

## Rossi looks for bigger cuts

With the Municipal Accountability Review Board looking for “structural changes” to the city’s proposed budget before it releases a hoped-for \$8 million in aid, Mayor Nancy Rossi is expecting to work with the City Council over the next few weeks to come up with more changes.

During a meeting with the MARB last week, Rossi was given specific concerns by the panel, which was not impressed with what it saw. Among the panel’s concerns were the lack of a five-year plan it hoped to review and “structural changes” to the city’s financial house.

Indeed, discussed during last week’s meeting was the passage of a mid-year supplemental tax to in-

crease the city’s revenue stream.

Reviewing what her proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019 cuts, Rossi defended her decisions and hopes the state’s Office of Policy and Management will approve the \$8 million aid package.

“The budget will require OPM to release the approved \$8 million to the city. The proposed budget is very conservative in regard to revenue and expenditure estimates. The budget cuts 17 positions, which includes 5 positions with the elimination of the Adult Day Care program. The recommended budget also reduces the hours and benefits from several more positions city-wide. The savings from these cuts will be over \$1 million in the general fund,” she said. “The

budget for the first time in recent history properly funds the health care costs for active city employees and retirees. The budget also responsibly funds Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) for retired city employees. These two areas have been major drivers in creating past budget deficits.”

Rossi, who took some heat during last week’s MARB session, seemed to tell both MARB and residents getting the city on a smart fiscal path won’t happen over night.

“I know people would like a miracle solution--but the truth is there is no such thing and it will take time and patience to get the city back on tract. The budget

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### Shuttled to good eats

To enhance the cooperation of the University of New Haven and the City of West Haven, and continue to familiarize students with what West Haven has to offer. The university is sponsoring a pilot called the West Haven Food Shuttle to take students to West Haven restaurants on Friday through Sunday, April 13-15 and 20-22. Many of the restaurants are offering students major discounts or free food. The program was put together by University student Kimberly Trabulsi a member of the University of New Haven Mayor’s Advisory Commission.



## Commission begins charter review

For the next several months, the newly installed Charter Revision Commission will sift through the city’s “constitution” and determine if any changes are necessary. The commission, approved by the City Council via a binding resolution earlier this year, has until July 2019 to complete its final report.

In an unusual turn of events, the nine-member panel made up of five Democrats and four Republicans, chose Republican Edward Granfield as chairman. Granfield and Democrat John Carrano had been mentioned as the possible leaders, but in the voice, Carrano ceded his support to the Republican. The vote was 7-0 with Republican Commissioner David Riccio absent, and Granfield abstaining.

Following the vote for chairman, Iris Diaz was nominated and approved as vice-chairman by an 8-0 vote. Diaz is a former member of the Allingtown Fire

Commission and served as its chairman.

Granfield set the tone for what he hopes will be the way the commission works over the next several months. He knows sitting members of the administration, including Mayor Nancy Rossi and Council Chairman Ronald Quagliani (D-at-large) have offered their own suggestions and will do so formally during the process, but he wants the public to be a part of the deliberative process.

“The first step is to gather feedback from the public. Then we’ll move on to elected officials, department heads, then the business, political and community leaders as we get further in the process,” Granfield said.

A public hearing is in the works, where ideas from residents will be offered and put on the docket for discussion.

Granfield’s major concern is keeping

political influence to a minimum.

“My job as chairman is first and foremost to insure and protect the integrity of the process. Any attempt to politically influence our efforts will be met head on,” he said.

Granfield, who served on the City Council as its minority member in the early 2000s has been out of city politics for more than a decade, dabbling in some state issues for the state GOP, and seeking a state assembly seat as his most recent attempt at politics.

“Otherwise, I’ve stayed out of the fray,” he said.

He credits Carrano for his accession to the chairmanship, saying the Democrat had been working behind the scenes to make it happen.

The unprecedented move has been cited by some as a reason this charter revision attempt may be different than its predecessors, where politicians attempted to commandeer the process.

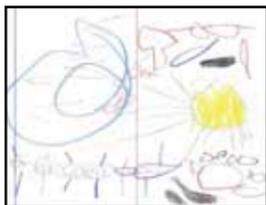
The election of Granfield is also a manifestation of the fractured nature of the city’s Democratic Party. The factionalism that sees the party broken into three warring camps made the election of a party outsider necessary.

Several issues will confront the panel over the next 16 months. A revamping of the terms of office for the mayor has been suggested, from two to four years, as well as term limits for mayors and council members.

Other ideas are expected when the commission sets its public hearing. Once the commission sifts through the matters up for consideration, a report will be issued to the City Council, and specific changes offered.

The questions will be addressed by the council and then put on the ballot in November 2019 for approval by the voters. The changes take effect once the new administration is sworn in the following December.

**Giancarlo Suraci** age 4, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., sees sun and caterpillars in the forecast.



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## Budget: *New cuts*

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just presented is a positive first step to accountability and fiscal responsibility,” she said.

She understand the state board is looking for newer cuts, and she’s hoping the City Council’s review process, which ends with a budget ordinance resolution on May 3, will result in further cost savings.

“As we move through the budget process in the coming weeks, I will continue to work with the city council and make recommendations for additional cost savings,” she said.

Ironically, while the mayor is attempting to find ways to cut costs, several city contracts are up for renegotiation, which will put further strain on bargainers and officials.

Rossi sent a shot across the bow by alerting unions not to expect too much in the way of increased pay or benefits packages. The MARB rejected a contract finalized with the city’s emergency dispatchers last month.

“The City Council will have to join the MARB and me in asking that city employees, both union and non-union, make additional sacrifices that will save money in the short term but also make needed changes to future benefits that will be sustainable and affordable,” she said.

To show the straits the city is in, Rossi ordered the Savin Rock Conference Center to halt taking reservations for events last week. The center has run deficits in the past few years. Rossi is hoping to find an outside concern to run the facility.

“We have also announced the city has stopped taking reservations at the Savin Rock Conference Center because of continued annual operating deficits. We will issue a Request for Proposals to entertain proposals for the building that will generate much needed revenue to the city,” she said.

Attempting to come up with newer and deeper cuts, Rossi was asked what parts of the budget were up for discussion and what were insulated from any new spending cuts. She said everything item was up for discussion.

“I think all areas of the budget need to be on the table for additional cuts. West Haven has a spending problem and my recommended budget addressed many of the areas of concern but there is certainly more work to be done. Our cost-saving measures will be an on-going process and recommendations will be made to the City Council,” she said.

Meanwhile, department heads are being asked to be selective in those decisions they make regarding purchases and overtime, according to Rossi.

“Department heads have been given a directive to approve only essential purchases and overtime. I am not satisfied that we have reduced spending and overtime to the levels I expected and I will revisit the policy with each department head. We will develop shifts that will include nights and weekends to cut our overtime requirements and costs. The City of West Haven has not done a very good job with assigning personnel and staffing events--and it needs to change and change quickly if we are going to significantly reduce our overtime costs. This will be a continuing priority of mine and this administration,” she said.

Two weeks ago, the city announced it will reinstitute the “Boot Program” to find and collect levies from motor vehicle scoff-laws. Rossi said she had no specific amounts the program is supposed to collect.

“The boot program will increase the collection rate of late and delinquent motor vehicle tax revenue. We are also looking at personal property tax audits and being overall more aggressive collecting all funds owed the city,” she said.

Rossi said the last several months have been difficult, but she is determined to get the city’s financial house in order.

“The past four months have been challenging as we learn to operate with state oversight in the State Municipal Accountability Review Board.”

