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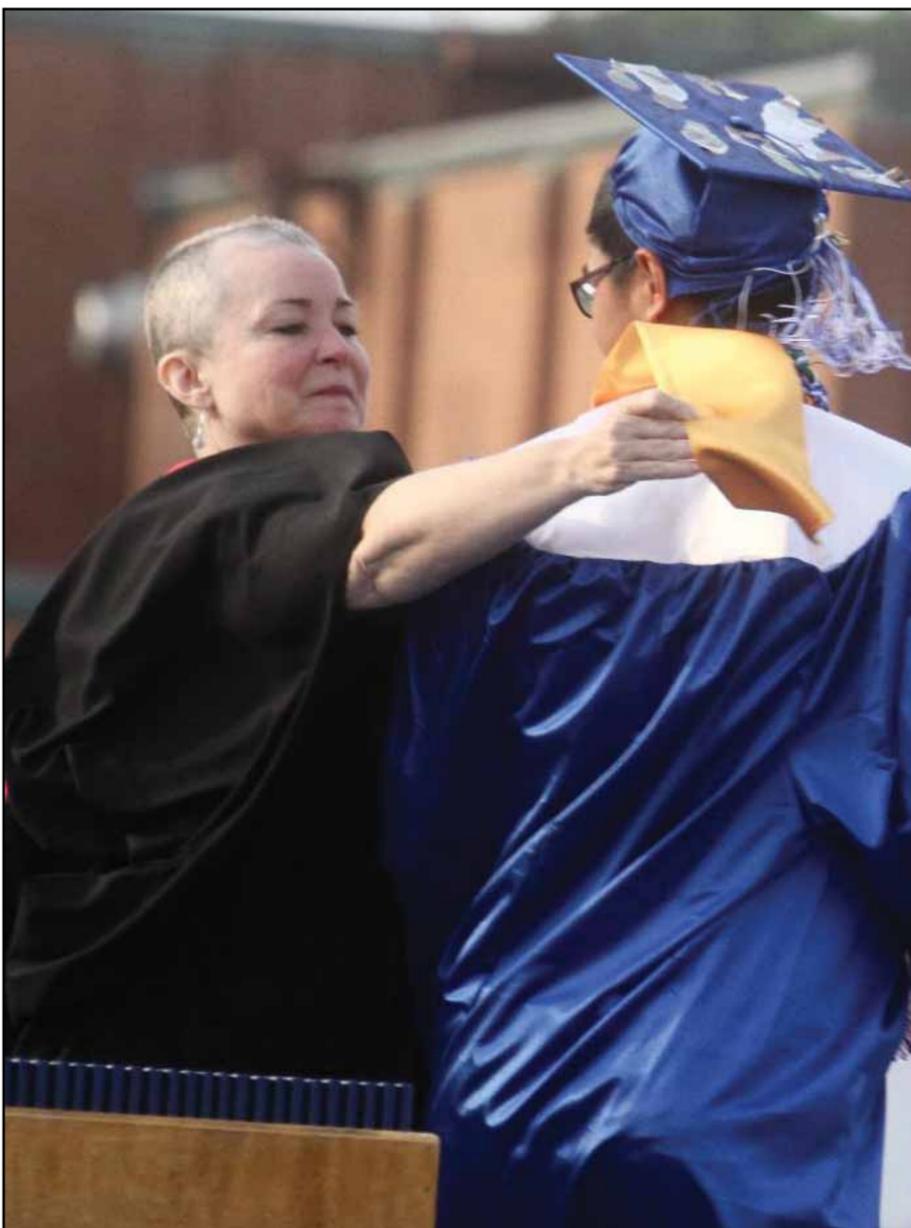


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March into history

The West Haven High School Class of 2018 celebrated commencement exercises at Ken Strong Stadium Monday night, with family and friends. The school's newest alumni marked the milestone with all the pomp and ceremony expected with a bit of humor and pathos. Principal Pamela Gardner (seen left), who has been battling cancer all year was on hand for the ceremony and took time to adjust a hood. City dignitaries, including Mayor Nancy Rossi were on the dais for the event.

The artist named Valeria, a first-grader at Pagels, sees great weather for flowers in today's forecast with a slight chance of bees.



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Ad book to reduce fireworks' expense

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice
Mayor Nancy R. Rossi has rolled out an ad book fund-raising campaign to help cover overtime costs for the Savin Rock Fireworks Spectacular, which is set for 9:15 p.m. July 3.

Rossi said the ad book proceeds will specifically pay for police and public works overtime during the annual fireworks display, which is

launched off Bradley Point and presented by the Savin Rock Fireworks Committee.

"Your support of this ad book will directly impact the overtime costs that come along with the city holding the fireworks," Rossi said.

Ad book forms are available in the mayor's office at City Hall, 355 Main St., or download a form at [http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/1433/Fire-](http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/1433/Fireworks-Ad-Book-2018-PDF)

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Four ad sizes are offered: \$45 for a business card, \$75 for a quarter page, \$100 for a half page and \$185 for a full page. Checks are payable to City of West Haven.

Send ads by June 29 to the Office of the Mayor, 355 Main St., West Haven 06516. Or, send a business card, letterhead or other information to the mayor's office, and the office can create an ad. Send PDF files to

kteshoney@westhaven-ct.gov.

Corporate sponsorships are also offered: \$2,000 for red level, \$1,000 for white level and \$500 for blue level. For details, call the mayor's office at 203-937-3510.

Rossi said the city will charge both residents and nonresidents for parking on July 3. The fee is \$5 for vehicles with a valid beach sticker and \$10 for vehicles without a valid beach sticker. All parking proceeds will also support overtime

costs, she said.

The fireworks display, billed as "the region's largest Independence Day fireworks show," draws an estimated 100,000 people of all ages to the city's 3.5-mile shoreline each year. The rain date is July 5.

Before the patriotic event, partygoers can shake, rattle and roll to Off the Hook, "Connecticut's premier party band," at the Savin Rock bandstand from 6:30-9 p.m.



