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Next phase

Crews were preparing to pour the slab for part of the new foundation that is to be the West Haven High School reconstruction. Workers have been digging out the new foundation, which includes the former courtyard. The new school's axis will be changed so the entrance will be facing the current student parking lot area.



Rossi presents 5-year plan to MARB

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi presented a draft of the city's five-year recovery plan to the state Municipal Accountability Review Board on June 7 in Hartford.

The draft plan, which accounts for the city, Water Pollution Control Plant and City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown, has not been approved by the MARB or the City Council and is the "worst-case scenario," Rossi said.

The draft plan includes a request from West Haven to apply for \$8 million in state restructuring funding for the city's fiscal year 2018 budget and the amounts outlined in its five-year recovery plan.

According to Rossi's letter to the MARB introducing the draft plan, the city will reduce its reliance on state funding through government reorganization, economic development and budget reform. The five-year plan is balanced with the reliance on state restructuring money gradually decreasing.

Rossi said that although the draft plan includes additional tax increases for the years after 2019, the increases are assumptions that will be modified to include economic

development and operating efficiencies, as well as a new health care plan for city employees.

"The five-year draft plan is a work in progress," Rossi said. "Nothing has been set in

stone, and everything possible will be done to lower or eliminate the tax increases."

The city has been dealing with a deficit since 2006, when the audit was restated and a multimillion-dollar surplus in

the general fund turned into a multimillion-dollar deficit.

Since 2013, however, the deficit has gone into a "downward spiral" from a \$7.8 million general fund deficit to an \$18.1 million deficit as of June

30, 2017.

According to Rossi's letter, a deficit bonding package was executed in November 2017, before she took office, with the promise of a balanced budget.

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Society, Rotary designate city homes as historical landmarks



Bill and Nancy Barr stand in front of their home on Court Street, which will feature the landmark designation.

The West Haven Historical Society and the West Haven Rotary Club are pleased to announce a joint partnership placing historic markers on the exterior of historical homes and commercial property throughout the city. The granite plaques will commemorate the date when the building or home was constructed and the name of the first occupant or original owner of the property.

"We are grateful to the Rotary Club for agreeing to work with us to have the plaques made and installed at various sites in West Haven," said Jon Purmont, President of the Historical Society. "We be

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Kaylani Foster 2, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., is happy to see the beautiful weather and butterflies.



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First furlough day slated for June 29

Working with the unions that represent city employees, police, Allingtown firefighters and wastewater treatment workers, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi has instituted a furlough day for all union and non-union personnel, including the mayor and her staff, on June 29.

The furlough day means that City Hall and other municipal buildings are closed for business June 29. All affected buildings will reopen July 2.

As a labor cost-cutting measure, all union and nonunion employees of the city, Police Department, City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown and Water Pollution Control Plant will give up a day's pay, Rossi said.

The one-day move will save the city \$73,000, she said.

Only employees of the city and non-sworn employees of the police and fire departments will not report to work, Rossi said.

Members of the Police Department, Allingtown fire department and wastewater treatment plant — departments that operate 24/7 — will give up a day's pay instead of the furlough day, she said.

Rossi pointed out that the city's two independent fire districts, the West Haven and West Shore fire departments, are not affected by the furlough day. The West Haven Fire Department serves the First Fire Taxation District, also known as the Center District.

The Board of Education is also not affected by the day, but it will close for business because board offices are in City Hall.

The city's three public libraries are not affected as well.

Rossi said the furlough day of June 29 was discussed with union stewards and Personnel Director Beth A. Sabo.

"I appreciate the financial sacrifice our employees are making," Rossi said. "I know this is not easy for anyone, but I also know our taxpayers expect everyone to share the burden of budget cuts."

The mayor is informing residents ahead of the furlough day to give them ample time to plan accordingly.

The furlough day will affect the following city programs and services:

~~ Senior activities, including the senior fitness class at 9:30 a.m., and the senior shuttle service are suspended.

~~ The West Haven Child Development Center, based in the Robert A. Johnson Community Center at 201 Noble St., is closed.

~~ The compost site and all public restrooms, including those at the beach, are closed.

~~ Day camp programs are suspended: Jr. C.I.T., Painter Park; Summer Camp, Painter Park; Jr. Day Camp, Mackrille Elementary School; and Tiny-Tot Camp, Pagels Elementary School. Refunds will be given.

~~ Aquatic programs at the West Haven High School pool are suspended: Sunrise Swim, 6:15 a.m.; Aqua Zumba, 7:15 a.m.; Afternoon Swim/Laps, noon; and Public Swim, 7:30 p.m. Refunds will be given.

~~ Beach lifeguard service and athletic field maintenance are suspended.

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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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Plan: *Rossi presents recovery strategy*

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The soon-to-be-released audit, however, will show a \$1.4 million deficit for the year that ended June 30, 2017, leaving the city with an executed, one-time deficit bonding package with a \$1.4 million deficit that needs to be addressed.

The city's existing health care plan has also contributed to the deficit.

"We will work together with a consultant and our unions to make an informed decision regarding a new path for a health care plan that will be a good plan for our employees but also cost effective for our taxpayers," Rossi said.

Currently with inflation, Rossi said the health care line item will increase over five years to nearly \$4 million, an increase of 8.4 percent per year.

At Rossi's meeting with the MARB, Chairman Benjamin Barnes said, "I would only add that if there was one area in the city of West Haven's budget that you could quick-

ly identify as being a source of budget problems over the years, it has been their health insurance costs."

Barnes later added, "Health care for active and retired employees has bedeviled West Haven, and so the significant progress on that is heartening and appropriate."

The five-year draft plan includes \$1.75 million for deficit reduction, per the MARB resolution, in the fiscal 2017 budget.

During the MARB meeting, board member Thomas Hamilton said: "I was previously chair of the Municipal Finance Advisory Commission, which West Haven has a long history with the state of Connecticut and has a long history, unfortunately, of having difficult financial operations.

"West Haven had carried an operating budget deficit of some, roughly \$15 million for more than 10 years, despite a state law that said you have to extinguish any deficit over

the next fiscal year and despite repeated — sort of — admonitions from the commission that I was on, which again is the Municipal Finance Advisory Commission. I put the emphasis on 'advisory' because the powers of that commission are rather limited, and so the commission could make recommendations but could not compel change in the way that West Haven put its budgets together. So there is some history here that does give me pause for concern. With that said, I think we have absolutely seen good faith from the mayor here and from her new finance person that she's brought in."

Hamilton, who was West Haven's finance director from the early to mid-1990s, later added: "Frankly, part of the problem in the past — in my view — has been just some lack of political will to make tough decisions. If the city is willing to make some tough decisions on the spending side

of the budget as well as willing to make some tough decisions in terms of being willing to adjust the mill rate as necessary to maintain a balanced budget, then I think West Haven can get to where they need to get to."

Barnes concurred with Hamilton,

"I've been at those subcom-

mittee (meetings). I agree with Tom," he said.

View the five-year recovery plan at <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/1428/Draft-Five-Year-Recovery-Plan-PDF>.

Watch the June 7 meeting of the MARB at <http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/ctnplayer.asp?odID=15366>.



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Residents reminded to renew dog licenses

Residents who own dogs must renew their licenses before June 30 or face a \$1 monthly fine, City Clerk Deborah Collins said.

State law requires dog owners to submit a current rabies vaccination certificate when applying for the new dog tags. Expired certificates are not accepted.