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2. To receive the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners.
3. To submit the budget for the year 2018-2019 for approval and prescribe the rate of taxation to be levied and collected in said District, based on the current Grand List.
4. To nominate candidates, who are electors, for Fire Commissioner, whose names shall appear on the voting machine at the Election for Fire Commissioner, to be held on Saturday, May 12, 2018 between the hours of 12:00 Noon to 8:00 P.M. at Surfside, 200 Oak Street, West Haven, Connecticut.
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### Chiquita Queen opens

Louis P. Esposito Jr., executive assistant to Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, cuts the ribbon Friday with Chiquita Queen owner Martha Lojano, accompanied by her son Kenny Buestan, to mark the ceremonial opening of the new Ecuadorian and Mexican restaurant at 215 Sawmill Road, formerly West Haven Pizza Palace. Joining the celebration are, from left, chef Raphael Rodriguez-Moran; state Rep. Michael A. DiMassa, D-West Haven; city Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli; city Planning and Development Commissioner Fred A. Messore; state Rep. Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven; Lojano's sons Carlos and Joey Buestan; and mayoral adviser Tom McCarthy, with his son, Tom. In recognition of the special occasion, Borer presented Lojano with a General Assembly citation on behalf of the city's delegation.

### Mayor schedules office hours' April 21

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi will host her first "Mayor's Weekend Office Hours" to talk with city residents and business owners about their concerns and ideas.

The event is set for 9-11 a.m. April 21 in the mayor's office on the third floor of City Hall, 355 Main St. People are asked to use the west entrance of City Hall, opposite Shoreline Dental Care.

Anyone who wants to meet with Rossi can start arriving at 8:30 a.m. and sign in with the mayor's staff in the City Council chambers, next to the mayor's office. Rossi and her staff will meet with constituents on a first-come, first-served basis.

Residents are asked to maximize their time with the mayor by coming prepared. In the interest of time, the length of individual meetings may be limited depending on the number of people who attend. For information, call (203) 937-3510.



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# Dear Felicia

Howdy do, sweets. Here we are in the middle o' April. The line at the Post Office was getting longer as people were posting their tax returns. Yeah, it's that time of year. People are queuing up to "Render unto Caesar." This is on the day before the actual deadline, but yew can see that people jest wanna get the dirty deed done.

Tennyrate, here in the Asylum by the Sea, things are really percolating. There are two B-I-G stories this week, and a lotta stuff that is also of interest. The foist thing is the organization of the Charter Revision Commish that happened last week. Sammy Bluejay was present, and sez that he had to check the next day whether the sun rose in the East and water still froze. Both happened.

The reason fer the confusion was that the impossible happened – at least effen yew don't know how things woik in this berg. A Republican, Ed Granfield, was named chair-

man of the commish in a body that is 5-4 Demmy.

As I told yew last week, the reason that Granfield became the favorite was the three-way split that the Democrats in this town are in. No one from one faction trusts anyone from t'others – unless, of course, one of the other factions has coalesced with them on a specific isshew. Sooooo, there was a lotta give-and-take betwixt the factions as to who would sit as the grand pooh-bah of the panel. Enter the application of Granfield, who was seen as a good compromise candidate by any and all.

Listen, I think it's a good choice cuz it's a good choice, but he's gonna need a whip and chair to keep the politicos from dipping their oars into what goes on there.

Sammy sez it's honest to say that for the most part, the commish is made up of people who have some, but not a lot, of experience in city concerns and city government. That

could be a good thing on the one hand, but a bad thing on the other. Let's hope the decisions weren't made so people could be easily led.

A way for John and Jane Q. to get a proposal to the commish has been set up. Those on the commish – if they get waylaid by politico or resident – should pernt them in that direction and not allow themselves to git cornered or in making a commitment on anything until it is fully vetted. Those of us who've seen these things are well aware of what politicos try to do.

And, effen they – the politicos – get outta line, we expect that Granfield will take care of it. We look forward to the next few months.

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*Whilst that is going on, Iva Lootey was by and sez that heroner might have a tiger by the tail in the Municipal Accountability Review Board. Like all tigers when they are held by the extremity, one doesn't know whether to hang on or let go.*

*The MARB met last week, and one got the impression that heroner wasn't quite expecting what she got. The MARB is looking for "structural changes" both in the current budget, which she sez she might hafta reconstruct, and in the five-year plan, wherein they are looking for balance.*

*By structural changes the MARB members are using a euphemism. What they really want is more revenue in the form of tax-*

*es. In fact, they have mentioned a mid-year tax increase. That would be the second one. The city already utilized a supplemental tax that was allowed by the state for motor vehicles, which we all jest paid after the foist of the year. Adding a new tax increase to homeowners and personal property is gonna be a losing battle in the long run.*

*Effen the city does the mid-year increase, the For Sale signs that have erupted around town like mushrooms will quadruple. The tax base, which is already small, will get smaller. The grand list, that is contracting, will contract some more.*

*Herroner can do it – and might – and in a sense she'll have the political cover needed effen that's what she's lookin' fer. The MARB called for the increase, so she can blame it on them. We shall see. Keep yore eye on this cuz this makes the entire budget-making process a problem. What happens after the budget is passed? Did the former administration know that the strings now being attached were gonna happen? Were we better off just carrying a deficit?*

*I don't know how we get to solvency by becoming a ghost town. Goodness knows, the same is true for the state, which has no money, and is looking to extrack more kopecks from a dwindling population.*

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Nelly Nuthatch, meanwhile, sez the ongoing budget problems are affecking the school

system, and that layoffs might be in the future. That has led some to wonder why our suggestion – the one to excise the middle-management coordinators – isn't being considered by the school board. Effen cuts and layoffs hafta take place, why not take out that \$1 million-plus expense?

We've outlined the fack that nine coordinators make in salary and benefits more than \$1 million. That job in all subjects can be handled by a teacher or group of teachers with a stipend as much lower cost. Sooooo, instead of getting rid of teachers, get rid of management.

The idea is catching on I yam told. In fack, someone called the office wondering about it. It might be in the best interest of the school bored to look into how management costs, rather than teachers, can be trimmed. We're sure effen they really looked at it, some cost-cutting of administrators could be made.

Nelly hoid also, that the assistant super is working without a new contract. Effen that is so, why not ditch the assistant. There's a big salary and benefits package that can be put to better use. The school system is getting smaller, why do we still need all the suits?

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*The wag was in t'other day and sez that he thinks he needs a re-alignment of his gassamobuggy. The potholes around the berg are getting to be the size of small lakes in some parts o' town. Cold patch has been put in some spots, but that only stays until the next rain storm and then the holes git bigger.*

*Kelsey Avenue is a bit of an amusement park ride, for example. T'other day Cobina was in her gassamobuggy, and she follyed cars in front o' her. They were zigging and zagging in order to avoid the rough terrain that the pavement was offerin'.*

*There are more and bigger problems all over town, and with the lack of kopecks in the city coffers, one wonders effen anything will be done. Cobina jest hopes she doesn't have a blowout any time soon. Getting tires for her Stutz Bearcat are difficult.*

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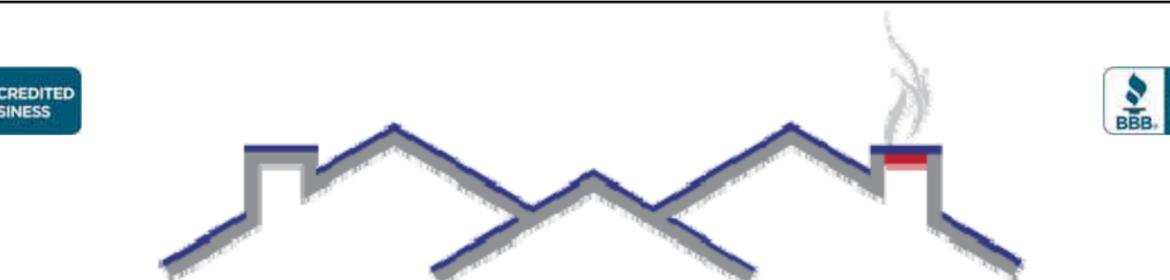
Finally, it's been few weeks since we talked about Beach Street. Effen yew think anything has happened over there, think again. The former Captain's Galley property is up for sale, so that rumor about a new eatery going there doesn't seem all that possible. The former Chick's is still empty, and the Debonair Motel property is still fenced off an open to the elements.