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Dog licenses up for renewal

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.

In conjunction with Dog Licensing Month, the city clerk's office will hold its first Dog Contest for residents who license their dogs before June 30. The office will draw a winner in early July, and the winning dog will receive a gift basket and have its photo published in local newspapers.

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Mexican consul-general visits

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi presents Diego Gomez Pickering, consul-general of Mexico to New York City, with a framed collage of pencil drawings of West Haven's most recognizable icons and landmarks Friday afternoon at City Hall as Police Chief John Karajanis, Jr. looks on. Gomez Pickering in turn presented Rossi with a copy of the book "A New Compact History of Mexico." Gomez Pickering, who was appointed consul general by Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto in June 2016, met with Rossi and Karajanis to discuss Mexican nationals living in West Haven and forging a partnership with the city on behalf of the Mexican Consulate in New York.



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The West Haven Fireworks Committee are all smiles at their annual dinner fundraiser this past week. The University of New Haven is pleased to once again be a part of this wonderful West Haven tradition. We look forward to seeing you at this year's display on July 3rd at Bradley Point.

Pictured are Savin Rock Fireworks Committee Chairwoman Sandra McCauley and Vice-Chairwoman Maryanne Drapeau along with University of New Haven Associate Vice President of Public Safety and Administrative Services Ronald Quagliani.



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Dear Felicia

Well honey bunch, June is winding down, and the kiddies are getting outta school this week. The frowns yew've seen on the moms is evidence enuff of that reality. Of course, jest look at the faces o' the kiddies and the opposite is true. June in our Asylum by the Sea, meanwhile, means that most of the politicos go into summer mode.

The City Council, which won't have much to do now that the MARB is making most o' the financial decisions, meets on a summer schedule – or about once a month -- whilst the Bored of Ed does the same thing. The wag, Lawd love him, had a query about the bored recently. It seems that there is talk of re-upping Superintendent of Schools Neil Cavallaro's contract, or, we should say, extending it. That seems to be a ritual that we go through every couple o' years.

I hear tell that whilst some on the school board are in favor, some are not. We ain't

sure how many are against. But then again, we ain't sure how many are in favor. Stay tuned. Odds are he'll get an extension, but stranger things have happened.

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Sammy Bluejay tells me the Charter Revisions Commish is kind of working under the radar – everyone's. And, that might be a good thing to keep the aforementioned politicos from mucking up the works. Sammy sez that work is running apace for the panel, which is taking apart the current charter and looking at all the component parts, and lookin' to see what – if anything – needs to be changed.

We already know that some changes in the budget-making process are being contemplated and endorsed by the mayor and City Council chairman. They wanna see the charter amended so that changes in the budget can be done by a simple majority rather than the supermajority that has been such a hurdle over the last several years.

After that, it's anyone's guess what might happen, but Sammy sez that this group of nondescript regulars are getting an education in West Haven Civics and putting it to work in very good -- if stealth – ways. That should make both Ed Granfield the chairman, and John Carrano the "ranking member" very happy.

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Stay tuned. Iyam sure by the time the summer turns to fall we might have some idea of how much work the group has done, and in what directions the discussions are going. Remember, the members have until 2019 to make a final report, so things aren't all gonna happen at once.

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Before I forgit, the high school had its graduation t'other night, and with the construction going on, the powers that be came up with an interesting shuttle system so that parking, which is at a premium over there, doesn't git overtaxed.

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People were supposed to park at various points throughout and get bused over to the Ken Strong Stadium site. Of course, they publicized this in the various venues, but there were and are people who didn't "get the memo." Natchurly, there were some problems we are told, but overall the parking situation was as bad as most people thought it was gonna be.

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Just in time for the Fourth, the city sent out its tax bills last

week, and the annual rites of summer commence. It seems like a bucket of cold water every year when the tax bills roll around. And I hafta admit, one wonders jest how some o' these things are calculated. There seems no rhyme or reason to the assessments at times.

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Nelly Nuthatch reminded Cobina t'other day that the tax assessor's office – follying a long-established precedent in these parts – can sight unseen reassess property upwards within limits. Most businesses in the city have experienced this over the past few years. Yew git a missive in the post from the Actors Colony (Yes, that means City Hall), and it announces that pursuant to state law, the assessor is gonna upgrade yore number so that a few more kopecks can be wrung outta yore pocketbook.

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Most people saw that last year, and will see it this year, as the city tacked on the most it could in auto taxes when the property tax bills went out. It seems the General Assembly, lord love 'em, allowed a maximum based on mill rate and at least this berg decided to go with it, seeing as how the money is needed.

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So, the moral o' this story is that whilst a fool and his money are soon parted, a taxpayer and his money are parted every July 1 and January 1.

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Herroner went before the MARB – that's the Municipal Accountability Review Board effen yew've forgot – to pres-

ent the Five-year Plan for the city. Let's jest say that these numbers people are jest that – numbers people.

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They lauded the city for raising taxes and trying to cut spending, and then did what they've done in the past, chastise people for not having the will to do it earlier. Yew know, these people are jest whot is the problem around this state. Keep taxing people to make sure things stay status quo.

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The city went into debt more than a dozen years ago cuz politicos didn't wanna stop spend, nor did they wanna lay people off. Soooooo, effen yew remember, bonded funds were "inflated" a bit, and we were told that the extra money was to pay the cost of the bonding: lawyers, research, etc.

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What was happening was the extra money was squirreled over to pay bills and balance the books, whilst the tax rate stayed the same. Nobody wanted to do the heavy lifting of either cutting personnel or cutting programs.

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Enter the Picard administration and it had quite a mess on its hands, and had to make some decisions. One o' those decisions was ignore the deficit immediately, but try to pay it off over time. The big problem was paying down the bonds, which were costing the city dearly in debt service. The plan would've worked effen the housing collapse and recession didn't happen.

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Add to it the stagnant economy under the Obama administration that lasted until 2016, and you have quite a toxic mix.

