's paternal grandparents' journey from celestial green shores to the States was preceded by his maternal great-grandparents.

In 1848, Beirne's great-grandfather, Thomas Mathews, then age 2, left County Down with his mother and sibling. Seven months earlier, Mathews' father went ahead to Norwich to find work. In 1865, Beirne's great-grandmother, Ellen Connell Mathews, departed from Erin and worked as a maid in Norwich before later marrying Mathews in 1877. The couple settled in New Haven in the 1880s.

Beirne, the youngest of three brothers, grew up in a single-family home on Magnolia Avenue in West Shore. He attended public and private schools in West Haven and New Haven and graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1975. He also attended Southern Connecticut State University and the University of New Haven.

His father, J. Vincent Beirne, was a deputy inspector with the New Haven Police Department.

His mother, Dorothy Mathews Beirne, was a teacher for 44 years, including 16 years at Union School in West Haven and stints at St. John the Evangelist and St. Francis schools in New Haven. She worked at the West Haven Community House during summer vacations and was a charter member and an officer of the West Haven Laurel Woman's Club.

At the midday ceremony, Rossi also presented an Irish flag to Beirne, who was accompanied onstage by his wife. Just steps away, sitting in the second row, daughter Katie Beirne Rossi, son Patrick Beirne, and grandchildren Jillian Rossi, 3, and Brayden Beirne, 1, all of West Haven, looked on with great pride as their father and grandfather was feted.

Woody Beirne was also joined by his brother and sister-in-law, Vincent and Laurie Beirne, of Chantilly, Virginia.

Among those attending the event's pearl anniversary were Conlan, 2023 Parade Queen Sierra O'Keefe, of Milford, and her honor attendant, Tessa Mackey, of Guilford. Other attendees included North Haven First Selectman Michael J. Freda, a native of West Haven.

The opening procession was led by the West Haven Police Honor Guard and the New Haven County Firefighters Emerald Society Pipes & Drums.

After 2013 Parade Queen Fiona Stewart, of West Hartford, sang beautiful renditions of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Irish national anthem, "Soldier's Song," retired Rev. Mark R. Jette, the 2010 Irishman of the Year, offered an Irish blessing.

The invocation was followed by remarks by committee member and master of ceremonies David Coyle and 2014 Irishwoman of the Year and Rep. Dorinda Keenan Borer, D-West Haven, who presented Beirne with a General Assembly citation on behalf of the city's delegation.

Charles Butler, an aide to U.S. Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro (D-3), presented the honoree with a certificate of special recognition.



Photo by Matt Piscatelli

Top -- Richard Beirne, a retired West Shore fire captain, receives an embroidered "Irishman of the Year 2023" jacket from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi as his wife, Suzan Beauchamp Beirne, looks on. Bottom -- A sea of green pays tribute to Richard Beirne.

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# Joanne Conlan leads Elm City parade



Photos courtesy of New Haven St. Patrick's Parade Committee

Clockwise, from Top Left -- Joanne Conlan leads the parade up Chapel Street. Nephews Brandon Kendzierski and Joey Kendzierski holding the banner. Inside banner are son, Glenn Jr., his wife Nuris, and grandson Orlando. Family and friends on the Grand Stand Joanne my grandson Declan and Glenn on the reviewing stand Joanne my grandson Declan and husband Glenn on the reviewing stand. The Grand Marshal and husband before the event.



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Learning to cook is just part of the Lifeskills course at West Haven High School, but it seems to be one of the most appreciated by many of the students.

## Lifeskills: *Practical lessons*

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field trips, beach clean-ups, etc. Students also get to choose the activities they want to do based on the money they raise.

"My favorite part of this program is picking the field trips and then getting to actually go with our friends using the money we make from selling coffee," said junior Lexus Jones.

The classroom at the high school has everything these students need to get the job done, including professional grade coffee devices

and coffee donated from Omar Coffee in Newington. The program also oversees the school's food pantry and home supplies for families in need and will bring extra items to the elementary schools. Additionally, there is a washer and dryer in the classroom, and students will wash and dry any donated clothes for the pantry.

"This class is my favorite class in the school, I love to make brownies all day!" exclaimed senior Anthony Monge.

### Tax relief applications available

The assessor's office is accepting applications by appointment for tax relief programs for elderly and disabled homeowners.