*I'll close this time till next, mitt luff und kizzes,*

*Cobina*

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# Gripevine

By Eleanore Turkington

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I have a real gripe! The sidewalk between 108 and 112 Lakeview Ave. is a tripping hazard. It is unsafe for pedestrians, children on bikes and scooters and mothers walking their babies in strollers, etc.

Please let me know how I can get this fixed without going through a lot of red tape! Thank you for all you do for the citizens of West Haven.

*A Caring Resident*



**TURKINGTON**

**Dear Caring:**

I have placed your request in the hands of Lewis Esposito, the Mayoral Assistant to Mayor Nancy Rossi.

According to Esposito, sidewalk repair is the property owner's responsibility. In order to clarify Esposito's response, I performed some research on his statement.

According to the city's ordinance 206-1 Responsibility of owners of fronting land:

The City Council of the City of West Haven, may order the owner or owners of any land fronting on any street or highway within said city to construct and repair all sidewalks or curbs adjacent to such land in the manner and within the time specified in such order and at such grade as said city may have established in such street or highway, the expense of establishing such grade or curb line, exclusive of damages, shall be paid by said city.

If such owner or owners shall neglect or refuse to comply with such order, it shall be the duty of the city to perform the work required by said order, and the expense so incurred shall, from the time when said council begins to act and incur expense in the premises, be and continue a lien in favor of said city upon such land until paid, and the amount of such expense may be recovered in an action in the name of the city.

Following the above action, a public hearing would be held, fundings, appeals and modifications by the court will be made.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

The sidewalk on this side of Elm Street, 326-334, has been bad for some time. I am not sure why the City of West Haven has yet to fix it when it is not even that far from the town's City Hall.

I recently walked by it and had to help a young lady with her child's stroller because the alignment was damaged due to the uneven concrete. Can we get it fixed?

*A Helpful Resident*

**Dear Helpful Resident:**

Gripe Vine has sent a list of various complaints to Mayor Nancy Rossi's Executive Assistant, Lewis Esposito, many of which I am awaiting responses.

After reading the city's stand on sidewalk repairs printed in my column today, my readers will understand what procedures have to be followed. I would suggest, after viewing the city's stand on sidewalk repairs, that readers contact the mayor's office for her input on this ordinance. Meanwhile, I'll keep in touch with Esposito on other complaints from my readers.

Readers:

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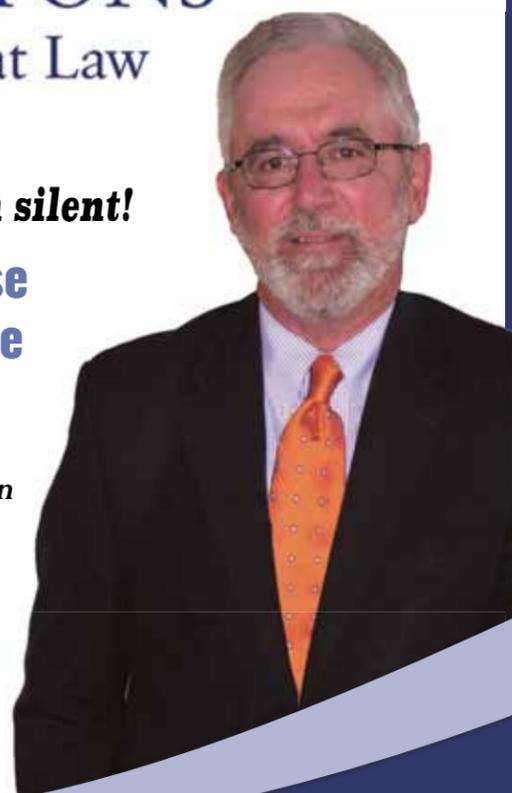
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# Charter Revision panel need answer simple query

The Charter Revision Commission conducted its organizational meeting last week, and if the first meeting is any indication of the path the panel is taking, we might see the first real revision of the city's working document in our history. This isn't the first charter revision attempt, but it might be the most independent. We hope so.

The biggest story to come out of the meeting was the election of former Republican Councilman Edward Granfield as chairman.

Let that sentence sink in: "former *Republican* Councilman Edward Granfield."

In a city that sees most every act as a matter of politics, whether one has a "D" next to one's name or an "R" has been the difference between utilizing talent or letting it sit on the sidelines. The irony here is the current political climate is the reason for such a move.

Prior to last week's meeting, Granfield's name was pushed not only by Democrats in support of the Rossi administration, but by those in opposition. The tripartite factions of the city's ruling party are so distrustful of each other that no common candidate could be agreed upon, paving the way for Granfield.

This is a situation that will be advantageous toward the goal of charter revision.

The committee has taken a step toward its own independence from the pressures that will certainly be exerted upon it by politicians of all stripes. This committee must move on those revisions it believes will be in the public interest and in the smoother operation of the city's business.

Over the last several attempts at charter revision the process was taken over by politicians and changes that would have been beneficial to the city – but not the political classes – were left out of the final report or never got out of committee.

Granfield and the committee have made it their goal to keep the influence of those in power in check. They have said so publicly and we hope that remains the case. But influence cannot be exerted from other outside forces, either.

In its recent meeting the Municipal Accountability Review Board broached the subject of consolidation of the city's three fire departments. While a case can be made that one department might be more efficient or cheaper – arguments that have been made in decades past – the issue of consolidation is not and cannot be one of the Charter Revision Commission without the consent of the voters in the districts. The commission cannot by fiat will consolidation into existence. We're not sure the MARB understands that.

Also, the city's financial situation is not such that it should be looking to put yet another service under its auspices.

Yes, tax money that is collected for the West Shore and Center fire districts will go to the city, but the concurrent costs are massive.

Does the city really want to take on more financial responsibility during a time it is looking to save not dollars but pennies? We think not.

The work of the Charter Revisions Commission is to listen to all voices, come up with reasonable and responsible changes to the document, and put those matters before the voters by July, 2019, when it makes its final report. The voters will then decide on Election Day what questions pass and what does not.

Politicians, agencies, department heads, and the public all have a role to play in the matters to be considered over the next 16 months. The Charter Revision Commission is charged with listening to all sides.

We urge the members to follow the example they set last week by keeping their independence during the process. Some will attempt to exert pressure. Some may attempt to push the process in a certain direction.

The question simple: what is best for the city and the residents, and how can we make the city run better?

Anything that strays from that question should be rejected.



## Letters

### Some thoughts

A little over three years ago, as someone who had only recently moved here, I wrote to the Voice with my perceptions of where West Haven was and where it ought to go. The Voice published the letter, and I imagined it might be the beginning of a conversation about how to plan a more vibrant future for West Haven. Sadly, it was not.