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The MARB sees the city's salvation in raising taxes and bonding where necessary. It lacks any kind of understanding that those things drive people outta the city, making those left to pick up the pieces. That's the way the entire state runs. Just raise taxes and forget that people are leaving the state in droves.

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The lack of humanity is astounding, but not surprising, sweets. Numbers people rarely have humanity.

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The city is getting ready for the annual fireworks, and it looks like herroner is spearheading an attempt to git a quick ad book together to pay for the extra expenses. It'll be interesting to see what they come up with in a couple o' weeks. Something tells me they have the usual suspects cobbled together for a beginning. I don't think I hafta outline who. But it'll also be interesting to see what businesses take part, and which decide not to. With that bit o' chatter, I'll close this time till next, mitt luff und kizzez,

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By Eleanore Turkington

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I read your column every week and sometimes I see people complain about their leaves and branches, etc., that have been left behind after bulk pick up. Obviously, the city workers do not pick them up and I want to know why. Leaving this debris behind doesn't do too much for a pleasant experience when driving through our city.

How can we reach the residents of West Haven to educate them on just what they can place out on the curb and when?

I have lived in West Haven many years, and I must admit, there has been quite an improvement. This tells me people here are beginning to care. Thanks Eleanore for your help.

*Old Timer*

**Dear Old Timer:**

In all fairness, we have to thank the residents who do care about their city. Perhaps it would help others a little bit if I published the city's rules on bulk trash pickup today. Perhaps another time, I'll list the other refuse requirements.

If you are going to place bulk trash out for pickup; the city collects bulk trash pickup four times a year on your scheduled curbside collection day in the second calendar week of the four designated bulk pickup months: March 5-9, June 4-8, Aug. 6-10 and Oct. 8-12

Now, if you have bulk items such as couches, chairs, mattresses, tables, carpet and padding, small amounts of bundled lumber and fencing, remember the lumber must be no longer than six feet and each bundle must weigh less than 60 pounds. If you have fencing to put out for pickup, it must be cut in half and stacked neatly in piles.



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Most important, the amount of bulk is limited to 6 cubic yards per scheduled collection. This equals to a pile of trash 6 feet wide, 6 feet long and 4 and 1/2 feet high. Homeowners are required to rent a dumpster at their own expense if bulk waste exceeds 6 cubic yards.

Don't place bulk items next to a mailbox or utility pole or close to a fence. Separate the bulk items, neat and orderly.

If you are going to place bulk waste, it must be generated by the customer at the residential unit where it is collected. This bulk waste won't be collected if it is generated by anyone other than the resident of the home. Don't place items in front of a vacant lot or home; they will not be collected.

Readers, I hope this information will be helpful. Gripe Vine receives many complaints relating to bulk pickup. Perhaps you could clip out this information and post it on your refrigerator for future reference.

**Coming up:** Cars parked on Connecticut Avenue gripe... trash on Colonial Blvd. on Honor Road side...Veteran's Walk gripe..overgrown grass and weeds along sidewalk at train station...no lighting at entrance of Park Garden Apartments on Ellis Street...

leaf pickup questions..beach-side lots opening time complaint..broken down vehicle on Winslow Avenue.. pot hole on Derby Avenue..Dogwood Road pot holes..Bocce Court complaints...loud music at

Allentown Flats...junk car parked on Roosevelt Avenue.. broken clock on Alingtown Green..empty lot at Painter Drive gripe and much more. You can send your complaints, comments and issues

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## Progressive Credo in action

Agree or disagree with the conclusions of Inspector General Michael Horowitz' report on the Clinton email scandal, there is one thing the report does highlight: the elitism and hubris of those who think themselves the Progressive establishment. There is no doubt that at the top of the Justice Dept. and the FBI considered themselves part of the vanguard of Progressives that would lead the nation into a new Enlightenment, begun by Barack Hussein Obama and continued by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

It is a tale that explains Progressivism and the Left Wing establishment that has oozed its way into the body politic for more than a century.

Progressivism, at least in its current form harkens back to the turn of the 20th Century, and coming to the fore just prior to the United States' involvement in World War I. It espoused a government of educated and elite experts, who would guide the nation into efficiency and prosperity by making decisions for the citizenry.

Considered too backward or too uneducated, or too involved in making a living for their families, the educated elites would bear the burden of responsibility becoming a benign force for good.

The problem with this and any similar philosophy is it fails to take into account the fact that, human nature being what it is, two things could happen: benignity becomes callousness, and concern for the "underling" becomes entitlement.

Looking at the emails and text messages sent not only by Peter Strozck and Lisa Paige, but those designated at Attorneys 1 and 4 in the report indicate that there was nothing benign in their regard for their fellow citizens. Those, who did not see the world as they, were quickly shuffled off as not worthy of their regard. They were seen as backward and uneducated. Their fellow citizens disgusted them: Trump voters were "all poor to middle class, uneducated, lazy POS (use your imagination) that think he will magically grant them jobs for doing nothing."

The report shows a ruling class that believes itself entitled, above the norms of society, and above the law. The goal of making the nation follow their lead is more important than societal norms, and, certainly, more important than following the same laws as the great unwashed.

This report, taken in a wider context, is exactly the way the entertainment industry, the political classes, and those in academe see the nation as a whole. One need only look at the way the media, entertainment and academe treat President Donald Trump, Trump voters, and the mass of people that live west of the Hudson River and East of the Sierra Madres.

Trump was elected because of and in spite of the entitled groups of people who have morphed the Divine Right of Kings into the Divine Right of the Elites - though most would eschew the idea of any divinity.

These same elites are - somewhat successfully - breaking down the bedrocks of society with neo-bourgeois ideas of family, sex and gender, marriage and a myriad of other things. When opposed they react not as educated, responsible citizens, but as angry children, looking to shut down debate and belittle their opponents. One need only look at the silliness on today's college campuses to see this.

Reading the IG's report is looking into the way the nation is separating into warring factions that have diametrically opposed world views, with little hope of coming to any agreement.