West Haven residents can apply for the programs, based on their 2022 taxable and untaxable incomes, weekdays through May 15 in the assessor's office on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St. For an appointment, call (203) 937-3515. No walk-ins.

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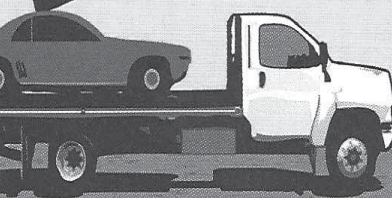
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West Haven City Council  
Notice/Agenda of Special Meeting April 3, 2023

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ELECTORS ARE ALSO HEREBY NOTIFIED OF THE RIGHT/POWER OF THE ELECTORATE IN REGARDS TO A REFERENDUM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CHARTER, CHAPTER XVIII.

MAYOR ROSSI'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FY 2023-2024 IN ITS ENTIRETY CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY OF WEST HAVEN WEBSITE:

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# West Haven City Council

## Notice of Special Meeting April 3, 2023

### CITY OF WEST HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT ALLINGTOWN

| ACCOUNT #            | DESCRIPTION                 | FY22                | FY 23               | FY 24               | FY 24               |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                      |                             | ACTUAL              | APPROVED            | REQUEST             | MAYOR'S RECOM.      |
| 19524041 41100       | TAX LEVY - CURRENT YEAR     | \$ 6,972,611        | \$ 6,790,177        | \$ 6,770,947        | \$ 6,770,947        |
| NON CURRENT TAXES    |                             |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| 19524041 41200       | TAX LEVY - PRIOR YEARS      | \$ 171,006          | \$ 66,000           | \$ 66,000           | \$ 66,000           |
| 19524041 41300       | TAX LEVY - SUSPENSE         | \$ 13,077           | \$ 6,000            | \$ 6,000            | \$ 6,000            |
|                      | <b>SUBTOTAL</b>             | <b>\$ 184,083</b>   | <b>\$ 72,000</b>    | <b>\$ 72,000</b>    | <b>\$ 72,000</b>    |
| INTEREST & LIEN FEES |                             |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| 19524041 41610       | TAX INTEREST - CURRENT YEAR | \$ 39,660           | \$ 22,000           | \$ 22,000           | \$ 22,000           |
| 19524041 41620       | TAX INTEREST - PRIOR YEARS  | \$ 45,855           | \$ 15,000           | \$ 15,000           | \$ 15,000           |
| 19524041 41630       | TAX INTEREST - SUSPENSE     | \$ 12,358           | \$ 7,000            | \$ 7,000            | \$ 7,000            |
|                      | <b>SUBTOTAL</b>             | <b>\$ 97,873</b>    | <b>\$ 44,000</b>    | <b>\$ 44,000</b>    | <b>\$ 44,000</b>    |
| 19520047 42900       | MISCELLANEOUS FEES          | \$ 48,335           | \$ 60,000           | \$ 60,000           | \$ 60,000           |
| 19520047 45130       | FEMA GRANTS                 |                     | \$ 271,429          | \$ 271,429          | \$ 271,429          |
| 19520045 45231       | PILOT-COLLEGES & HOSPITALS  | \$ 568,482          | \$ 770,501          | \$ 770,501          | \$ 770,501          |
| 19520045 45249       | MRSA - MOTOR VEHICLE/MV CAP | \$ 1,162,543        | \$ 960,525          | \$ 960,525          | \$ 960,525          |
| 19520045 45290       | STATE MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS  | \$ 26,515           | \$ 21,515           | \$ 21,515           | \$ 21,515           |
| 19520045 45340       | SCCRWA-PILOT GRANT          | \$ 49,166           | \$ 49,166           | \$ 49,166           | \$ 49,166           |
| 19520047 46720       | POLICE/FD EXTRA DUTY        | \$ 3,470            | \$ 4,000            | \$ 4,000            | \$ 4,000            |
| 19520047 47050       | FD BUNDLE BILLING EMS       | \$ 12,276           | \$ 40,000           | \$ 40,000           | \$ 40,000           |
| 19520047 47060       | FD TRANSPORT INCOME         | \$ 52,106           | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| 19520047 47600       | DONATIONS                   | \$ 100,000          | \$ 100,000          | \$ 100,000          | \$ 100,000          |
| 19520047 47900       | MISCELLANEOUS               | \$ 47,748           | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                |
|                      | <b>NON TAX INCOME</b>       | <b>\$ 2,070,641</b> | <b>\$ 2,277,136</b> | <b>\$ 2,277,136</b> | <b>\$ 2,277,136</b> |
|                      | <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>         | <b>\$ 9,325,208</b> | <b>\$ 9,183,313</b> | <b>\$ 9,164,083</b> | <b>\$ 9,164,083</b> |