The energy that surrounded the development of the Plan of Conservation and Development has dissipated, and The Haven has become the butt of jokes and jibes on Facebook. Our financial situation has deteriorated and – seemingly – no one is interested in taking a look at the big picture. Where there ought to be exploration and vetting of opportunities, there is inertia and fault-finding.

We have run out of raw resources to exploit and there will be no revival in real estate prices if there is no reason for young people to move here. We have to become a place that welcomes innovation while enhancing the well-being of long-time residents.

I recently urged the City Council to pass a resolution to join Sustainable CT, an organization that costs nothing to join and offers support of all kinds to municipalities that want help in working towards sustainability. Sustainability is a fancy name for not taking out more than you are putting in. It means it's not smart to pay money to attract a business that is only interested in

its own bottom line and will move to greener pastures whenever they get the chance. It means that you want businesses that will be partners with your town or state, not exploiters. It means that you want young people to have as good an opportunity to live and work in their home town as any previous generation. It also means taking care of the resources you do have – air, water, soil, people – so you don't create expensive liabilities to pass on to later generations. It's like preventive medicine – only for communities.

One of West Haven's charms is that it has not moved along with the times. Unfortunately, that is also one of its drawbacks. It calls to mind two sayings. The first will be familiar

to all as a popular definition of insanity, doing the same thing over and over and imagining you will get a different result. The second is from Albert Einstein.

"The world we have created today as a result of our thinking thus far has problems which cannot be solved by thinking the way we thought when we created them."

Our fiscal crisis can be an opportunity, if only we will start thinking in new ways. We pay over \$1 million a year for electricity for our schools. Why don't they have solar panels to offset that cost? We pay for tipping fees – garbage going to the incinerator or dump. Why don't we have an aggressive recycling program?

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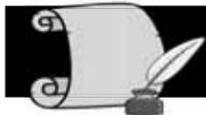
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### UNH sponsors Rotary Auction

The University of New Haven is once again a sponsor of the West Haven Rotary Club's 30th Annual Auction which takes place on April 28. Rotary Club of West Haven President Dianne Milano accepts a check from Ron Quagliani, Associate Vice-President at the University of New Haven. Pictured from Left to right: Sue Pranulis(University of New Haven/Rotary), Victoria Westphal (Retract President), Chelsea White (Rotaract incoming President), Milano, Quagliani, Jim O'Brien (Rotary Incoming President) Details on the auction can be found at: [www.westhavenrotary.org](http://www.westhavenrotary.org).



## Letters

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Our No. 1 attraction is our shoreline. Why are we squandering it by paying so little attention to the water quality there? Milford has already made a move in the direction of sustainability. They even have a kelp farm, started with the assistance of the non-profit GreenWave. Has anybody in this city explored that kind of opportunity? Kelp cleans the water, protects the shore from wave action, offers cover for fish, AND is a cash crop in high demand. Why don't we have community gardens at our elementary schools where there is so much sod doing nothing but costing money to maintain?

Fault-finding is not the way to move forward. Opening our eyes to the possibilities around us while preserving the resources we have —natural, historical, and cultural—is the only way we can become a thriving community in the 21st Century. Westies are generous and helpful to those in need; it's time for them to learn how to pull together for themselves.

*Robin Parsons*

### Plant a tree, clean up the city

Earth Day is April 22 and Arbor Day April 27. I would love to see a citywide clean-up for Earth Day: particular areas of need are the beaches and wetland areas. While some of the trash is blown out of recycling bins, much is still thrown out of car windows. "No littering" laws much be enforced.

For Arbor Day I would ask every property owner in West Haven to consider planting a tree on their property. People can donate money to the West Haven Tree Committee.

In recent years, we have lost so many trees to storms, disease, insects and the UI. I would also like to see more Westies request that their friends and relatives plant in tree in their honor when they pass on.

*Barbara Cavallaro*

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$8,754,000 BONDS PLUS ADDITIONAL FINANCING COSTS OF THE CITY TO MEET CERTAIN 2015/2016, 2016/2017 AND 2017/2018 CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS, AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

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Copies of said entire ordinance is on file and available for distribution at the Office of the City Council. This document is prepared for the benefit of the public, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation. This document does not represent the intent of the West Haven City Council for any purpose.

Dated at West Haven, Connecticut this 12th day of April, 2018.

Stacie C. Hurley  
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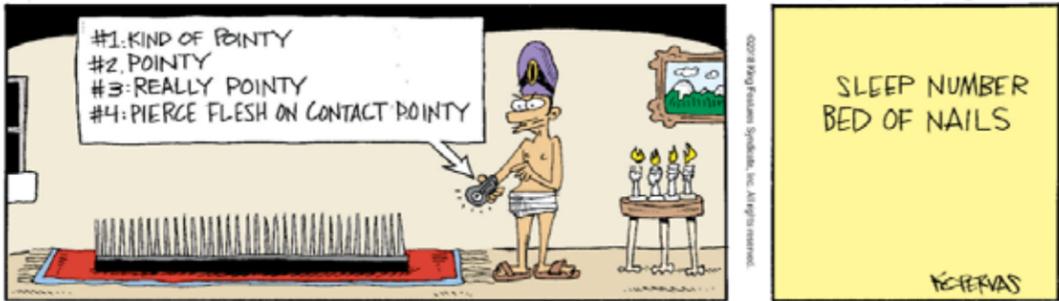
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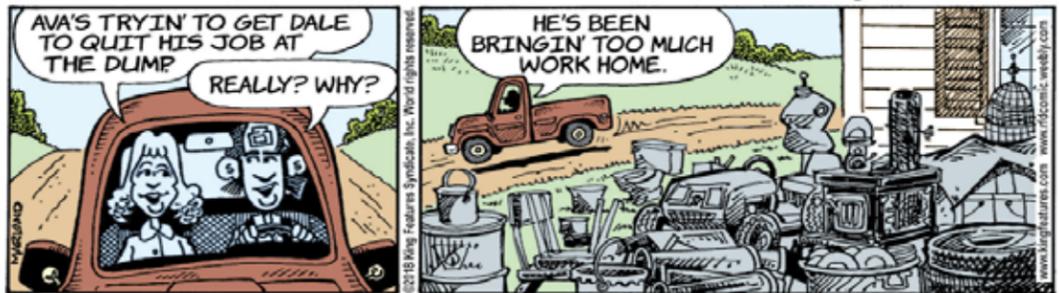
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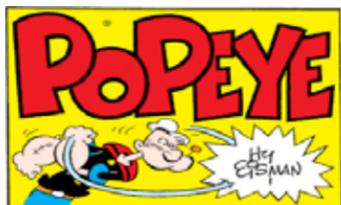


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### LAFF - A - DAY



"Maybe this would be a good time to ask them for a loan."



## Around Town

### Rotary Auction slated April 28

The Rotary Club of West Haven annual auction is Saturday, April 28, at the WHIA Club, 85 Chase Lane. Tickets are \$55 per person for open bar and family-style dinner, silent auction and live auction.

This year's paddle auction will benefit the Forest School Playground Project. For information, call (203) 687-8770.

### Harugari slates Bavarian Fest

The Harugari Singing Society, 66 Highland St., is sponsoring its Bavarian Spring Fest on Saturday, April 28, from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. The event features a sauerbraten, speatzel, and red cabbage dinner. Music is by the Austrian Boys. Doors open at 6 and dinner is served at 7. Band plays during dinner and until 11. Price is 20 for members, \$25 for non-members. For reservations, call Karen Zamolsky, (203) 375-7050, or the club, (203) 933-9930.