The fee for the two licenses, which are

available in the city clerk's office at City Hall, 355 Main St., is \$8 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$19 for other dogs. Failure to renew a license can result in a \$75 fine.

Residents can also send vaccination records and checks in a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the city clerk's office, P.O. Box 526, West Haven 06516.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN



On Friday, June 8, 2018, members of the University of New Haven Public Safety Department and their families, ran one of the final legs of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Connecticut. The event started Wednesday and concluded on Friday with the lighting of the torch at Southern Connecticut State University.



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Dear Felicia

My, my honeybunch! By the time yew git this missive it'll be the 14th o' June and this little seaside community is still wondering where the warmth it. Yeah, it's better than it was four or five weeks ago, but between the low temps and the sea breezes, a body still needs a jacket or cardigan to git around in.

Cobina was out in her gassamobuggy a few mornings ago, and had to pop on the heater. The lumbago was actin' up.

Needless to say the Cobina rule of inversion ain't been seen on the beaches lately, but there's still a lotta time. Yew remember our little rule: The age and corpulent nature of a person on the beach is usually in inverse proportion to the wearer's amount of coverage. In other words Cobina's law states that the older and heavier the person, the less they have on as it regards swimwear. We've seen some very un-self-aware types over the last few years, so we know

wherein we speak.

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*Madame Olga tells me that Merlie Mae, who was injured in a house fire a few weeks back is on the mend, and has been moved to another facility from the burn unit she was in. But Olga told me there's been another setback and Merlie now has more hurdles to overcome.*

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Keep her in yore thoughts and prayers, sweetie, she needs 'em about now, and was always willing to give her own prayers to those who needed help. Methinks she's got a lotta people who'll be willing to lend an Amen or two.

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Sammy Bluejay sez that several politicos in town are a bit wary of MARB and its threat to put the city in Tier IV status. In fact, their fears are noted in today's editorial, we are told. The way Sammy tells it, politicos in the city are happy their eleventh hour changes to the budget met with approval from the state review board, but they still are concerned the

panel wants a bit more control than it currently has.

That kind of became an ishew when the panel, whilst approving the cutting of the budget and raising of the mill rate, would not take dropping the city from Tier III to Tier IV status. To put it in their words, it's "still on the table."

That's got more than a few local yokels wondering effen the panel is looking for a reason to put the city in the lower bracket. It's all a question of control. As was put to Sammy, the people on the board are less politicians and more bureaucrats, used to getting their own way. The messy dealings they have to have with elected officials might be a bit to grating on their collective nerves.

It's much easier to drop the city into the lowest grade and make the decisions by fiat, making the City Council a rubber stamp for its decisions.

This ain't an attitude held by the majority of politicos in the berg, but it's being discussed by enuff o' them that the talk should be taken seriously.

Remember, effen the city drops to Tier IV all contracts, finances and even the tax rate are under the control of MARB. What it sez goes. So, some politicos are concerned that the other shoe is gonna drop on something and the city will find itself under outside control.

I guess we'll find out soon enuff. Just know that some

elected officials hereabouts are not happy, and especially miffed that they weren't told about the MARB coming into town BEFORE they voted for the bonding that paid off the longstanding deficit. That consternation is yet the topic of another conversation.

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Speaking of the city's financial crisis, word is that on June 29 the city is closing down for the day. In fact, a story from the Actors Colony came our way explaining that.

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*Sooooo, all non-essential employees - those except police, fire, and emergency personnel - will get the day off without pay. It'll save the city a few kopecks.*

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That means effen yew are expecting to do something that concerns city business, don't schedule it for June 29 cuz it ain't gonna happen.

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*I don't know how many o' these "furloughs" the city is planning, but I do know that it ain't a good thing. What good comes out o' it has to do with the fact that John and Jane Q might really get a flavor for what is really going on. It ain't something abstract, but concrete.*

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We shall see how it goes and how the public reacts to it.

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Crikey, all this talk about the Cove River getting a new gate had Cobina's thoughts turn back to the time when the gate that's there now - the one that don't work - was put in during the Johnson administra-

tion effen mem'ry serves. It's been a long time since it has, in fact, worked, but it was a big deal when it was put in.

It still amazes this ole gal how much these projects cost. This one has a \$3.9 million price tag on it, and that really ain't considered a whole lotta moolah.

Oh, and I guess Dorinda Keenan Borer took charge on this little project. Interesting. We'll give the devil her due. She and our esteemed editor bumped into each other recently.

Let's jest say they've had a bit of a rocky relationship over the years, and it ain't gonna improve any time soon... which is OK.

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Speaking of the Cove River, Nelly Nuthatch tells me that the foundation o' the new entrance of the high school has a few people in the school ranks' hearts aflutter.

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*They've been excavating the old courtyard area over there, and I guess they set the concrete slab up for the foundation to start some kind o' construction.*

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Yew can't really do much than set a concrete slab dearie.

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*The water table there is about six inches from the surface and things git soaked in a drizzle. Sooo, now we see what's gonna happen and maybe git a feel fer what the new "footprint" as they like to say nowadays will look like.*

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With all that going on, we can only think of something somebody said when all this was beginning: It's all about the bronze plaque.

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Meanwhile, Iva Lootey has been trying to keep tabs on the Charter Revision Commish to see what's goin' on over there. They've been meeting, and the members seem to be taking a crash course in Civics in order to understand what they are about to revise.

The group seems to be getting along famously, and they seem to be doing some good work, according to Iva. He seems to think they've kind o' isolated some major topics and are gonna work from big to small and threshing out the good ideas from the not-so-good ones as they go along.

This sounds like jest what the doctor ordered for our charter, which, as I have said before, hasn't had the real look-see it's needed in a long time. Too often, the politicos try to hijack the proceedings.

This time, however, they seem to be keeping an arm's length...or maybe they are being forced to an arm's length. Either way, things seem to be getting done.

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

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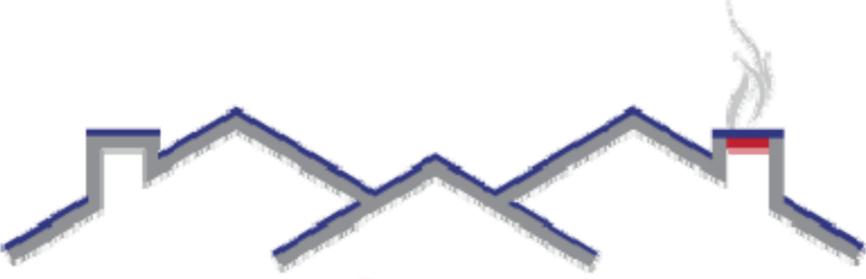
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Gripevine

By Eleanore Turkington

Gripe Vine Readers:

Over the past few years, Gripe Vine has been receiving complaints relating to the condition of the Cove River Tide Gate. I'm going back to 2014 with this issue. I thought I would relate a little background to my readers and the success West Haven is apparently going to realize with an improvement at this site.



TURKINGTON

One of the complaints I received from a Gripe Vine reader back in 2014 indicated the pedestrian access way above the Cove River tide gate was wooden, and in an unsafe condition, but according to information from a city representative at the time, the pedestrian access way above the Cove River Tide Gate is concrete, not wooden and it was closed by the city and fire officials several years ago for safety reasons after there was an unfortunate accident involving a minor.