### CITY OF WEST HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT ALLINGTOWN

| ACCOUNT #      | DESCRIPTION                   | FY22                | FY 23               | FY 24               | FY 24               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                |                               | ACTUAL              | APPROVED            | REQUEST             | MAYOR'S RECOM.      |
| 19500010 51000 | REGULAR WAGES                 | \$ 290,579          | \$ 282,273          | \$ 289,609          | \$ 289,609          |
| 19500010 52100 | GAS HEATING                   | \$ 9,353            | \$ 15,000           | \$ 15,000           | \$ 15,000           |
| 19500010 52110 | ELECTRICITY                   | \$ 16,012           | \$ 16,000           | \$ 17,000           | \$ 17,000           |
| 19500010 52130 | WATER                         | \$ 183,126          | \$ 195,000          | \$ 198,000          | \$ 198,000          |
| 19500010 52150 | TELEPHONE EXPENSE             | \$ 11,034           | \$ 14,000           | \$ 14,000           | \$ 14,000           |
| 19500010 52330 | TRAINING AND EDUCATION        | \$ 17,128           | \$ 34,000           | \$ 31,000           | \$ 31,000           |
| 19500010 52360 | BUSINESS EXPENSE              | \$ 9,522            | \$ 14,000           | \$ 16,000           | \$ 16,000           |
| 19500010 52420 | FINANCIAL SERVICES            | \$ 22,000           | \$ 20,000           | \$ 20,000           | \$ 20,000           |
| 19500010 52530 | BUILDING MAINTENANCE/REPAIR   | \$ 12,635           | \$ 20,000           | \$ 20,000           | \$ 20,000           |
| 19500010 52580 | EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE         | \$ 38,992           | \$ 70,000           | \$ 60,000           | \$ 60,000           |
| 19500010 52820 | PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING         | \$ 868              | \$ 14,000           | \$ 16,000           | \$ 16,000           |
| 19500010 53110 | OFFICE SUPPLIES               | \$ 5,763            | \$ 6,000            | \$ 6,000            | \$ 6,000            |
| 19500010 53210 | AUTOMOTIVE FUEL & FLUIDS      | \$ 16,000           | \$ 18,000           | \$ 18,000           | \$ 18,000           |
| 19500010 54032 | LAP PREM-ALLINGTN             | \$ 30,353           | \$ 47,177           | \$ 60,000           | \$ 60,000           |
| 19500010 54110 | HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS     | \$ 1,330,477        | \$ 1,618,808        | \$ 1,600,000        | \$ 1,600,000        |
| 19500010 54120 | LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS       | \$ 12,822           | \$ 15,000           | \$ 31,000           | \$ 31,000           |
| 19500010 54130 | FICA-CITY'S SHARE             | \$ 13,131           | \$ 7,621            | \$ 21,721           | \$ 21,721           |
| 19500010 54140 | PENSION AND UNFUND. LIABILITY | \$ 2,895,093        | \$ 2,393,411        | \$ 2,540,196        | \$ 2,540,196        |
| 19500010 54180 | HEART & HYPERTENSION          | \$ 174              | \$ 35,000           | \$ 35,000           | \$ 35,000           |
| 19500010 54192 | WORKERS COMP PREMIUM          | \$ 66,985           | \$ 125,000          | \$ 125,000          | \$ 125,000          |
| 19500010 55160 | PERSONAL COMPUTERS            | \$ 31,975           | \$ 25,000           | \$ 42,500           | \$ 42,500           |
| 19500010 55630 | RADIO EQUIPMENT               | \$ 709              | \$ 5,000            | \$ 40,000           | \$ 40,000           |
| 19500010 56010 | UNALLOCATED CONTINGENCY       | \$ 24,236           | \$ 175,000          | \$ 175,000          | \$ 175,000          |
| 19500010 56990 | MISCELLANEOUS                 | \$ 9,878            | \$ 16,000           | \$ 16,000           | \$ 16,000           |
| 19500010 55900 | ALLINGTOWN CAPITAL PROJECTS   | \$ 395,618          | \$ 680,000          | \$ 500,000          | \$ 500,000          |
| 19500010 56175 | ADVANCE FUNDING OPEB TRUST    | \$ -                | \$ 50,000           | \$ 50,000           | \$ 50,000           |
|                | <b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>   | <b>\$ 5,444,464</b> | <b>\$ 5,911,290</b> | <b>\$ 5,957,026</b> | <b>\$ 5,957,026</b> |