### Community Garden plots now available

The West Haven Community Garden is accepting applications for new members. WHCG is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to helping its members grow organic produce for themselves and their families. It is located behind Molloy School on Meloy Road and is open May 1-Oct. 31. Garden plots (10x10ft) are \$30; \$20 for seniors 65 and older. Program details and application forms are available at <http://whcommunitygarden.org>. Please email [marilyn.wilkes@yale.edu](mailto:marilyn.wilkes@yale.edu) with questions.

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### Senior Center sets spring dance

The Allingtown/West Haven Senior Center is holding its annual spring dance from noon-4 p.m. April 18 at the Cielo Banquet Ballroom, 85 Chase Lane, with music by the Airborne Trio. Catered by Cusano By Maria Catering, the event menu includes antipasto, pasta and dessert, as well as a main course of steak piazzaiola, stuffed sole or chicken Marsala.

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# Historian's corner By Dan Shino



**BLACKBEARD**

**Pirates and Privateers on Long Island Sound Part V**

The pirate Blackbeard, whose proper name was Edward Teach, had great success and notoriety for years of plundering ships just of the coast of the Carolinas.

When our imaginations conjure up the image of the prototypical pirate from that age, it is most likely Blackbeard that we see: He was a wicked looking corsair, dressed in a long velvet coat, with six flintlock pistols riding in bandoleers across his chest, and with fuses of sulfur burning in his beard, to intimidate all who knew him.

In 1716 Blackbeard was made captain of a prize sloop, and

retained the rank of captain for the rest of his pirating career. At times, pirate ships worked in fleets, and when that was the case, Blackbeard was first among his peers, overseeing the activities of the others. Predictably, along the way he became quite wealthy.

At one point, he gave up the pirating life, secured a royal pardon, and attempted to settle down on shore with his ill-gotten fortune. But the quiet life of a landed country gentleman was not for Blackbeard; soon he returned to pirating on the high seas, disrupting commerce, and becoming a growing annoyance to those who served the Crown.

It was on those high seas that

Blackbeard met his fate--for by now, the colonial governor had commissioned Lieutenant Robert Maynard to assemble a crew of fearless sailors to put an end to Blackbeard and his pirating career. The day finally came when Maynard and his crew hunted down and boarded Blackbeard's ship with the help of grappling hooks. Both pirates and sailors were armed with flintlock pistols, muskets and cutlasses, and both hacked away at each other with neither fear nor mercy. In the end, the victory went to Maynard and his men. Blackbeard fought resolutely, despite numerous bullet wounds and deep cutlass lacerations—it seemed that he simply refused to die. But die he did: as Maynard's cutlass severed his head from his body, Blackbeard finally gave up the ghost and departed this life. His head was attached to the bowsprit of Maynard's ship, both as a trophy and as a warning to others.

One treasure story persists: Blackbeard is said to have come once to Connecticut's coast on his ship, "Queen Ann's Revenge," which was laden with the spoils of his most recent exploits. Landing at New London, he and his crew followed a track that led toward Boston, with a cache of gold, silver and jewels. Finally, they dug an elaborate, granite-walled excavation, and deposited their treasure therein. Afterwards, they departed and sailed south, to meet their destiny at the hands of Lieutenant Maynard.

Was their treasure ever found? We will never know; for as it is said, "Dead men tell no tales." And anyone who might have known is long gone.

**American Pickers plans CT swing**

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to Connecticut. They plan to film episodes of the hit series *American Pickers* throughout the region in June 2018!

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**Profile of Attorney Mark A. Healey**

Attorney Mark A. Healey has been practicing law in West Haven, CT for more than 25 years.



Mark received his education at Hopkins School in New Haven graduating with the Class of 1979. He went on to study Economics at Hamilton College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree. He then attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and received his Law Degree in 1986.

Mark began his career in law working with a small, general practice firm that specialized in plaintiff's personal injury cases. In 1992, he opened his own law practice on Savin Avenue, on the West Haven Green, and has been there ever since.

Attorney Healey has represented hundreds of clients with regard to plaintiff's personal injury matters and has secured millions of dollars in recoveries for accident victims. He also devotes a substantial part of his practice to Worker's Compensation claims, Real Estate Closings, and Probate, Wills, and Estates.

Currently, Attorney Healey is the President of the West Haven Bar Association, a member of the New Haven Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Association, Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, and the American Association for Justice. He has been accredited by the Better Business Bureau and is rated as "Highly Ethical and Highly Professional" by Martindale Hubbell.

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# Sports Sports Sports Sports Sports



Photo by Russ McCreven

## Opening Day

The regular season of the West Haven Youth Soccer League spring opened up last week, taking advantage of the short spate of good weather we had. Teams played on the several pitches at Peterson Field, with skills and competition at the forefront. See page 13 for scores.

## Westies club Woverines, 15-1

After a 1-0 loss to Sacred Heart Academy to open the season, the West Haven softball team got the bats going in a big way. On Monday afternoon, the Blue Devils traveled to Oxford to take on the Wolverines. The girls put up runs in every inning, except the second on their way to a 15-1 victory.

Kailey Carrano and Ashlynn O'Keefe each had four hits to lead the Blue Devils hitting attack while Ivy Santos pitched a complete game, giving up one run while striking out seven and helped her own cause with three hits and three RBIs.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Westies were on the road again when they faced the Jonathan Law Eagles

in Milford. The girls built a 7-0 lead before having to hold on for a 9-7 victory. Once again, the girls had the bats going, scoring in every inning but allowed the Eagles to score six runs in the fifth inning and one in the sixth to make things interesting.

Dianesse Rodriguez led the Blue Devils with three hits and two RBIs while Ashlynn O'Keefe had three hits and provided probably the most important play of the game when she cut down the potential tying run at the plate with a bullet from right-center field to end the inning and keep the Westies in front, 8-7. Makenna White had two hits and a RBI and Kasey Marron had a hit and two RBIs in the vic-

tory.

Ivy Santos pitched a complete game for West Haven, working into and out of trouble in the final, three innings to preserve the victory.

On Saturday morning, the girls looked like they were about to roll to their third, straight victory when Makenna White blasted a solo home run over the left field fence to give the Westies a 5-1 lead in the sixth inning against Hamden. Unfortunately for the Blue Devils, the Green Dragons still had life in them and scored four times in the bottom of the sixth inning to tie the game and then got a bases loaded, walk-off single down the third base line to score the winning run and

leave the Westies on the field for the second time this year.

Kailey Carrano, Ivy Santos and Kasey Marron all had doubles for West Haven in the loss. Santos pitched into the seventh inning giving away to Kasey Marron to try to extend the game but Hamden's single inside the third base bag ended it with a 6-5 Hamden win.

The baseball team, after starting the season 2-0, was dealt a couple of tough losses last week. On Monday afternoon, the Blue Devils traveled to Branford to take on the Hornets. Branford put up two runs in the first inning and another in the third inning to take a 3-0 on starting pitcher Ty Reeves. The

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## Simoes visits old stomping grounds



Photo courtesy of NDWH

Former West Haven native and Notre Dame two-sport athlete Steve Simoes, Class of '81, brought his Hopkinton, Mass baseball team to his former "home" at Quigley Stadium to play his alma mater. Notre Dame won 12-2 on Saturday, April 14, 2018. Simoes is pictured with Notre Dame Athletic Director and his baseball coach Tom Marcucci and current Green Knights head coach Don Martone following the game.

A pair of sweeps and a two-sport alum brings his team back to Quigley Stadium are the lead stories on the Notre Dame sports scene last week.