At that time, 2014, Gripe Vine was told that the city was in the process of applying for a \$5 million grant as part of efforts to mitigate flooding in the Cove River salt marsh area. Preliminary plans called for preserving the flood plain area, replacing the pedestrian bridge with possibly an aluminum walkway and restoring the tide gate.

West Haven's City Engineer, Abdul Quadir also contributed to background information on this project, back in 2015 with the comment, "We

just applied for a grant for this Project to HUD. The State is going to send the application in June this year, 2015 and wait for the decision. I don't think we will know anything before August."

Now, good news readers, according to a recent news release from a local newspaper, the state has agreed to fund and rebuild the tide gates at the mouth of the Cove River between Sea Bluff Beach and Bradley Point Park. According to the news release item, if you live anywhere upstream of the tide gates, your home will be protected from potential catastrophic flooding. The new high school will also be affected by the tide gates. Good news \$3.9 million in state funding has been approved for this project, plus a new pedestrian bridge that will connect Bradley Point's Veterans Walk of Honor to Sea Bluff to replace the original bridge that has been closed 20

years ago.

Progress!

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

When will residents in the Sharon Avenue neighborhood get relief from early morning leaf pickups?

When I say early, I mean 5 a.m.

Sleepy

Dear Sleepy:

Here's the latest on your gripe and other similar com-

plaints. I have been in touch with Louis Esposito, Mayor Nancy Rossi's Executive Assistant regarding your complaint (and similar complaints)

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

"I checked with our contractor and his contract for leaves is over. The city will begin picking them up next week."

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Fireworks dinner tonight

The Savin Rock Fireworks will hold its annual dinner this year on Thursday June 14, at the West Haven Conference Center, 6 Rock St., from 5:30 till 9. Dinner will be a buffet that includes food from most of West Haven's finest restaurants.

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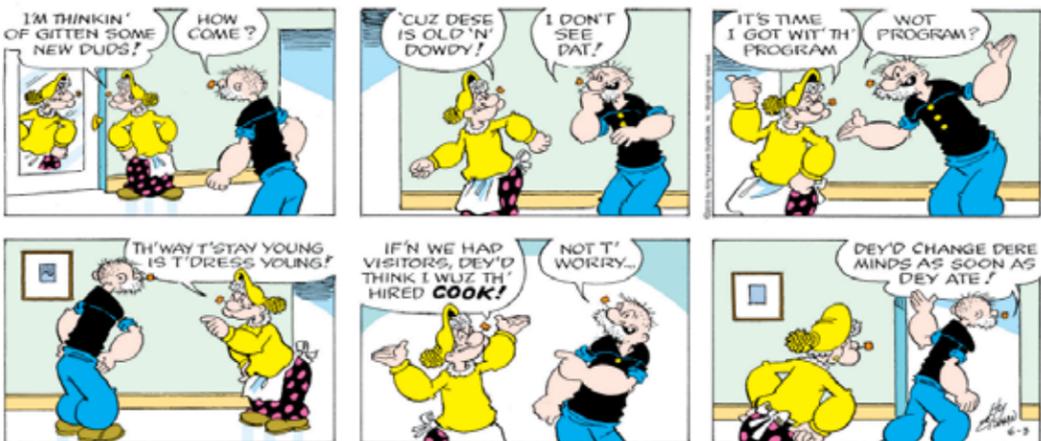
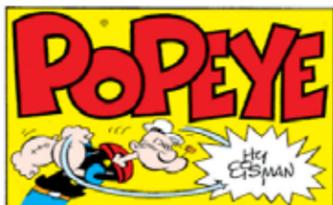
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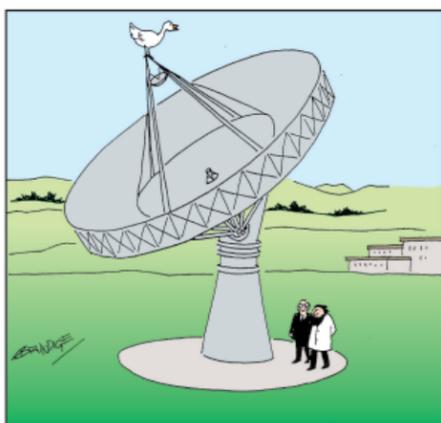


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by Dave T. Phipps



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Frosh awards

West Haven Planning and Zoning Commissioner Steven R. Mullins presented the "Commissioner Mullins Youth Leadership Award" to West Haven High School freshmen Tejean Campbell and Farah Najjarah at a recent ceremony. The award is presented to two freshmen that have demonstrated leadership qualities at West Haven High School and the wider community. Above -- Mullins presents award to Tejean Campbell as his father Carlton Campbell and Assistant Principal Dana Paredes look on. Right -- Mullins presents the award" to Farah Najarah as Assistant Principal John Dellacamera looks on.



City tax bills payable in two installments

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

City tax bills — real estate, personal property, motor vehicle and sewer — have been mailed and are payable in two installments: July and January.

Each tax bill, which is sent out once a year, has three parts: a payment coupon for July, payment coupon for January and payment coupon for taxpayers' records.

Taxes are due July 1. Payments after Aug. 1 are considered delinquent and subject to interest, Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli said.

The tax office is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St.

For the convenience of taxpayers, the city has an ATM outside the office.

Please note that City Hall is closed for business June 29, a furlough day for city employees.

Taxpayers can see their tax bills, make a payment, and print their payment history for income tax purposes at www.cityof-westhaven.com and clicking on Tax Collector under the Government heading. Sewer bills are on the same page but under a separate heading.

In July and January only, current taxes can be paid by mail to a tax office lockbox, P.O. Box 150461, Hartford 06115-0461. When paying by lockbox or the drop box outside the tax office in City Hall, the canceled check is the receipt.

After Aug. 1, taxes with interest can be paid by mail to the Office of the Tax Collector, P.O. Box 401, West Haven 06516. Payments can also be made in person.

Anyone needing a motor vehicle clearance must pay in person with cash, credit card, bank check or money order.

Savin Rock Museum open

The Savin Rock Museum, which chronicles West Haven's 370-year history, is open to the public for the season.

The museum is in the lower level of the Savin Rock Conference Center, 6 Rock St., and is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays through Aug. 30.

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MARB gives city a "carrot" threatens with a "stick"

The city has cleared a hurdle, while receiving somewhat tepid praise from the Municipal Accountability Review Board; but let us not take more than slight regard to the kudo, the panel is using a "carrot and stick" approach. That became apparent as while on the one hand it praised the city for the steps it took to bring the city's expenses lower, it still threatened the possibility of moving West Haven from Tier III to Tier IV status.

Two weeks ago, the City Council approved a \$3 million package of additional cuts from Mayor Nancy Rossi's original proposed budget, bringing the document in line with the wishes of the MARB as expressed at the panel's May meeting.

The original budget had anticipated a \$9 million injection of state money into the city's coffers to fill a deficit created when the state failed to come through with its own cost-sharing funds during last year's budget battle. Instead, the MARB opted to put \$6 million into city accounts, while holding the rest for its own operating expenses and other costs.

So, the mayor's \$162.86 million proposed budget had a built-in spending gap that had to be addressed. The City Council could not agree on making changes to the document during its six-week budget review earlier this spring, mostly due to the inability to reach the nine-vote threshold required to make changes on the 13-member council. The members rejected the budget by an 8-5 vote against passage. Under the charter, the rejection put the proposed budget into law by default. But the council did not set a mill rate, a parliamentary move that allowed it to revisit the matter before the July 1 implementation date.