These factions are seen in our politics on a daily basis, with the Left becoming more and more violent and intractable. Indeed, the Progressivism of the early 1900s has become, like most movements, a third- or fourth-generation idea that craves the power but lacks the empathy needed to be effective leaders. Instead, it breeds a tyranny and intolerance.

The Inspector General's report sought to recount and explain the failures of the leaders of the Justice Dept. and the FBI in investigating the crimes of Hillary Rodham Clinton when she violated Federal Law by having a private server. What it did was recount the hatred and intolerance of a ruling elite that was attempting to shield its hoped-for leader and its hoped-for policies, bypassing law and common decency in order to accomplish it.

The report is a look into the minds and hearts of those who see themselves as the entitled ruling class of the nation and the contempt with which they hold anyone who does not see the world, or the nation, as they do.



## Canada is not our enemy

By Rich Lowry  
*Syndicated Columnist*

Justin Trudeau may be the annoying, youthful avatar of chic progressivism -- but he's not our adversary.

After leaving the G-7 summit, President Donald Trump blasted the Canadian prime minister on Twitter as weak and dishonest, in the kind of invective once reserved for "Little Rocket Man."

The Trump presidency routinely produces unprecedented events, and here is another: Never before has a president of the United States spoken as scornfully in public about the head of state of a friendly, allied country. Particularly one who has appeared in Vogue.

Trudeau is not exactly a threatening figure, although his worshipful, celebrity-fueled press coverage qualifies as one of the more vexing political phenomena in all of North America (Rolling Stone celebrated the fact that he rides a unicycle; TMZ declared him on the "clear path to hottest leader in the world").

It's not clear what exactly led to the great U.S.-Canada tiff of 2018. White House aides fanned out over the weekend to try to lend meaning and justification to the flap.

They said Trudeau had stabbed the president in the back at the meeting. But Trudeau didn't say anything after Trump left the G-7 that he hadn't signaled before -- namely that Canada finds Trump's steel and aluminum tariffs insulting and will retaliate.

The incident is a great misdirection. Canada's trade

practices are hardly above reproach. Its tariff on milk of 270 percent, highlighted by Trump officials the past few days, is stupid and indefensible. It is guilty of subsidizing and protecting favored companies and sectors, the way most countries are.

It is nothing compared with the world's great mercantilist power, though. China routinely steals U.S. intellectual property, seeks to distort the entire system of international commerce to its advantage, and is pouring resources into a massive military buildup, with which it eventually hopes to expel the United States from East Asia.

Trudeau is the facile, democratically elected leader of a Western society; President Xi Jinping is the remorseless

president for life of a hostile dictatorship. It's not a remotely close call who we should be aiming our fire at.

That we are dissipating our energies with steel and aluminum tariffs against allies and potentially alienating friends in what should be a united front against China speaks to a key mistake. Trump views the U.S. trade deficit -- with any country, friend or foe -- as the problem rather than China as the unique commercial and geostrategic competitor.

The flare-up with Trudeau is not an encouraging sign for prospects of renegotiating NAFTA, which also should be viewed in strategic terms. As Derek Scissors of the American Enterprise Institute points out, the trade agreement could

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## Grand opening

USAlliance Financial celebrated the grand opening of its new location at 1 Atwood Plaza on Saturday. The credit union moved from its Main Street location to the city's newest site in Allingtown. Cutting the ribbon from left: 5th District Councilwoman Robbin Watt Hamilton; Hala Urban, USAlliance Financial Consumer Lending Team Leader; 7th District Councilwoman Portia Bias; Mayor Nancy R. Rossi; James O'Brien, Center Fire Chief; Ronald Quagliani, USAlliance Board Member, Council Chairman and UNH Associate Vice President; Kris Van Beek, USAlliance Financial President and CEO; and Loren Wells, Branch Manager. Missing from photo: State Rep. Charles Ferraro, R-117; George Barto, USAlliance Financial Chairman and Doreen Bjorkman, USAlliance VP, Branch Service and Operations.



## Around Town

### 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](mailto: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

### Lowry: Leave Canada alone

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extend beyond North America to Britain, which is seeking a new trade arrangement as it exits the EU, and the Philippines and Taiwan, which are pressured by China.

None of this will happen if Trump is determined to pursue a protectionist policy no matter what, or he lets his pique at friends get the best of him. The trade war -- and the fight for our paramount interests -- won't be won or lost against Justin Trudeau. Beijing, not Ottawa, is our enemy.

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### 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 attend its weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the First Lutheran Church, 52 George St. For information and details, call (203) 506-1464.

### Student loans

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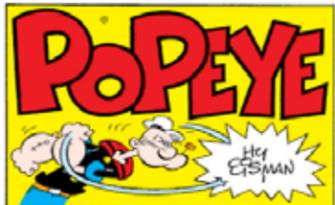
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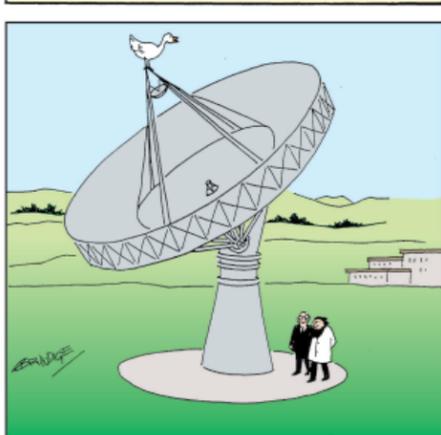


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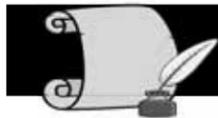
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## The Twilight League

With thanks to Harry Noyes III and the late Vin DiLauro

In 1959, The Boy lived on Kelsey Avenue; on summer nights, he was allowed to ride his bicycle up to Painter Park each night after dinner, "just as long as you're home before dark." This newfound freedom was exhilarating for the seven year-old, and unthinkable for any parent or child of today's era.

Once he arrived at the park, The Boy would stop and watch part of the baseball games that seemed to be taking place every night. To The Boy's inexperienced eyes, it was clear that this "Twilight League" was a far cry from Little League games that he had seen—these were men, not boys—and for sure they knew exactly what they were doing.