**Tennis** -- Tennis continued its fine play to start the season sweeping Shelton (6-1) and Hamden (5-2) to stay undefeated at 3-0. ND won three of the four singles matches and all three doubles matches in Shelton win. Bryant bound Andrew Forchetti needed three sets in singles match. He beat Alex Ruenhorst 6-3, 3-6, 6-1. Against Hamden, Oliver Shannon had the match of the day. He staved off five match points in a 6-7, 6-1, 14-12 tiebreaker point win. In this match, ND won all four singles matches and two of the three doubles matches.

**Track** -- Track had two big wins over Hamden and Hillhouse at Bowen Field on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 to run and throw record to 3-0 on season! ND beat Hamden, 77-72, and also beat Hillhouse, 85-65.

**Baseball** -- Baseball squad ended week with solid 12-2 win over Hopkinton, MA team, coached by former ND two-sport star Steve Simoes '81 on Saturday. This came on heels of tough one-run losses to Xavier and Fairfield Prep earlier in the week. Xavier scored five runs in bottom of the seventh to rally for improbable 5-4 win. The Jesuits then eked out a 2-1 win on

Wednesday, April 11 with a fifth-inning run on an RBI groundout. Against Hopkinton, Brendan Kirck pitched five solid innings, striking out eight to pick up the win. Eddie Zanol had two hits and four RBIs, including a two-run home run. Notre Dame improved to 3-3 on the season.

**Lacrosse** -- In Notre Dame's lone game last week, Xavier scored the final three goals of the game to earn a 9-7 SCC road win on Monday, April 9, 2018. Jared Gallbronner scored the third of his three goals on the day to give Notre Dame a 7-6 lead early in the fourth quarter before the Falcons scored the final three goals of the game.

Notre Dame outshot Xavier 26-21 and got two goals from Cam Ellis and one each from Ben Hassen and Justin Shanley.

**Golf** -- After having its first three matches postponed due to Mother Nature, the golf team finally got its season underway hosting Amity on Thursday. Tommy Rosati carded a 3-over 38 but the Green Knights fell by two shots to Amity (167-169). Jake Ivan-Pal shot a 40 while Joe D'Agostino added a 44 for Notre Dame.

You can get all the latest athletic news, scores, and more by following @NDWHAthletics on Twitter, Instagram, and Periscope while friending the @NDWHAthletics Facebook group.

## Westie Blue In Touch

By Mike Madera

The West Haven baseball team has been one of streaks this year. Starting the season with two straight victories, the Westies are now on the other side of the run.

After cruising to a pair of victories to start the season, the shoe was on the other foot for the West Haven baseball team. Scoring in every inning but the second, Branford easily defeated West Haven 12-2 in a game stopped after five innings due to the mercy rule in Branford Monday afternoon.

West Haven (2-1) managed just five hits in the contest and did not score until two runs crossed the plate in the fifth. Branford, which led 8-0 before the Westies got on the board, ended the game with four runs in the bottom half of the inning.

The Hornets pounded 13 hits, with Alphonse Suppa picking up three, while also driving in four runs. Suppa also struck out five on the mound.

Nick Flammia led West Haven with two hits and a run scored, while Ty Reeves had a

hit and drove in both West Haven runs. Reeves also took the loss on the hill.

Just two days after suffering its first defeat of the year to Branford in lop-sided fashion, the Westies looked to get back on track Wednesday afternoon.

Unfortunately for West Haven, the bats went silent and West Haven fell to Guilford 8-0 at Guilford High School. With the loss, West Haven fell to 2-2 on the season.

West Haven looked to snap the skid against East Haven. Since opening the season in disappointing fashion against Hand, the East Haven baseball team has been an entirely different unit over the last five games.

Using timely hitting, clutch defense and effective pitching is always a good measure of success.

Throw in some resiliency, and the description of the Yellowjackets thus far is complete.

Behind a complete game effort from junior lefty Jack Ka-

bel, clutch hitting from senior Ryan Spano, and a resilient effort in the latter innings, East Haven topped West Haven 7-4 in a Southern Connecticut Conference interdivision contest at Piurek Field in West Haven Thursday afternoon.

East Haven, which has now won four of its last five games and two in a row, improved to 4-2 on the year with the victory. The Yellowjackets have won all three road contests they have played and capitalized on some West Haven miscues to tack on much needed insurance runs late in the contest.

The Westies made eight errors in the game, including three to start the sixth inning after West Haven had just scored three times in the fifth to get within a run.

With three outs given up, West Haven and starting pitcher Nick Flammia could not keep East Haven off the board, turning a 4-3 East Haven lead into a 7-3 contest. After the first three batters of the inning reached by way of West

Haven miscues, Frank Camera walked to force in Tristan Punzo, and Spano singled to plate two more.

Said West Haven coach Ron Luneau, "You can't beat anyone on any high school field making eight errors. Obviously, we have work to do. We have to keep working on our concentration drills. We have to make the plays."

The Yellowjackets jumped on West Haven quickly with three runs in the first inning. Camera led off with a single and scored on Spano's double, before Nate Furino walked and Gabe Longley singled to load the bases.

Punzo reached on an error to score Spano and Steven Mingione delivered Furino with a sacrifice fly to right.

"I want to help the team as well as I can," Spano said.

East Haven increased the lead to 4-0 with a run in the second as Hunter Santana singled to lead off the inning and moved to third on an error on the play. Spano's sacrifice fly scored Santana for the four-

run lead.

Kabel, who went the distance allowing seven hits and striking out seven, kept West Haven off the board as he escaped a second and third jam in the second with a strikeout, and stranded two more in the third with a comebacker to the mound.

West Haven, which has lost three in a row since opening with a pair of victories, finally got on the board in the fifth as Chris Cavallaro led off with a single, moved to second on a bunt by Diego Mahecha and third on a wild pitch. After Dom Cambino walked, Flammia ripped a long triple to right to score Cavallaro and Cambino to get within 4-2, before a wild pitch scored Flammia.

"We showed something coming back, but we can't be in that position," Luneau said. "We need to get better."

The Westies rallied in the seventh as Cambino singled and scored on a triple by Contreras, but Kabel closed the door without any further damage.

## Westies: *Boys lax team wins 10-9 in OT*

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Hornets then exploded for five runs in the third to put some distance between them and the Westies. The Blue Devils did get two back in the top of the fifth when Reeves knocked in two RBIs but Branford ended it in the bottom of the inning with four, more runs

in a mercy ended 12-2 victory. Nick Flammia led the Westies with two of their five hits.

After losing to the Guilford Indians, 8-0, on Wednesday afternoon, the Westies were looking to get back on track on Thursday at Piurek Field against East Haven. The Yellow Jackets put up three runs

in the first inning and added another run in the second inning to take a 4-0 lead. The Blue Devils made some noise in the fifth inning when Nick Flammia tripled to bring in Chris Cavallaro and Dom Cambino and then he scored on a wild pitch to cut the lead to 4-3.

Unfortunately for the Westies, the Easties responded when several errors by the Blue Devils allowed three runs to come across and give East Haven a 7-3 lead. The Westies attempted rally in the bottom of the seventh fell short after Dom Cambino singled and scored on a Juan Contreras triple for a 7-4 final.

The boys lacrosse team improved to 2-1 on Monday evening with an exciting 10-9 OT victory over the Foran Lions at Ken Strong Stadium. Ed Leavitt got his second goal of the game in overtime, when he cut across the field and sniped the top corner from the slot for the victory.

Nick Massaro had two goals and two assists, Niko Kyle and Matt Dowd each had two goals while Tyler Moscato and Logan Cole each had a goal in the victory. Kevin Moriarty stopped 10 shots in goal for the Westies to preserve the victory.