At its May meeting, MARB told the council to get back to the drawing board with the mayor and come up with the necessary cuts, bringing the package into balance. After two weeks of difficult negotiations, the council passed the amended budget by an 11-0 vote. The council also raised the mill rate by one.

In its meeting last week, MARB was pleased with the movement made by the city, but the fact it still held Tier IV status "on the table" should serve as fair warning to city officials this might be the ultimate goal of the state panel. City officials have mentioned the members of MARB, mostly bureaucrats are not comfortable with the give-and-take of parliamentary procedure and day-to-day politics.

Used to plying their will by diktat, bureaucrats are more comfortable with taking charge, making decisions and not having to worry about the fallout democratic institutions bring about. The city's Tier III status still gives some leeway to the council as far as making decisions, dealing with financial matters and leading the city.

Putting West Haven into Tier IV status is much more in keeping with the bureaucratic mindset and that is what has some city officials worried. This would give much more power to the MARB, and allow it to open up contracts as well as make demands as to the day-to-day operation of the city. It would have a much more top-to-bottom approach.

We believe the city officials we've talked to have reason to be concerned. Panels such as MARB, while enacted by a legislative procedure, are set up to make dispassionate decisions. In a phrase: they don't live here, City Council members do.

From its own standpoint, MARB is more efficient and gets more done by wresting control of city government from elected officials, giving them only rubber-stamp abilities. The faint praise meted out by the members over decisions made could still lead to the damnation of losing control over our community.

City officials are not without cause to be concerned. Taken from a realistic standpoint, MARB was sent in to make difficult decisions for West Haven. City Council members were elected to do what is right for the residents of the city as they see it. The two could well be on a collision course that can only end one way: MARB having virtual control of city management by relegation to Tier IV.



Barr's just a loose cannon

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

Valerie Jarrett, the former Obama aide targeted by Roseanne Barr, says the comedienne's train wreck should be a "teaching moment." And so it should -- about the poisonous kookery of Roseanne Barr.

Given the political freight piled atop the hit revival of her TV program, it was inevitable that Barr's spectacular Twitter flameout would be interpreted as a portentous statement on Donald Trump's America.

Chris Hayes of MSNBC says that her "problem turned out to be that she far too authentically represented the actual worldview of a significant chunk of the Trump base." Activist Michaela Angela Davis said on CNN that Trump had enabled Barr -- a common theme on the left -- and then went all the way: Asked point-blank if all Trump voters are racist, she said, "Yes."

Nothing so perfectly encapsulates the dynamic of the Trump era than a TV show that was supposed to be a sympathetic portrayal of Trump supporters by liberal America leading -- once again -- to the ritualistic denunciation of Trump supporters by liberal America.

Barr is not a typical Trump voter just because she played one on TV. She shares much more in common with a celebrity culture that never lacks for its share of nut jobs and toxic personalities, especially among comics. Her wild ramblings don't tell us anything about what Trump voters think, about the state of race relations in America, or

about working-class culture. Her crackpot views are all her own.

Roseanne was a kook long before President Trump showed up. She maintained that Sept. 11 was "an inside Bush job." She used to call Israel a "Nazi state" and denounce "warmongering American rabbis," before turning around and calling Hillary Clinton "anti-Semitic" and Huma Abedin "a filthy Nazi whore."

Her subsequent explanations for her heinous Valerie Jarrett tweet should make it clear -- she thought Jarrett was a Saudi, or a maybe a Jewish Persian -- that this is fundamentally a story about an unhinged person advertising her lunacy on social media.

Of course, Trump gave his

critics reason to associate him with Barr by calling her to congratulate her on her show and eagerly trumpeting its success. Trump's boosterism was typical of him -- it's all about the ratings -- but also reflects an endemic weakness of the right. We have low regard for pop culture, but crave its validation. If it must come via a program that is a 1990s throwback reliant on a ticking time bomb of a star, so be it.

The genesis of the "Roseanne" revival was innocent and laudable enough. The president of Disney-ABC Television Group explained the show's inception after the 2016 election: "We looked at each other and said, 'There's a lot about the country we need to learn a lot more about, here

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National Poppy Day

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, center, receives a poppy corsage from Wayne Morgan, commander of Hughson-Miller Post 71 of the American Legion, and his wife, Ruth Morgan, president of Unit 71 of the American Legion Auxiliary, on May 25 at City Hall. Before presenting Rossi with the corsage, the couple collected donations for poppies outside Walmart at 515 Sawmill Road in observance of National Poppy Day. The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for the U.S. in all wars. The poppy became the official flower of the Legion in 1920, and the distribution of poppies became a national program of the veterans organization four years later.



Around Town

Zumba classes

Zumba® Fitness classes are scheduled at the West Haven Public Library on 300 Elm St. Classes will be held twice a month on Saturdays at 10:30. This month's dates includes May 26. It is 18-and-over, but all experience levels are welcome. Free to West Haven residents and donations are also accepted. Register online at westhavenlibrary.org. Taught by Lizz Petrakis, certified group exercise instructor, certified personal trainer, licensed Zumba® fitness instructor.

Sundaes and Songs

Sundaes and Songs will be held for First Friday Fellowship on Friday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. at New Life Church at 255 Jones Hill Road. The evening includes fresh, homemade ice cream from the Walnut Beach Creamery served up with a concert of contemporary Christian music. The event is free admission and a love offering will be collected.

Community Garden

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 with questions.

Caregiver program

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, 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/.

Senior 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. Call (203) 937-3507 for more information.

Al-Anon Group

An Al-Anon meeting group invites new members to at-

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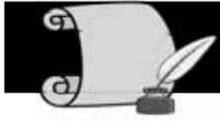
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Lowry: No conservative

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the coasts."

He was right. The appetite for the show, which partook of none of the toxicity of Roseanne's real-life personality, speaks of the hunger for more programming about Red America. Surely, there must be other vehicles for that -- assuming Hollywood doesn't internalize the critique of Roseanne Barr as a characteristic Trump voter.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shlino

The Waddingham Mansion: Part V

Though it is difficult to estimate angles on a flat photo, as well as perspective, and Hildrich cannot show his calculations easily, he believes the west front edge of the Mansion was very close to the back of the "brick row" houses from about 655 to 667 Third Ave., the middle 6 to 8 houses. These houses are roughly between 350' to 500' from Elm. The east side of the Mansion likely went farther east than the "back alley" that runs behind the entire length of the "brick row." That alley is behind the back yards and garages about 100' east of the back of the "brick row." The Mansion was wide enough to extend into what is now the back yards of some of the houses on the West side of Second Ave.

In later years, that "back alley" of the "brick row" became notorious when it was learned that it was the escape route of West Haven's infamous "Cat Burglar" of a few decades ago.

If you were a building contractor intent on using the bricks from a ruined mansion [See photo] to build other buildings, you would put your new buildings as near as possible to your source of bricks. This reasonable assumption confirms the calculations of location based on the location of the still-standing Carriage House.

According to the WPA History of West Haven, Thomas H. Linehan, a New Haven casket maker, owned the Mansion property, but did not live in it. It seems reasonable that he bought it at a bargain basement price. Waddingham apparently soured on West Haven, because he could not expand his mansion property beyond what he already had (!), but it is unlikely even a manufacturer would have the money to buy the Waddingham Mansion at market value. Although Waddingham had recovered enough to be worth \$4 million when he died in

1899, he had gone bankrupt in 1895. This would explain selling the Mansion for a rock-bottom price in 1895 or so.