But where did the Twilight League come from and what are they doing today?

It is remarkable in our current age of social networking

that somehow the West Haven Twilight League went from concept to reality in just a matter of days.

On May 13, 1933, a group of sportsmen sat on a bench on West Haven Green; they were the Metcalfe brothers Herb, Bob and Ted, Johnny King, Ed Canavanm, Hugh O'Neil and Eddie "Shrimp" Flynn. A few days later, sports fans met at the West Haven Armory to elect the first slate of officers, and on May 18, 400 fans left West Haven's old Town Hall and made their way to Painter Park, where they greeted the ball players.

On that day, Flynn's Collegians faced the North Ends in the league's first game. As they played, someone passed the hat; nickels, dimes and even pennies were dropped in, and the League was off and running.

The Twilight League continued to enjoy the enthusiasm of the players and the community all the way into the 1940s, when they suspended play



With World War II raging on two fronts, youngsters still got to play the American game in the West Haven Twilight League. This is a squad from the 1942 season.

during World War II. When peacetime returned, so did the Twilight League, for the younger players and fans, as well as returning WWII veterans.

It should be noted that in 1959 the Painter Park ballfield

on which they played was named Noyes Field in honor of the man who conceived it, saw it through, and spent his evenings picking stones from the field to make it more worthy of the games and the players who would play there:

that man was Harry Noyes Sr.

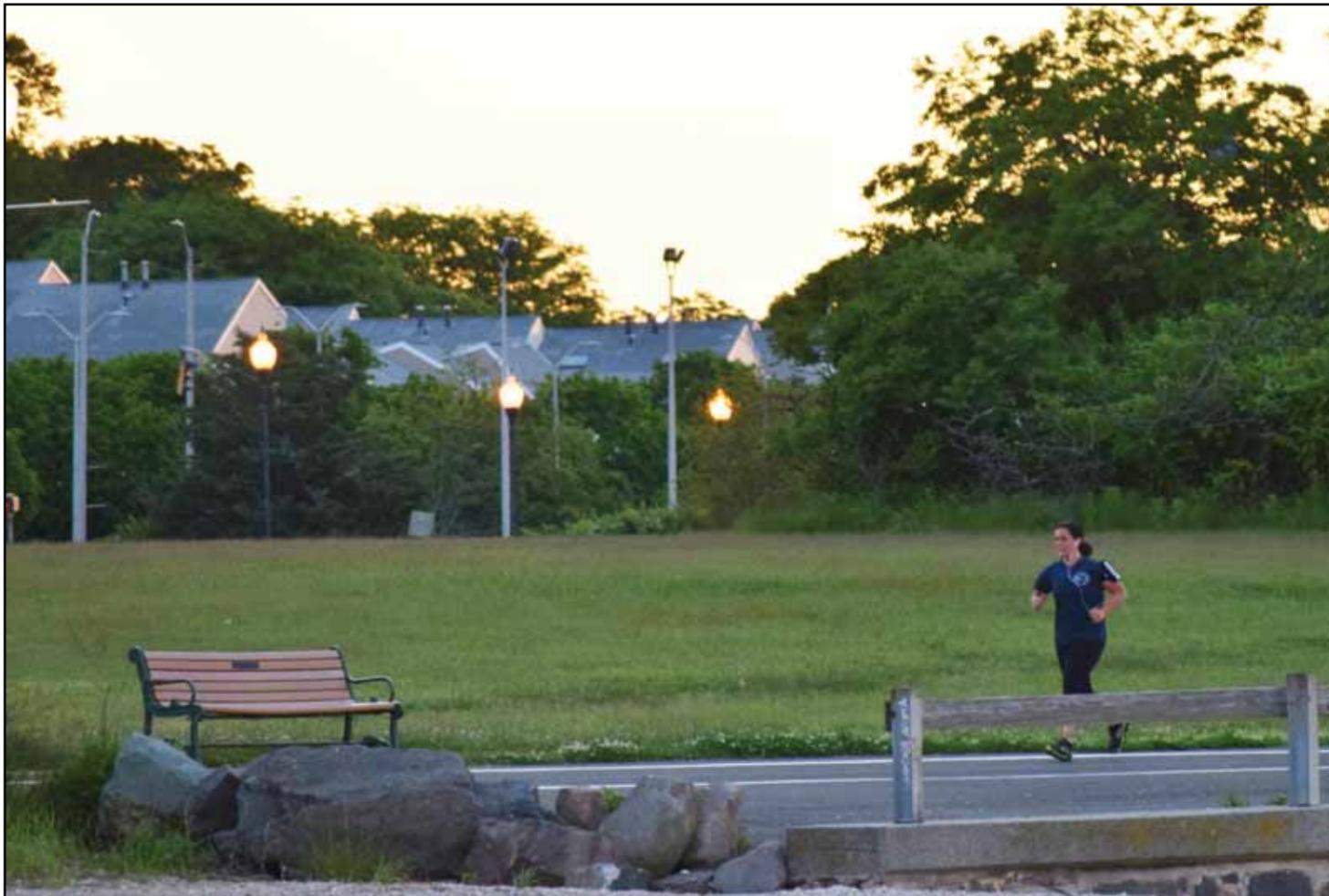
Today, his grandson Harry Noyes III recalls fondly the evenings during the 1930s that grandfather and grandson spent, out there in a town truck, tending the ballfield.

To be continued-

Photo by Dan Shine

## Morning run

Life starts early on the city's beach boardwalk. Each day at sunrise, you can find many people trying to get a morning walk or workout completed before going to the office or doing the day's chores. Voice historian Dan Shine is one of those many early risers, and many times he brings his camera. He caught city resident Jamie Santamauro taking her morning jog.



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# ND names fields for Marcucci

## *Retiring AD honored for service to school*

In a fitting tribute to a man who has meant so much to so many Notre Dame students and athletes over the years, a surprise, yet appropriate, announcement was made by incoming Notre Dame Athletic Director Jason Shea at the conclusion of the retirement ceremony for outgoing Athletic Director Tom Marcucci on June 13.