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                |                                        | ACTUAL              | APPROVED            | REQUEST             | MAYOR'S RECOM.      |
| 19500030 51000                 | REGULAR WAGES                          | \$ 1,582,617        | \$ 1,596,383        | \$ 1,736,807        | \$ 1,736,807        |
| 19500030 51500                 | OVERTIME                               | \$ 395,199          | \$ 475,000          | \$ 480,000          | \$ 480,000          |
| 19500030 51800                 | SEPARATION PAY                         | \$ -                | \$ 60,000           | \$ 45,000           | \$ 45,000           |
| 19500030 52150                 | TELEPHONE EXPENSE                      | \$ 284,291          | \$ 304,900          | \$ 305,000          | \$ 305,000          |
| 19500030 52780                 | UNIFORM ALLOWANCE                      | \$ 22,048           | \$ 12,000           | \$ 26,000           | \$ 26,000           |
| 19500030 53250                 | TOOLS & MISC. EQUIPMENT                | \$ 49,627           | \$ 90,000           | \$ 70,000           | \$ 70,000           |
| 19500030 53440                 | MEDICAL SUPPLIES                       | \$ 21,975           | \$ 35,000           | \$ 38,000           | \$ 38,000           |
| 19500030 54130                 | FICA-CITY'S SHARE                      | \$ 64,315           | \$ 60,442           | \$ 60,000           | \$ 60,000           |
| 19500030 54140                 | PENSION - CITY'S SHARE                 | \$ 62,997           | \$ 66,073           | \$ 66,000           | \$ 66,000           |
| 19500030 55220                 | TRUCKS                                 | \$ 59,806           | \$ 465,000          | \$ 265,000          | \$ 265,000          |
| 19500030 56180                 | EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT              | \$ -                | \$ 107,225          | \$ 115,250          | \$ 115,250          |
|                                | <b>TOTAL OPERATIONS</b>                | <b>\$ 2,542,877</b> | <b>\$ 3,272,023</b> | <b>\$ 3,207,057</b> | <b>\$ 3,207,057</b> |
|                                | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                  | <b>\$ 7,987,341</b> | <b>\$ 9,183,313</b> | <b>\$ 9,164,083</b> | <b>\$ 9,164,083</b> |
|                                | <b>ADMINISTRATION</b>                  | <b>\$ 5,444,464</b> | <b>\$ 5,911,290</b> | <b>\$ 5,957,026</b> | <b>\$ 5,957,026</b> |
|                                | <b>OPERATIONS</b>                      | <b>\$ 2,542,877</b> | <b>\$ 3,272,023</b> | <b>\$ 3,207,057</b> | <b>\$ 3,207,057</b> |
|                                | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                  | <b>\$ 7,987,341</b> | <b>\$ 9,183,313</b> | <b>\$ 9,164,083</b> | <b>\$ 9,164,083</b> |
| <b>CURRENT TAX CALCULATION</b> |                                        |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|                                | Net GL - Motor Vehicle                 | \$ 62,385,230       | \$ 77,526,620       | \$ 77,526,620       | \$ 77,526,620       |
|                                | Net GL - Real Estate/Personal Property | \$ 568,606,571      | \$ 574,211,414      | \$ 574,211,414      | \$ 574,211,414      |
|                                | Net Grand List                         | \$ 630,991,801      | \$ 651,738,034      | \$ 651,738,034      | \$ 651,738,034      |
|                                | Mill Rate - MV                         | 8.0                 | 3.0                 | 3.0                 | 3.0                 |
|                                | Mill Rate - R/E, PP                    | 11.62               | 11.61               | 11.58               | 11.58               |
|                                | Gross Tax Levy - MV                    | \$ 499,082          | \$ 232,580          | \$ 232,580          | \$ 232,580          |
|                                | Gross Tax Levy - R/E, PP               | \$ 6,586,905        | \$ 6,668,007        | \$ 6,648,464        | \$ 6,648,464        |
|                                | Gross Tax Levy                         | \$ 7,085,987        | \$ 6,900,586        | \$ 6,881,043        | \$ 6,881,043        |
|                                | Collection Rate                        | 98.40%              | 98.40%              | 98.40%              | 98.40%              |
|                                | Tax Levy - Current Year                | \$ 6,972,611        | \$ 6,790,177        | \$ 6,770,947        | \$ 6,770,947        |