The formerly-rented "brick row" houses were put up for sale about 1953, and the Hildrich family bought 665 Third Ave. Interestingly, grandfather Joe Hildrich, the Exalted Ruler who built the current Elks Club, and Aunt "Aunkie" Alma Hildrich, a teacher in Thompson school for many years, used to occasionally talk about the names of the two former landlords, and one was, as Steve Hildrich recalls, Linehan.

Hildrich has no intent to impugn anyone's reputation. However, after the fire in the Mansion, Mr. Linehan got a free supply of bricks for the "brick row" houses and, by dividing the property, probably about 100 building lots from First Ave. to Fourth Ave., from Elm Street to Wood Street - not bad! In Carole McElrath's *West Haven Revisited*, p. 64, the photo of the Mansion after the fire shows that the massive, substantially all-brick structure was still there - but with everything made of wood, etc. burned away.

What is apparently fact is that three properties connected with Wilson Waddingham in West Haven burned down. The unoccupied Mansion burned down under what must be suspicious circumstances on October 16, but the sources disagree whether it was 1902 or 1903. Chief Travis, first chief of the Central Fire District from 1918, was at the fire and said in a statement years later that it was in 1902. In 1906, as noted in the *Images of America* (series) *West Haven* also on p. 47, the former caretaker's cottage of the Mansion burned down. And finally the "Connecticut House" at the great Columbian Exposition of 1892 in Chicago, a major World's Fair, was, by order of the governor and an appointed committee, removed piece by piece and rebuilt in the Colonial Park area

of Ocean Avenue, on a piece of property DONATED BY WILSON WADDINGHAM. In the same book, p. 57, it said that

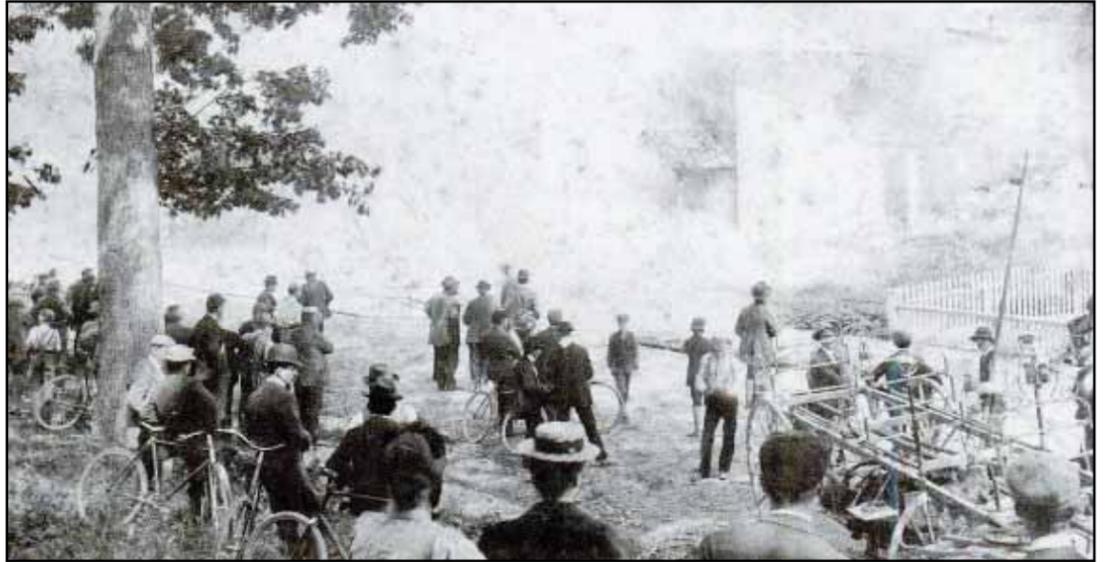
the Red Cross used the building during WW I until a caretaker burning leaves brought it down in 1918. Coincidentally?

We'll never know.

Ed. Note: Our thanks to Steve Hildrich for contributing this series to the Historian's Corner.



The mansion was destroyed by the fire, with little of building left. It was eventually razed, and the bricks were used by developers for nearby properties on Third Avenue.



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Project: *Properties get designation*

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lieve since West Haven is one of Connecticut's oldest settlements (1648) it was important to recognize many of the city's landmark historic homes and structures with an historical marker."

Rotary Club President Dianne Milano noted that she is "pleased that the program has started and Rotary is proud to be working with the Historical Society in their efforts to designate homes and business structures throughout the city."

Among the first properties designated for the granite markers are the Thompson Block (1874) at 509 Campbell Ave. today owned by the Altschuler family and the home at 219 Court St. (1796) currently the residence of William and Nancy Barr.

The two historic structures represent significant architectural features according to Robert Grestini, coordinator of the project, who researched information on the sites which are detailed in the State Historic Resources Inventory.

The Thompson Block (1874) remains one of the oldest structures in downtown West Haven.

"Erected by Silas Thompson it is a three-story large brick edifice, Italianate in character featuring very wide overhanging eaves, a low-pitched hip roof and a rectangular shape. Because of its desirable location, the building has had a rich and colorful past," according to the State Historical Inventory's description.

Town offices were located for many

years on the second floor along with other tenants including the Masons, Knights of Pythias, West Haven's Catholic community, West Haven Bank and Trust Company, Post Office, Feinson's Department store, and the Paier Art College was located there.

The property at the Court Street location, built in 1796, is a two-story dwelling.

"It has a heavy-timber frame with narrow clapboard siding and side-gabled roofline. First floor windows are extremely tall French windows capped by fixed transoms," according to the Inventory.

In addition, "The house is a modest residence which represents an architecturally significant example of 18th century vernacular design."

Originally the house was located on Savin Avenue and moved to its present location around the turn of the 20th century.

The two structures join the Poli House at 686 Savin Ave., home of the Historical Society, as the first sites to be designated "Historical Treasures of West Haven."

Other homes and commercial buildings throughout the city will be selected for consideration and designation as historically significant.

"By marking these properties «we hope to make West Haven residents and visitors more aware of the distinctive history and architectural styles of the various homes and commercial structures throughout the city," Grestini explained.

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The Altschuler family stand in front of the Altschuler Law Offices- Rick, Don, Barbara Altschuler Cohen, and her husband Alan Cohen in front of the Thompson Block designated one of the city's Historic Treasures.



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Off-season prep

West Haven's Jordan Berrios (24) blocks a pass in last week's annual Blue-White scrimmage at Ken Strong. The annual scrimmage caps off the spring football practice period.



Sox thump A's for first '18 loss

There are no unbeaten teams remaining in the West Haven Little League Majors Division as the Full Circle Pizza Cubs topped the Emmett's Auto A's 9-3 last week to send the A's to their first loss of the season.

Evan Jones of the Cubs pitched a complete game and added three hits in the win. Braeden Izzo, Haygen Axelrod and Jesse Buonocore added two hits apiece in the win. Josh Osborne had two hits for the A's, while Thomas Porto and Mike Madera scored the only runs for the A's. Matt Suchy played well defensively in the loss for the A's.

The Malangone Mechanical White Sox lost two of three games this week, opening with a win over the Executive Protection and Transport Brewers, before falling to the Cubs twice in a row.

In the opening game of the week, the White Sox topped the Brewers, 19-11. Gabe Santarcangelo started on the mound, struck out five and did not allow a run in two innings of work.