After Coach Marcucci addressed the crowd of over 400 that were sitting on Joe Tonelli Court in Alumni Hall, Shea stepped back to the podium and announced that Notre Dame's side athletic field, where Coach Marcucci spent the majority of his career coaching the football and baseball teams, from this day forward will be known as "Coach Tom Marcucci '66 Field".

"Coach Tom Marcucci '66 Field" is now part of the Fogler Family Athletic Complex that was dedicated in May of 2016.

The complex includes the renovated track and front field lined for football as well as the aptly named "Coach Tom Marcucci '66 Field" where the football, soccer, baseball, and lacrosse teams practice each fall and spring.



Photo courtesy of NDWH

Shown admiring the plaque designating Marcucci '66 Field are daughters Tara and Stephanie, and son, Michael. Standing with Marcucci is his wife, Pat.

This plaque will be placed at the main entrance to the field where each team enters for practice each day. The plaque reads: Coach Tom Marcucci '66



Photo by Russ McCreven

### *A bit of encouragement*

Hitting a round ball with a round bat squarely is a skill that must be learned and can be very frustrating for youngsters just beginning their careers. In a recent trip to the West Haven Little League complex, photog Russ McCreven saw this future All-Star getting a few words of encouragement from his coach.

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If you count Marcucci's four years as a student-athlete from 1962-1966, he has spent 52 years of his life at Notre Dame High School, serving as teacher, coach, administrator for the last 48 years.

Marcucci served two stints as the Green Knights head football coach and a 22-year run as head baseball coach.

He amassed 513 combined wins and won state championships in both sports. All totaled, he was head coach for 739 Notre Dame games.

His 1991 and 2009 football teams won Class L state titles

and his 1985 baseball team won the first baseball state title in school history when they captured the 1985 Class LL crown.

Marcucci added, "I arrived at Notre Dame in 1962 when I was 14, and except for four years in college, I've been here ever since. It is truly a second home. I met Pat here, and my kids grew up thinking that all social events revolved around Notre Dame.

"The lasting memories will always revolve around people. I have worked with amazing people, and the young men I have taught and coached have added to my life and the life of my family in ways that are impossible to measure."

You can watch Coach Marcucci's remarks from the retirement celebration here by visiting the Notre Dame homepage on the NFHS Network or visiting <http://bit.ly/ndwhgkretirementceremony>.

You can also watch the video tribute prepared for the ceremony by visiting the NDWH Athletics YouTube Channel.

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# Youth Soccer teams end spring season

The Gunning Law Firm U16 Boys Travel team brought home the championship in the CT Cup on Saturday, after a double-overtime effort. The Westies were crowned co-champions as the game ended in a 2-2 draw against Cheshire.

The Elite Soccer Camps U-12 girls travel team had a busy week to end the season, playing three games in four days and going 3-0 on the week. The girls opened up on Wednesday night at home in a league match-up against Madison. The Westies came out on top, 4-1, behind the strong play of Sofia DeRosa in goal. Alyvia Ginsberg worked hard in the midfield, as Cynthia Burns and Isabelle Nagle were rocks on defense. On Friday night, the Westies hosted Clinton, winning, 3-1. Abigail Phelan was aggressive and connected several passes, one on a nice overlapping run by Ava Murphy that created a quality chance on net. Josephina Lakaj also played well in the midfield, and Jaylyn Powell picked up a goal and an assist in the win. The Westies closed out their season in Wallingford on Saturday, picking up a 5-0 win. DeRosa got the shut-out in goal, and Camryn Beauvais gave the Westies the lead in the first half after she capitalized on a Wallingford goalkeeper error and calmly placed the ball

into the back of the net. Olivia Trenchard and Ariana Izzo dominated in the midfield, shutting down Wallingford attacks and connecting passes going forward. Camryn Flaherty was the heart of the defense, while Brooke Flaherty picked up four goals, one from a great play by Brooke Throm.

The Elite Soccer Camps U-11 girls Lightning team finished their season on the road, making the trek to Watertown. It was a hot Saturday afternoon game, but the U11 Westies did not let that slow them down, picking up the 4-1 win. Ciara Harp was on fire, scoring for the Westies on keeping Watertown on their heels. Jaylyn Powell used her speed and skill to create chances and shut down Watertown counterattacks, and Aylin Soto played very well in midfield. Ashlynn Trenchard and Molly Gunning worked the flanks, and Kayla Burt put forth a solid job in the net. Chloe Whelan played great on defense to lead West Haven to the win.

The West Shore Family Dental U-11 boys took on Wallingford for the final, but most decisive, game of the season. The Westies came out flat and went down 1-0 early in the match, and they struggled to find their usual rhythm for the remainder of the first half. The second half was a different story, as the boys started to

string together passes and find space. Ethan Masoperh put on an impressive performance as he scored three goals in the second half to lead the Westies to the 3-1 win. The U-11 Boys won the league title for the second consecutive season with the win. Tom Williams and Evan Amoro were both key in the league securing victory.

The Milano & Wanat U-10 boys travel team played Shelton in their last game of the season. The game ended in a 2-2 tie, and was filled with action from end to end. Maicon Miguel played the first half of the game in goal. Miguel made several key saves, especially a key one on the final shot of the first half to keep West Haven up 1-0 from a goal by Sean Studley. Shelton got on the board, but a strong West Haven defensive line led by Nathan Charron, Efrain Brown, Jovan Lakaj, and Matthew Panton limited their chances. Rafi Treat and Jovan Lakaj split time in goal in the second half. Both made some key saves to keep West Haven in the lead until Shelton tied the game. Ramy Mandhouj, Leo Mazuroski, Kenneth Peralta, and Pacy Larka all played well in the midfield throughout the game.

The Stars Ice Cream U-12 boys headed to Milford for their final game of the season.