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all  
directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: MR. POTATO —

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| Beetle | Famine   | Peeler | Skins     |
| Blight | Famer    | Peels  | Soup      |
| Bread  | Masher   | Plant  | Tuberworm |
| Chips  | Pancakes | Salad  |           |

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way  
that each row across, each column down and  
each small 9-box square contains all of the  
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**Answers to this week's puzzles**

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|            |                  |              |                    |                |                      |                          |                   |                  |                    |               |             |                  |                      |           |                  |           |                  |            |                         |                    |                     |             |                      |            |                   |                         |                     |                 |              |                     |                   |                    |                       |                  |              |          |                        |           |               |                 |                     |                |                                  |                    |            |                |             |                 |                            |            |                   |                       |                         |                 |                   |             |                     |                  |
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| 1. Blunder | 5. Sir's partner | 9. Witty one | 12. Massage target | 13. Lamb alias | 14. "Evil Woman" gp. | 15. Dairy aisle purchase | 17. Zodiac feline | 18. Indiana city | 19. TV's DeGeneres | 21. Rejection | 22. — buddy | 24. Bears' hands | 27. Candy-heart word | 28. Ashen | 31. "— Believer" | 32. Epoch | 33. Actress Ruby | 34. Attire | 36. The whole enchilada | 37. Barking mammal | 38. Dark and gloomy | 40. "I see" | 41. "Shrek" princess | 43. Scents | 47. Adj. modifier | 48. Canning jar feature | 51. King, in Cannes | 52. Tale teller | 53. "Woe —!" | 54. World Cup cheer | 55. China (Pref.) | 56. Legendary loch | 8. "This — no sense!" | 9. Built to last | 10. Downwind | 11. Thug | 16. Punk-rock subgenre | 20. Prune | 22. Strapping | 23. Track shape | 24. Pot-bellied pet | 25. Docs' bloc | 26. "Dunkirk" or "Platoon," e.g. | 27. Faucet problem | 29. Meadow | 30. Snaky fish | 35. Chignon | 37. Sure winner | 39. "Lady Love" singer Lou | 40. Branch | 41. Gambling game | 42. Pedestal occupant | 43. Sleek, in car lingo | 44. Inspiration | 45. \$ dispensers | 46. Females | 49. Sundial numeral | 50. Author Brown |
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| 1. Stare stupidly | 2. Twice cuatro | 3. "Hmm, I guess so" | 4. Criminals | 5. Office note | 6. "The Greatest" | 7. Be sick | 8. "This — no sense!" | 9. Built to last | 10. Downwind | 11. Thug | 16. Punk-rock subgenre | 20. Prune | 22. Strapping | 23. Track shape | 24. Pot-bellied pet | 25. Docs' bloc | 26. "Dunkirk" or "Platoon," e.g. | 27. Faucet problem | 29. Meadow | 30. Snaky fish | 35. Chignon | 37. Sure winner | 39. "Lady Love" singer Lou | 40. Branch | 41. Gambling game | 42. Pedestal occupant | 43. Sleek, in car lingo | 44. Inspiration | 45. \$ dispensers | 46. Females | 49. Sundial numeral | 50. Author Brown |
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

**Answers**

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The West Haven Squirt AA team poses for a post-tournament team photo after play in the Tier 2 New England Regional Tournament in Exeter, NH. The team fell just short in its quest for a regional title, losing to Winchester, MA in the title game.