The White Sox set the tone of the game with eight runs in the first inning. Rui DaSilva led the way in the game with a hit and two runs batted in, Lucas Forgette, KJ Harp, and Dylan Agvent each had two hits and two runs batted in.

Joe Malangone played well defensively, along with a run-scoring double, and Agvent closed the contest, striking out five.

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hoto by Russ McCreven

87th season

Columbus Auto's Nick Gardino winds into action in the first inning of his team's game with Flanagan Ambulance. The West Haven Twilight League opened its 87th straight season last week.

Knights wrap up 2018 spring season

With the exception of West Haven resident Andrew Marinelli competing in the decathlon competition on June 12-13, the spring sports season has come to a close at Notre Dame.

Lacrosse -- The lacrosse team saw its strong postseason run come to a close in a 19-7 loss to top-seed and undefeated New Fairfield in the semifinal round of the CIAC Class M tournament on June 6 at Cheshire HS. The Rebels started strong and never looked back to reach the championship game. New Fairfield led 8-0 after the first quarter and never looked back. Notre Dame, which finishes season with a 12-8 overall record, received two goals each from Nick D'Angelo, Devin Napoli, and Zach Hochman with single

tallies from Justin Shanley and John Panda. New Fairfield went on to win the Class M title.

Tennis -- Andrew Forchetti's incredible and record-setting Notre Dame tennis career came to a close in a 6-3, 6-1 loss to Staples' top player Evan Felcher in the CIAC State Open semifinal round at the Yale Indoor Tennis Courts on June 5. Forchetti, who won back-to-back Class L championships as a junior and senior, the first two in school history, ends his Notre Dame career as the record holder in both regular-season wins (61) and career (88).

Track -- The track team saw its season come to a close in the CIAC State Open Meet, which was held on Monday, June 4 at Willowbrook Park in New Britain.

As a team, Notre Dame took home five points placing 44th overall. Nick Petruzzelli was the highest finisher in the meet as he cleared 13-6 to place sixth in pole vault. He garnered three points for the Green Knights point total. Warren Murphy took 7th in the 400 meter dash crossing finish line in 50.0 seconds flat. That gave Notre Dame their other two points. The 4x400 relay team also qualified and placed 17th overall finishing in 3:31.70. The four runners for this race were Murphy, Daniel Range '19, Andrew Marinelli and Thomas Minar. In addition, Marinelli finished the 300 meter hurdles in 42.27 to place 18th.

Golf -- The Notre Dame golf team ended its season on a high note finishing fifth in its second consecutive post-

season round, this time at the CIAC Division II Championships held at Fairview Farms in Harwinton, CT on June 5. Robbie Ludwig and Jake Ivan-Pal both shot seven-over 79's to lead the Green Knights, who also finished fifth at the SCC Championships on May 29 at Race Brook CC. Notre Dame was seeded ninth in the 20-team field based on their season scoring average. Their team total of 323 placed them fifth behind champion Avon, Berlin, fellow SCC foe Daniel Hand, and Masuk.

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# U-11 boys cop Invitational crown

A number of the boys travel teams competed in the Cheshire Invitational Tournament this weekend, and were very successful. The Milano & Wanat U-11 boys came home as tournament champs, opening up the weekend with a 4-2 win against Branford. Great play from Efe Tatar, Christian Reyes, Tom Williams, and Evan Amaro contributed to the win.

In the second game, the Westies took on rival Shelton and they were able to dominate the field with crisp passing, keeping Shelton off guard and on the defensive. The Westies won, 4-1. Key contributors were Gabe Locklear, Dylan Agvent, Dylan Petrie and Brian Cruz. The Westies took on Amity on Sunday in a crucial game three.

The boys came out strong with several early chances, but met with little success due to the strong goal keeping of Amity's Owen Hawes. Keeping the game simple and not panicking, the Westies were able to find the back of the net three times to walk away with the 3-0 win.

Strong performances from Malik Ouri, Keifer Tandazo,

Angel Magana and Antonio Brown helped lead the U-11's to the win. Game four saw the Westies matched up against Manchester, with the winner walking away as tournament champions.

The Westies continued their run, and came out strong, going up 3-0 by the half and adding another in the second half to win the final, 4-0. Phenomenal play from Bobby Severino, Ethan Masoperth and Matt Hunter led to the win. Also strong throughout the entire tournament was keeper Yahzeel Beyley, who only gave up one goal over the course of the weekend.

The Porto Funeral Homes U-12 boys travel team also won their bracket in the tournament. The boys went 4-0, winning the crucial final game against Madison, 5-1. Sean Callahan played very well defensively over the course of the weekend, also chipping in to the attack with a goal and an assist. Also playing well over throughout the tournament was Darrell Karikari-Appiah, Collin Charron, and Giancarlo Esquivel.

In other travel team games, the Watson Foods Co U-16

boys won their CT Cup semi-final matchup against Guilford, 4-1, putting them in the final of the state tournament. The Elite Soccer Camps U-12 Girls team traveled to Meriden Saturday afternoon, and came away with a 2-2 draw.

After going down 1-0, Ariana Izzo scored from a long range effort to even the score, after combining down the flank with Cynthia Burns. Brooke Flaherty put in the second goal for the Westies off a powerful shot into the roof of the net, after Alyvia Ginsberg and Isabelle Nagle worked to win the ball. Olivia Trenchard worked hard defensively, joined by the outside midfielders Josephina Lakaj and Abigail Phelan. Ava Murphy held strong for the Westies in the goal.

The Top Hat Dance Academy U-11 Thunder girls team played Branford, winning 4-1. Alexandra Nunes scored, and Lea Boguniecki and Michelle Ceja both played well. Amanda Fagnani showed some hustle, and Katelynn Salgado never stopped working throughout the match.

The Elite Soccer Camps U-11 Lightning Girls team hosted

Wallingford early Saturday evening. The girls fought hard against a very skilled Wallingford side that is going to the CT Cup Finals, but ultimately fell, 4-3. Llyanna Griffith-Waite scored one, while Ciara Harp netted the other two. Adelia Parise made her comeback after an injury set back, and played well defensively.

Annabelle Pasacreta was solid on defense and calm on the ball in the attack, while the central midfield trio of Jaelyn Beauvais, Jaylyn Powell and Aylin Soto worked hard on both sides of the ball. Chloe Whelan did a good job anchoring the defense, and Ashlynn Trenchard and Molly Gunning worked hard on the flanks.

The Seacrest Retirement Center U9/U10 Girls had their first loss of the season in Wallingford this past weekend. The girls lost, 1-0, against a very aggressive Wallingford team. The team was slow to get moving, but came alive in the second half in a very physical matchup. Marcy Funke and Cristel Miguel helped push the ball forward. Aarya Mulmi and Kayci Gayle worked hard on defense to slow the Wallingford attack. Kaylee Pellino and Camilla Murphy used their foot skills to move

around the midfield, but unfortunately the team could not get goal they needed for the tie. The team has one more friendly in Orange next weekend to close the season.

The Lions Club of West Haven U-9 Boys played in Orange this week and played a well fought game from start to finish in a 4-3 loss. Santiago Morales made some strong saves in goal. Pablo Feregrino moved the ball well at forward and was part of a couple of goals that came from some solid passing sequences. CJ Sutton had his best travel game of the season and scored a great goal in the bottom right corner off a rebound. RJ Jackson played a solid game on defense, slowing the Orange attack throughout the game.