Despite the hot temps and having only one substitute on the bench, the team scraped together a 4-4 tie. West Haven was down 3-2 at halftime. Edgar Lopez's foot skills payed off with a 30-yard rush. The ball that found the back of the net. Robert Foley capitalized on a penalty kick, and tied the game 2-2. Lopez found the back of the net twice in the second half. The first was a beautiful shot from the top of the 18-yard box. The fourth goal came from a well-placed pass from Sebastian Treat that split the defenders and found the foot of Lopez for his third goal of the game. West Haven was unable to hold off Milford as they tied the game, 4-4. Collin Charron, Sean Callahan, Robert Foley and Maurizio Urriola all played well on defense. Michael Luth played the entire game in net and made some key saves that kept West Haven from a defeat in their final game. Michael Cardosa played a key role in controlling the center of the field throughout the game. David Smith was the Man of the Match. Normally a defender, Smith shifted to play striker as West Haven played the match with only one substitute. Smith used his defensive knowledge to press high and often which resulted in many opportunities during the first half. Miguel Torres was out due to torn ligaments in his arm, but was still at the game, on the bench supporting his team.

The Bohemian Body Art U-19 boys team played their final League game in the heat at Oxford High School, managing a close win, 2-1. Javier Yanez placed two goals in the net to secure the win, which gave the Westies second place in the league.

In the final weekend of in-town play, the CT Pest Elimination Green Beans played Dillman & Dillman Adjusters, LLC, losing, 9-3. Reina Dormevil and Alexander Jones played particularly well for the Green Beans. Enoch Kehinde led the scoring for the Green Beans while Maxwell Taylor had a great effort overall. The Elite Soccer Camps Red Dragons won their final game of the season against Lacistrong 6-1. Julius Stokes and Charlie Gunning picked up goals as they dribbled through the opposing team, and Benjamin Trenchard and Jax Guarino combined on a number of nice passing plays. Colin Whelan put in a lot of hustle, and Luca Decresenzo also picked up a goal from a Salvatore Castagnetto pass.

The Cappetta's Italian Imports Blue Birds played a tough game against Top Hat Dance Academy, despite a 3-0

loss. Linette Castillo Mendoza, Luciana Cappetta, and Anabelle Fiorillo all hustled to take control of the ball up and down the field. Allianna Wilson worked hard in defense.

In the final game of the spring season, the West Haven Italian-American Civic Association Golden Phoenixes played against the Rock House School of Music Rockers in a game that some would call a battle of titans. The first half was a closely contested match that had the teams tied, 1-1. Mekayan Fowler tied the score with an 18-yard blast that scorched the back of the net. Playing just as well as Giovanni Ferrucci who was a force all over the field. Urijah Silva and Victor Magana Preciado were the usual stalwarts on defense, while Daniel Davis and Rafael Treat pulled double duty on both the field and as net-minders. Both players made some incredible saves that left the fans wanting for more. The team finished the year strong and will look to build on that for the upcoming season.

The York Business Center Orange Crush lost their last game to Baybrook Remodelers Blue Hawks, 5-1. For the Orange Crush, Alana Hendley scored the team's lone goal and Lia Powers had the assist. Katelyn Mondo played a strong game in the field. It was an impressive season for the Blue Hawks, ending with the solid win. Natalie Reed, Maden Evangeliste, Isabel Millard, Sarahi Cruz-Cruz and Jada Fowler each scored goals. Katarina Olivera and Adriana Fabian were solid as midfielders while Melissa Valtierra, Madison Jacksics and MacKenzie Jacksics provided strong defense.

The Seacrest Retirement Center Reds finished their impressive season going 9-0-2, finishing with a 4-1 win against Eli's Orange. The boys played hard and learned how to work together as a team throughout the season. Austin Carr, Edem Dzandzi, Xander Estes, Michael Gianotti, Kyle Guarino, Ricardo Hernandez-Arce, Cadian Jones-Gaywood, Youssef Maula, Aidan Panton, Vincent Perricone, Jr., Peter Prokopis, Marcos Tepetl, Mikey Vargo, Ryan Walsh and Jayden Williams all showed great improvement throughout the season.

Stowe's Seafood Blue Eels had a very respectable showing Saturday in the West Haven end of the season U-14 Co-ed Tournament, as they combined with the Oyster River Energy Soccer Rockers to finish with two wins and one loss. Paul Christensen and Jessie Jain picked up some

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## Westie Blue In Touch

By Mike Madera

Brendan Kirck has had his share of battles with Hamden. As a pitcher at Notre Dame-West Haven, Kirck and the Green Knights have seen firsthand how explosive Hamden's lineup can be.

Kirck now gets to enjoy that lineup on the same side of the field.

Scoring in each of the first three innings and riding the right arm of Kirck, Hamden Post 88 opened the summer season with an 8-0 victory over West Haven Post 71 in the American Legion season opener for both teams at Piupek Field in West Haven Saturday morning.

"I just settled in after the first two innings," Kirck said after allowing just four hits, while striking out 12 and walking one over six innings. "I know we have a good team this year. I just want to throw strikes and let the defense make plays behind me. The key was throwing first pitch strikes. That is

always big when you are able to do that."

Hamden set the tone of the game in the first inning, scoring a pair of runs after two were out.

West Haven starting pitcher Nick Flammia retired the first two batters of the game, before Mike Ferrett walked, Ron Desroches singled, and Frank Niro was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Henry Bielen followed with a single to left, scoring both Ferrett and Desroches for a 2-0 lead.

Post 88 took advantage of a West Haven error to take a 3-0 lead in the second as Ferrett capped the rally with a bases-loaded walk to score Matt Wendland who reached on an error to open the inning.

"It was a good start for us," Hamden coach Ray Guarino said. "We did a good job of getting runs with two outs. We battled in the box and we were able to put some good swings together."

Kirck retired the Westies in order in both the second and third innings, and Post 88 took advantage by increasing the lead to five runs with two more runs in the top half of the third with another two-out rally.

After Flammia retired the first two batters of the third, he ran into trouble when Wendland walked, stole second, and scored on a single to left by Nick DeBrizzi. DeBrizzi went to second on the throw, and scored when Tyler Osborne reached on an error.