The Blue Devils continued their winning ways when they traveled to Notre Dame of Fairfield on Thursday afternoon. Massaro scored a hat trick to lead West Haven to an 8-2 win, while Niko Kyle had

a goal and an assist. Jordan Wetmore, Tyler Moscato, Connor Fowler and Matt Dowd each had a goal in the victory. Kevin Moriarty made 10 saves between the pipes for the Westies.

On Saturday afternoon, the boys traveled to Shelton and saw their three game winning streak come to an end with a 12-3 loss to the Gaels. Steve Moran had two goals and Kyle had a goal in the loss. Kevin Moriarty turned aside 22

The girls lacrosse team fell behind, 8-4, to Sacred Heart Academy in the first half before eventually losing 10-5 on Tuesday night at Ken Strong Stadium. Madisyn Crotta scored two goals while Taylor Nowak, Shannon Siclari and Keegan Riccio all picked up a goal in the loss. Nicole Gaston made 18 saves between the pipes for West Haven.

On Thursday evening, the Westies hosted the Amity Spartans. The Spartans jumped on the Blue Devils early, building an 8-1 by half-time on their way to a 9-5 victory. The girls tennis team bounced back from an opening match loss to beat the Platt Tech Panthers, 5-2, on Monday in Milford. Top-seed Jovanna Gaetano won, 8-0, third-seed Shea Clarke won, 8-3, four-seed Kiara Walker was victorious, 8-3, and five-seed Ariana Nguyen won, 8-1, in singles action. In doubles play, Rua Osman and Savannah Lopez won, 9-7.

On Wednesday afternoon,

the Westies hosted the East Haven Yellow Jackets and came away with a 5-2 victory. Jovanna Gaetano won, 6-1, 6-0, Skylar Serenson was victorious, 6-0, 6-2, Kiara Walker won, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4, and Ariana Nguyen won, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, in singles while the doubles pair of Rua Osman and Savannah Lopez won, 6-4, 6-3, to help the Westies to the triumph. On Thursday afternoon, the girls traveled to New Haven and swept the Career Panthers, 7-0.

The boys tennis team hosted the Guilford Indians on Monday afternoon at Painter Park and could only manage to get a victory from top-seeded James Delgado in a 6-1 loss to the Indians. Delgado won his match, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.

On Wednesday, the Westies battled the Shelton Gaels and came up short in a 4-3 decision. The Blue Devils got victories in singles from Joseph Delgado, 6-1, 6-1 and Kent Dimaisi, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5. In doubles action, Zach Kerzner and Riyad Al-Bakri were victorious, 6-3, 6-3.

The boys track team was defeated by the Xavier Falcons, 91-46, in Middletown on Wednesday. Kevin Colon took the 110 hurdles, the 300 hurdles and was a member of the victorious 4 x 100 relay with Douglas Johnson, Mekiel Coates and Tamarko Oakes. Oakes also triumphed in the 200 and the high jump, while Coates took the 100. and Johnson won the long jump.

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# Youth soccer opens regular season

The Elite Soccer Camps Red Dragons opened up their Spring season with a 6-3 win against the Eli's Orange Bumblebees. Ben Trenchard showed a lot of hustle in his first career game, and Jax Guarino and Luca Decrescenzo worked hard. Charlie Gunning, Colin Whelan and Julius Stokes scored for the Elite Soccer Dragons. For the Eli's Orange Bumblebees, Ariel Titus scored and Gavin Lenihan played well. The CT Pest Elimination Green Beans lost a close match against Lacistrong. Bastian Tandazo and Evan Lennon had strong overall performances with a few goals each as well as playing great defense. Alexander Jones had an energetic performance with great passing. Nylah O'Gilvie added a goal and had excellent team play. Lacistrong had a good performance from Phoebe DiNuzzo and Jacob Rader.

The Baybrook Remodelers Blue Hawks defeated York Business Center Orange Crush in an exciting match this weekend, 4-1. Madden Evangeliste scored three goals for the Hawks while and Karteliena Olieriera chipped in one. Adriana Fabian played excellent on the field passing to all of her teammates and making several assists along the way. For the Orange Crush, Lila Poincelot and Leeanna Perez did an excellent job as goalkeepers, and Mackenzie Fein played strong defense.

The WH Professional Firefighters Green Machine fell in a hard fought game to Milano & Wanat. Jeffrey Walker played well in goal, supported on defense by Aiden Amaro and Evan Lennon. The Mulkerin School of Irish Dance opened

up their Spring Season against the Rock House School of Music Rockers. Amari Gray, Chris Naulaguari played well on defense, and Greg Reddick played great in net. The team's offensive ability also shone through despite their inability to score. They were led by Effrain Brown Jr., Alix Obas, Jr., and Jan Latorre. The Rockers came out on top, 3-0, from the strong efforts of Jackson Murphy and Alexander Peralta.

The Gold Cheetah Penguins for Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center had a challenging first game of the season against the Red team for Seacrest Retirement Center. The boys started the season with the spirit of teamwork and healthy competition. They worked hard and played with pride but ultimately lost, 6-0. Anthony Vogt played well, minimizing goals against on several occasions. Pierre Rosario and Tobias Warcholic both played well with strong defense. All the players contributed to a game well played, exhibiting good sportsmanship and an exciting start to a new season.

The WH Italian-American Civic Association Golden Phoenixes played their first game of the year this past Saturday. The outcome wasn't what the team had hoped for, as the team fell 3-0 to West Shore Family Dental. Playing outstanding in goal were Victor Magana Preciado and Rafael Treat. Leading the defense was Daniel Davis and Urijah Silva, while Goivanni Ferrucci paced the offense. Playing well for West Shore Family Dental was Leo Mazuroski and Sean Studley.

The Capetta's Italian Imports Blue Birds opened up

their season playing hard and having fun, despite falling to Top Hat Dance Academy, 4-1. Leading the way for the Blue Birds was Luciana Cappetta, scoring the team's only goal. Also playing well in the opener was Olivia Petrie, Annabelle Fiorillo and Charrisa Ashong.

In other West Haven Youth Soccer League action, Stars Ice Cream defeated Stowe's Seafood, 2-1. Dillman & Dillman Adjustors defeated CDB2, 4-2.

Cappetta's Italian Imports EG2, led by Michelle Moracyrus, lost a close game to Bohemian Body Art, 5-3. Marcy Funke, Kayci Gayle and Camilla Murphy played great. The Lions Club of WH defeated Seacrest Retirement Center, 4-2, and Porto Funeral Homes played hard against Apple Rehab, but lost, 3-1.

The U-12 boys travel team played against Seymour's U-15 travel team, coming out

on top 3-0 in their first 11 vs. 11 match on a full field. Michael Luth earned his second shutout of the season, playing the full game in goal.

West Haven's defensive line put constant pressure on Seymour, led by Sean Callahan, Robert Foley and David Smith. They were joined by midfielders Giancarlo Esquivel and Edgar Lopez. Mini Kassem picked up the hat trick for the Westies.

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## Wizards ready for spring

The West Haven Park-Rec Wizards are gearing up to start their spring season on Monday April 23. Registration is now open at the West Haven Parks and Recreation Department. The Wizards spring swim team is an eight week long season taught in a clinic-type atmosphere open to children of all ages and designed to teach children proficiency in the four competitive swimming strokes: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly. Swimmers are introduced to the basics of all four strokes and trained to improve skill and speed.

The coaching staff is dedicated to improving all swimmers, as well as teaching the principles of sportsmanship, fair play and team spirit. The program is perfect for both children who have some experience in swimming through lessons and are considering the competitive fall season and veterans looking to refine their technique. Practice runs Monday through Friday, with a minimum attendance requirement of three practices per week.