In recreation action this week, the Elite Soccer Camps Red Dragons and the CT Pest Elimination Green Beans battled in a competitive game Saturday morning, with the Elite Soccer Red Dragons coming out on top, 7-4. Charlie Gunning and Julius Stokes led the attack, joined by Colin Whelan who scored off a Benjamin Trenchard assist. Jax Guarino and Nour El Mouki worked hard, joined by Ales-

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## WHLL: Cubs take 2-0 win

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On Wednesday night, the Cubs topped the White Sox, 2-0, in a pitchers' duel. Buonocore and KJ Harp of the White Sox both pitched five strong innings.

Buonocore and Jones provided the offense which led to two runs in the 4th inning. Buonocore struck out 10 for the Cubs while Harp had the two lone hits for the White Sox.

Harp pitched a complete game for the White Sox, tossing a three-hitter, and allowing only one earned run. Tristan Dos and Carter Hemstock each played well defensively for the White Sox.

The Cubs then thoroughly defeated the White Sox, 14-2, Saturday morning. The Cubs' Connor Hume and Jeremiah Kavanah had clutch run-scoring hits, while Axelrod and Buonocore added two hits apiece in the win.

Forgette led the way for the White Sox with two hits and a run batted in, and also played well defensively helping turn a double play early in the contest to keep the game close. Harp also played well defensively at short.

The A's bounced back from their first loss of the season, jumped out to an early lead and held on to defeat the Brewers, 3-2.

Will Panza was the winning pitcher and Chase Supan closed the game, getting the final two outs. Nate Pipeling and Supan led the A's offensively.

The A's led 2-0 after the second inning, before the Brewers answered back in the top of the third with two runs of their own.

With JJ Alling on first, Logan Truncone of the Brewers laced a shot to the fence for a triple. He then scored on a pass ball to tie the game. With solid pitching by Cameron Cruz and great defense by Stephon Dowling and Kevin Jason, the Brewers had an opportunity for the upset but fell by one run.

The A's then topped the Brewers once again to close the week. In a balanced scoring attack, the A's rebounded from an early deficit to post the victory.

Madera and Ray Gilbert pitched well for the A's, while Osborne and Jay Scanlon led the offense.

In Minors action, the East Coast Overhead Door Mariners fell to the Shop Rite Garafalo Markets Dodgers, 5-1.

Ethan English and Kenny Tavarez combined for four shut-out innings against the Dodgers with the help of some fine glove work by Ryder Greika at short. Derek Lopez added a monster double that barely stayed in the park.

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### 2018 Registration Dates

|                       |               |       |
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| June 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Molloy School | 6-8pm |
| June 19 <sup>th</sup> | Molloy School | 6-8pm |
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## 2018 installment

Erin Blake (center) accepts a check from West Haven Park-Rec official Tom Conroy representing the first installment for scholarships sponsored by the Tinker Blake Family Committee. The committee, formed after the passing of the popular coach and mentor last year, will offer a scholarship to a boy and girl each year from West Haven High School. WHHS Athletic Director Jonathan Capone, a member of the committee, was part of the presentation.

## Sox top Mets, 6-5

In a rain-shortened week, the Duffy's Tavern Red Sox defeated the Gunning Law Firm Mets, 6-5, by scoring four runs in the bottom of the sixth. Zach Goetze had the winning hit and Sean Studley had a triple with three RBI with Ethan Kelly scoring the tying run. Robert Foley, Jacob D'Avignon, and Maurizio Urriola had two hits each for the Mets.

The Leslie Jewelers Dodgers beat the Red Sox, 12-8. AJ Pope pitched a complete game with 13 strikeouts, and Tanner Oliwa had two doubles for the Dodgers. Jorge Vargas made a rally killing catch for the Dodgers.

The Augliera Movers Pirates and the Mets played to a 7-7 tie as the game was called for darkness after nine innings. Tegan Grillo had a two-run homer for the Pirates to tie it in the ninth. Jayden Roby had three hits for the Mets.

## Youth Soccer round up

Continued from page 14

sia Coletta, Marco Antonucci and Aiden Slater.

For the Green Beans, Harper Golde and Jillian Crudo played particularly well, and Nylah O'Gilvie and Seth Empric showed great teamwork and passing in the game. The Bohemian Body Art Irish Green continue to work hard as the season nears the end, winning 2-1 against the Baybrook Remodelers Blue Hawks. Kylie Gibbons scored a great goal off a cross by Camilla Murphy.

Arianna Throm earned her first win in goal holding the opponent to just one goal. Lexi Lucas used her speed and great footwork to push the ball forward which resulted in a nice goal by Kayci Gayle. With one game to go the team remains undefeated.

For the Baybrook Remodelers Blue Hawks, Natalie Reed, Madden Evangeliste, Katarina Oliveira, and Sarahi Cruz-Cruz led the offense with solid passing and ball control. Jada Fowler and Melissa Valtierra shut down many advances with strong defense.

The Rock House School of Music Rockers earned a 1-1 tie this weekend against a tough Eli's Orange that was relentlessly attacking the boys down the stretch. Jovan Lakaj made a couple of incredible passes which ended in goals. Chase Agvent played a hard game on defense, along with Xavier McMillan. William Hulse worked hard at forward and provided the team with important minutes.

The Gunning Law Firm Red Wolves earned a 3-2 win this week against Elsie-Encarnation State Farm Insurance. In

a close game, Finley Gunning and Linnie Chesson were able to use their footwork to push the ball forward and help involve their teammates. Elina Cordero fought hard for the ball and used her defensive skills to slow the other team. The girls are undefeated heading into their last game.

The Mulkerin School of Irish Dance Tigers showed excellent defense and offense which led to a 4-2 victory over the WH Italian-American Civic Association. The defense was led by Rhyon Christie, Elijah Reddick, and Christian Ashong. The offensive side was led by the exceptional footwork by Greg Reddick, Rida Saanon, Andrew Collazo, and Alex Lima-Cortes.

The Oyster River Energy Soccer Rockers won on Saturday, 4-3, against Stars Ice Cream. The team put together a great game, the goalie made great stops, the defense moved up the field and the midfielders pushed the ball into open space and the forwards shot the ball without hesitation, this was a great team win and they did it together with everyone getting involved in the game.

Stowe's Seafood Blue Eels came out on top, 7-3, this weekend against Dillman & Dillman Adjusters, LLC. Jesse Jain and Ato Ofosu-Appiah each scored two goals, while David Christensen, David Dougherty and Edwin Saucedo added one apiece. Stephen Christensen and Connor Hummel were strong in the field throughout the game. The York Business Center Orange Crush lost to Cappetta's Italian Imports, 3-1. Isabella

Antonucci scored the team's lone goal. All of the girls played well in the close game, showing great improvement throughout the season. The West Haven Professional Firefighters Association Green Machine dropped a close game to West Shore Family Dental, 3-2. Aedan Guarino and Abdelrahman Osman both scored in the loss, with Chase Watson picking up assists on both goals. Lamont Woods played a great game as well.

In the final two games of the weekend, the Lacistrong Predators and the Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center Rangers in an offensive battle. The two teams had to settle for a tie after scoring four goals apiece. The Apple Rehab Defenders lost to the Dillman & Dillman Avengers, 5-1, with Chris Evans and Chris Hemsworth picking up two goals each.

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### Get together

Former WHHS Mock Trial members got together to talk college with current members, recently. From left, Branda Calderon (Yale) and Santaria Rivera (New York Law) meet with Juniors Rua Osman and Lydia Abraham, both of whom have been selected to attend the Summer Advocacy Institute in Washington, DC.