# Squirt AA team comes up short in regional

The West Haven Squirt AA ventured last weekend to Exeter, NH to compete in the Tier 2 New England Regionals. Their quest to take home the title fell one game short as they fell to Winchester, MA, 4-3, in the title game.

The Westies jumped out to a 2-1 lead in the final behind goals from Wade Roach and Charlie Gunning. Cody Young and Jeremiah McGrath picked up assists on their goals.

Dylan Spreyer took a pass from Gunning and buried an equalizer to even the score at 3. Winchester buried a late goal to take home the title.

Nick Ciccocanti and Colby Cushing had great scoring chances for the Westies. Gabe

Calabrese saved 21 shots in net.

The Westies got the final by avenging their two in-state losses on the year as they down New Canaan AA 4-1 in the semi-final. After falling behind by a goal, Spreyer broke free and scored one to tie the game. Gunning buried the next two goals and Colby Cushing tucked in a wrap around to put the game away.

The Westie assists on the day were from Alex Jenei, Dane Walsh and Cushing. Calabrese was again stellar in net for the win.

In cross over action, the Westies opened with an 8-1 win over the Maine Gladiators. Gunning finished with 5 goals on the day, Roach

2 and Cushing the final one. Assists came from AJ Farrell, Young, Ciccocanti, Jenei and Cushing. Michael Paone and Calabrese shared duties in net accounting for 16 saves.

The Westies downed the Cyclones Squirt Platinum

4-1 behind a pair of Gunning goals and goals by Spreyer and Roach. Ciccocanti accounted for the assist on the day. Calabrese got the win in net

The Westies fell to Winchester, 7-4, in the final

crossover game. Peyton Berelepsch, Cushing, Gunning and Spreyer found the back of the net.

Assists on the day came from Henry Strada, Daniel Moll, Young, Farrell and McGrath.

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### Being adults!

What is more adult – and more of a skill – than shopping? This group of West Haven High School students learn this and other adult chores and responsibilities in a Life Skills class. The students learn about cooking, shopping and keeping a checkbook, while performing other services at the McDonough Plaza School. For more information about the course, turn to pages 10 and 13 for the story and pictures.

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“New playground equipment and energy-efficient lighting has been installed and trees surrounding these

areas pruned for safety. Much of the cost of this initiative was paid for by federal ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds,” she said. “Our pub-

lic recreational spaces have been neglected for decades. A new indoor field house is being designed for Painter Park. West Haven High School will

get a new turf football, soccer and lacrosse field and new artificial turf softball field. The shoreline and boardwalk will continue to be improved with new security cameras. West Haven has tremendous natural resources and public spaces, but we must maintain them moving forward to be enjoyed by future generations. The new Washington Elementary School is state approved, and design will begin soon.”

Economic development, a long-term Achilles Heel for many administrations is seeing improvement according to the mayor. She listed a number projects completed in the current fiscal year, and reported on future plans.

“We are supporting many economic development and community projects, which will increase the commercial grand list further stabilizing our tax mill rate,” she said. “The raising of Beach Street has received the necessary permits to raise the road, and as a result, we are seeing developers begin the construction of townhouses on the former Chick’s Drive in site. The road raising will begin this summer. We removed the blighted skate park and cleaned up that area along Beach Street. Hartford Health Care has moved into the Allingtown Center. Many new restaurants and small business continue to invest in West Haven, making our city their

home. The Havens property is finally being cleaned up with the demolition of houses and buildings.”

Rossi reported the city is working with the ARPA Committee to use more of the federal funds. She noted the panel, which was set up to manage oversight of the fund distribution, has earmarked funds for many projects in various parts of the city.

Projects noted by Mrs. Rossi in her address included: retention funding for the West Haven Police Department; improvements at the senior center; addressing food insecurity; street paving; renovations to parks public spaces and athletic facilities; renovations, and updates to the utility infrastructure in city buildings including schools; stormwater and flooding improvements; and sidewalk safety; and ADA improvements around city schools.

She ended saying she was looking forward to working with the council as it begins its review of the budget, and thanked members of the Finance Department for their assistance in preparing the package.

Following the April 3 meeting, the council will meet as a Committee of the Whole to review the budget.

By charter, the budget must be finalized by the first Thursday in May.

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH**  
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