All new swimmers will be assigned a permanent practice time after tryouts at the pool on Monday April 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the West Haven High School Pool. Practices will run 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 beginning Tuesday, April 24. All swimmers assigned practice times based on age and ability.

New swimmers ages 8 and under are required to complete one lap unassisted to make the team. New swimmers 9 and over are required to complete two laps unassisted in order to make the team.

For registration and information about the Swim Clinic please visit West Haven Parks and Recreation website at [www.whparkrec.com](http://www.whparkrec.com) or call (203) 937-3651.

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## Caregiver classes

The Agency on Aging of South Central CT is sponsoring a self-care education program for family caregivers, designed to provide you with tools and strategies to better handle the unique challenges you face. The free workshop series consists of six sessions held on Wednesday evenings, 6-8:30, May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27 at the Agency on Aging of SCC at One Long Wharf Drive, Suite 1L, New Haven. A light dinner will be served. To register, call or e-mail Jan Simmons at (203) 785-8533 ext. 3164, jsimmons@aoascc.org. You can also register online at [www.aoascc.org/forms/ptc/](http://www.aoascc.org/forms/ptc/).

## Al-Anon meets

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

## Members sought

The West Haven Italian-American Civic Association

Senior Center is seeking new members to join its Tuesday senior gathering. Come join a group of friendly seniors in an afternoon of good company, with Bingo, cards, trips to casinos and conversations with like-minded people, and more.

Meetings are at the club each Tuesday from 11 to 3. The cost is just \$3 per week to cover expenses. Refreshments are offered at no additional cost. Call Mickey on (203) 606-0925 for further information.

## Senior Center trips

The West Haven Senior Center is offering the following trips:

**Aqua Turf Club - Celebrate Italia**, Tuesday, July 17, \$65 per person; show features popular Italian singer Dominic DePasquale and New England's top musicians!

All entrees served family style (salad, fruit, penne with meatballs and sausage, chicken parmesan, vegetables, dessert). Complimentary coffee & donuts, complimentary glass of beer or wine and complimentary door prizes. Bus leaves Savin Rock Conference Center at 10:00 a.m.;

**"The Glen Campbell Experience"** - Friday, June 1, at Nelson Hall, Cheshire \$64 per person. The man and his music; show features longtime professional entertainer, Jimmy Mazz. Trip will include lunch at the conservatory and the show at Nelson Hall at 2 p.m. Bus leaves 11 a.m. from Savin Rock Conference Center.

Call (203) 937-3507 for more information.

## Beef & Beer

The Annawon Lodge Fellow Craft Club's Beef & Beer Fest is Friday, May 4, from 6-9 p.m. Price is \$25 and includes all-you-can-eat roast beef au jus, gravy, NY hard rolls, potato salad, cole slaw, horse-radish with all the condiments coupled with ice cold beer on tap.

This is a public event. For tickets or more information call Frank, (203) 606-4959 or Dennis, (203) 233-2328.

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The Charter Revision Commission, of the City of West Haven, CT, will hold the First Public Hearing on amending the City Charter of the City of West Haven, CT, on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Harriet C North Courtroom, second floor, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT 06516.

Per Connecticut General Statutes 7-191 (a), The Charter Revision Commission is required to hold the first public hearing prior to the beginning of any substantive work on the Charter.

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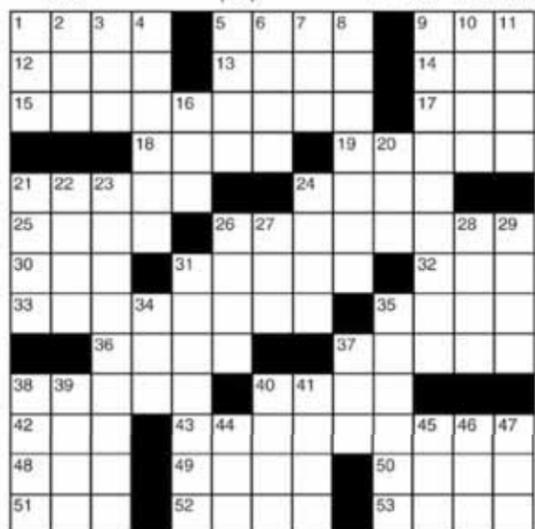
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## King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Old
  - 5 Always
  - 9 "See ya"
  - 12 Took the bus
  - 13 Anger
  - 14 Legislation
  - 15 Pyrite
  - 17 Anger
  - 18 Implement
  - 19 Makes one's way
  - 21 English composition
  - 24 Behave
  - 25 Cookware
  - 26 Both ways
  - 30 Equal (Pref.)
  - 31 Bichon —(dog breed)
  - 32 "— the fields we go"
  - 33 Reins
  - 35 Metal refuse
  - 36 Actor
  - 37 How one says "alas"
- DOWN**
- 1 "Bow-wow!"
  - 2 Sticky stuff
  - 3 Tokyo's old name
  - 4 River-mouth regions
  - 5 Therefore
  - 6 String instrument
  - 7 Right angle
  - 8 Claret, for one
  - 9 "Pin the tail on the donkey" prop
  - 10 Play area
  - 11 Rams fans?
  - 16 Sauce source
  - 20 Conclusion
  - 21 Grand tale
  - 22 Mediocre
  - 23 Absolutely
  - 24 Church service with a 2010 sequel
  - 27 Lubricant
  - 28 Authentic
  - 29 Wild party
  - 31 Hollywood's "Talking Mule"
  - 34 Pair
  - 35 Strut about
  - 37 Witness
  - 38 Tennyson poem
  - 39 City of India
  - 40 "— match?"
  - 41 Fine
  - 44 Explanation
  - 45 Yoko of music
  - 46 Journal
  - 47 "CSI" evidence

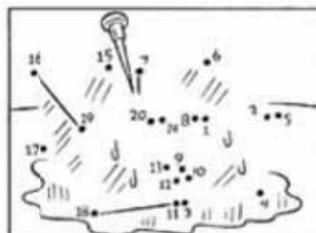


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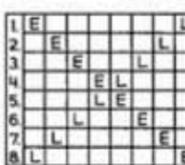
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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|---------|------------|----------|--------------|
| Baikwa  | Jiaozi     | Nian gao | Taro cakes   |
| Duck    | Leek       | Noodles  | Turnip cakes |
| Fish    | Lobster    | Pork     | Yusheng      |
| Jau gok | Melon seed | Sweets   |              |



## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



FIND THE BIG WORDS!

IF ABISCUIT is a soda cracker, what is an ice pick? Connect the dots and find out.

**A "WINTER GOLF" PROBLEM!** See if you can substitute the digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 for the letters on our pad so you will have a correct addition problem. The same digit is used for the same letter.

**A "PEA" CULIAR PUZZLE!** In this puzzle the words get progressively longer and they all begin with PEA. The following hints should help:

1. PEA (in place).
2. A delicious fruit.
3. Found in the sea.
4. Comes already wrapped.
5. Loud burst of noise.
6. Feeling much better.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

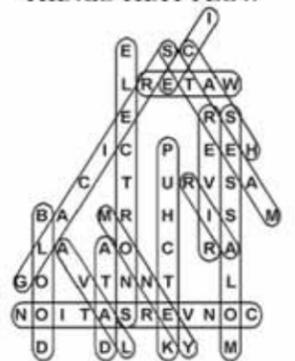
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

## Answers to last week's puzzles

### King Crossword — Answers



### THINGS THAT FLOW



### Weekly SUDOKU — Answer





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