## Documentary spotlights mortality rate

The University of New Haven today announced that Richard Wormser, adjunct professor of forensic science, has received \$50,000 in grants from investors to develop a documentary whose working title is "Saving Babies and Mothers."

Wormser, who has made 51 documentaries, including many for the Public Broadcasting Service, will focus this time on infant and maternal mortality rates in the developed world. The documentary is expected to air on PBS next year.

"The story will examine why the United States has one of the worst infant and maternal mortality rates in the developed world," he said. "While there is a racial difference in the outcomes, the major problem is the lack of prenatal care for low-income women in urban and rural areas."

He said birth centers run by midwives have far better outcomes than hospitals, but many communities are unwilling to underwrite them for political and economic reasons.

Wormser was the series producer/writer and co-director of the four-part Peabody Award-winning series, "The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow," that received three national Emmy award nominations. The series explored the African American struggle for freedom during the Jim Crow era, a period that many historians consider worse than slavery.

Wormser also wrote, produced, and directed the PBS documentary American Reds that was a finalist for the best documentary

## Bailey, WHHS ceremonies prompt parking changes

Harry M. Bailey's Night of Recognition is set for Friday, June 25 and Commencement Exercises for the West Haven High School Class of 2018 are set for Monday, June 18. Both ceremonies start at 6 at Fitzgerald Sports Complex. Gates open at 5 and seating is available on both sides of the stadium.

As you may be aware, West Haven High School is in the midst of a construction project which has impacted our parking lot and courtyard. In order to accommodate family and friends who want to join us for the ceremony, we met with the West Haven Police Department to develop a parking and traffic flow plan that will be safe and efficient to meet our graduation parking needs. We ask for your patience and cooperation as there is always heavy pedestrian traffic as well.

There will be three graduation parking lots: Lot 1, West Haven High School, 1 Circle St.; Lot 2, Savin Rock Conference Center, 6 Rock St., Lot 3, St. John Vianney, 300 Captain Thomas Blvd.

You must have an official graduation ticket to park in any of the three lots. Please show your ticket to gain entrance. Shuttle buses will provide transportation from Lots 2 & 3.

Special Notes about the traffic flow:

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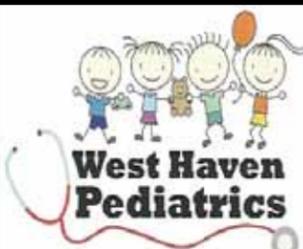
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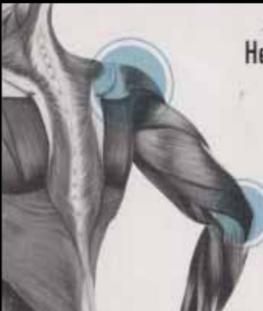
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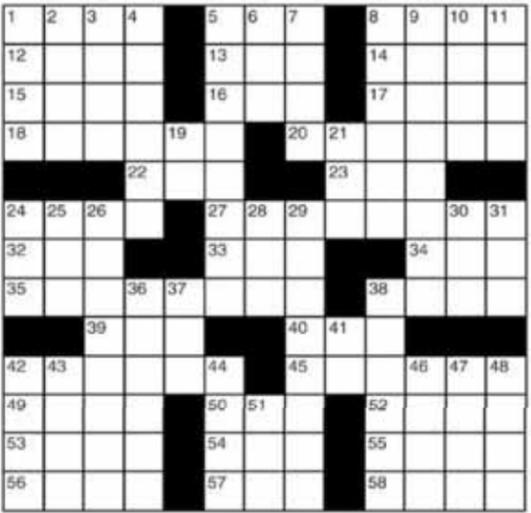
## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- Move rapidly
- Pirates' quaff
- EPA concern
- World's fair
- Detergent brand
- Hardy cabbage
- Tolerate
- Whatever number
- "- have to do"
- Release
- Heart lines
- Sauce source
- Prickly seed-case
- Scenery chewers
- Afternoon shows
- Biz deg.
- Journalist
- "Erie Canal" mule
- Math tables, e.g.

**DOWN**

- Hump-backed animal of India
- Kin of 1-Down
- Colorful fish
- Swamp
- Easily pre-pared product
- Grecian vessel
- Poet Angelou
- Stalom slope
- Futon, for one
- podrida
- Solidifies
- Ratio phrase
- Auto
- Hr. portion
- Religious retreat
- Declare
- See 38-Down
- A billion years
- Lotion additive
- Faraway fleet?
- Blackbird
- Palm variety
- Libretto
- Meadow
- off (angry)
- Gershwin or Glass
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- Kipling poem
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- Protected
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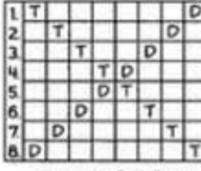
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

|       |           |       |       |
|-------|-----------|-------|-------|
| Beam  | Grimace   | Scowl | Sneer |
| Blush | Grin      | Shock | Sulk  |
| Frown | Long face | Smirk | Wince |
| Gare  | Pout      | Snarl |       |

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

**FIND THE BIG WORDS**



Using the definitions and anagrams below, find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

**DEFINITIONS:**

- What you get for speeding.
- A military base jail.
- No longer in fashion.
- A nuclear plant accident.
- A tough biscuit.
- Seaward pull of waves.
- To argue in favor of.
- Type of door lock.

**ANAGRAM:**

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| teed + tick | oeds + tack |
| dust + mood | town + meld |
| dart + hack | nude + town |
| toad + cave | load + dett |

**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| 9 |   |   | 2 | 8 |   |   | 4 |   |
|   | 6 |   |   | 5 |   |   |   | 7 |
| 8 | 1 | 5 |   |   |   |   |   | 9 |
|   | 2 |   |   | 4 |   |   | 6 | 3 |
|   | 5 | 7 | 2 |   | 4 |   |   |   |
|   | 7 | 4 |   |   |   |   |   | 2 |
| 3 |   |   |   |   | 6 | 9 |   |   |
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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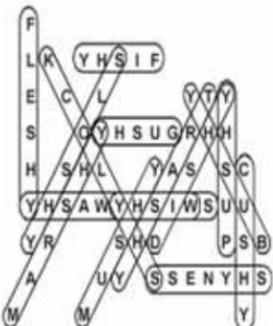
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

## Answers to last week's puzzles

— King Crossword —  
Answers  
Solution time: 25 mins.

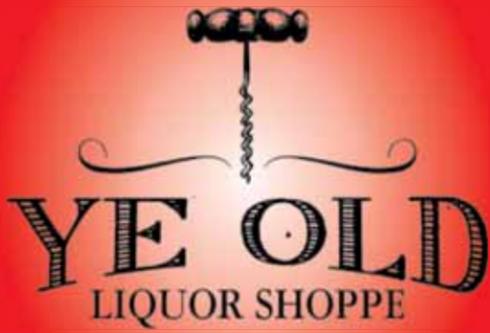
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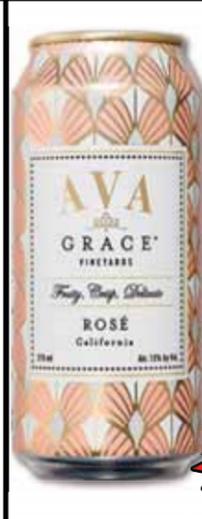


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