"We got off to a slow start," West Haven coach Fred Morgillo said. "We didn't hit, and we need to play better in the field. It's a slow start, but we will get there."

West Haven never got going offensively in the contest against Kirck as Post 71 managed only a two-out single by Sean Jefferson in the first, a leadoff single to left by Ty Reeves in fourth, and a one-

out single by Justin Uribe coupled with a walk to Steve Byrd in the fifth.

All were left stranded with the Westies wasting a golden opportunity in the fifth as Reeves and Byrd were in scoring position with one out, before Kirck struck out the final two batters of the inning to escape without any damage.

"BK (Kirck) had a long first two innings with a lot of pitches, but he settled in nicely and went about his business,"

Guarino said. "He got ahead of batters and from there was able to do what he wanted."

Hamden added to its lead with a run in the sixth on Niro's single, before scoring twice in the seventh on a homer to right by Osborne and a run-scoring triple by Ferrett.

Flammia lasted four innings for the Westies, allowing seven hits and five runs, three of which were earned, while walking three and striking out four.



Photo by Russ McCreven

Post 71 pitcher Nick Flammia takes a healthy cut but fouls off a pitch during last week's game with Hamden Post 88.

## Cubs end year on high note

The regular season came to a close this week in the West Haven Little League as the post-season now approaches.

In Majors action, the Full Circle Pizza Cubs ended on a high note, winning their final two games.

Connor Hume and Jeremiah Kavanah combined to beat the Brewers Executive Protection and Transport, 12-6. Dominic Poindexter, Fabrizio Nunes and Braeden Izzo all had two hits in the win. Cam Cruz and Jacob Fowler had two hits for the Brewers.

Nunes and Evan Jones then combined to beat the Emmett's Auto A's, 12-2, in four innings. Jones and Haygen Axelrod each had two hits, while Hudson Axelrod caught a great game. Hume had a clutch two-out, two-run single. Thomas Porto added a run-scoring double and later scored for the A's. Will Panza and Porto led the offense for the A's.

The A's split two games this past week and ended the regular season at 12-2. Will Panza pitched a one-hitter in a win over the Brewers, Mike

Madera, Panza, Chase Supan, Ray Gilbert and Porto all had multiple hit games for the A's.

The Brewers picked up a big win Wednesday night by coming from behind and beating the Malangone Mechanical White Sox, 7-6.

The Sox jumped out to a 6-3 lead in the second inning, before Kevin Jason took over the pitching for the Brewers and held the Sox at six.

Stephon Dowling laced a single up the middle to start the rally. Thomas Rolf, scored three runs, got Dowling over to third, and Dowling scored on a passed ball for the lead.

The defense was solid in the top of the sixth, getting the Sox to go down in order to get the win. David Quiroz and JJ Alling had solid at bats to help in the win.

## Mets clinch playoff berth

The Gunning Law Firm Mets clinched the number-1 seed in the upcoming tournament by beating the Leslie Jewelers Dodgers, 11-2. Danny Potter, Robert Foley, Jacob D'Avignon, and Jayden Roby combined for eight hits and seven RBI. AJ Pope had a key hit and two RBI for the Dodgers.

The Duffy's Tavern Red Sox defeated the Auliera Movers Pirates, 12-8, with strong pitching from Sean Studley. Jason Gregoriades had two triples and 4 RBI, and Bobby Severino had hits for the Red Sox.

The Pirates beat the Dodgers, 8-2, behind the pitching of Matt Cavallaro and Mark Lynch. Xavier Nieves had a key hit for the Pirates. Jackson Clark and Tanner Oliwa had RBI hits for the Dodgers.

Maurizio Urriola and Tommy Vets combined for five hits and five runs as the Mets defeated the Red Sox, 7-2. Zach Goetze and Tyler Yates had the RBI for the Red Sox.

## Youth Soccer Roundup

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goals, while David Christensen, David Dougherty, Jostin Gonzalez, Tyler Geer, and played well in the field. Excellent goalkeeping by Aldair Saucedo and Junior Salguero was also on display.

Also in the Co-ed Tournament, the Lions Club of West Haven combined with Porto Funeral Homes to defeat the force of Apple Rehab and Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center, 5-1.

The team-up of Porto Funeral Homes and Watson Foods Co, LLC, defeated the WH Professional Firefighters/Mulkerin School of Irish Dancing, 3-2.

In the final game of the weekend, the Elsie Encarnation-State Farm Insurance/Dillman & Dillman Adjusters tied the combined might of Stars Ice Cream and Cappetta's Italian Imports, 4-4.

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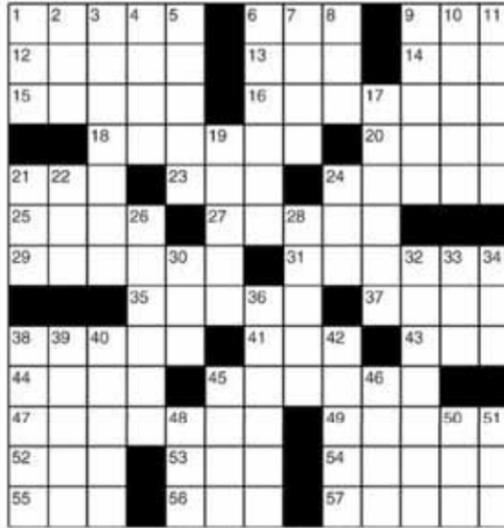
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## King Crossword

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Hamstrings<br/>6 Poorly lit<br/>9 Moreover<br/>12 Take as one's own<br/>13 Elizabethan, e.g.<br/>14 Luau side dish<br/>15 Suitor<br/>16 Sponge<br/>18 Logic<br/>20 Clue<br/>21 Sapporo sash<br/>23 Drench<br/>24 Papa<br/>25 File's partner<br/>27 Women's home, said John Gray<br/>29 Power source<br/>31 "The — Cometh"<br/>35 Because<br/>37 Portrayal<br/>38 Pop<br/>41 Expert<br/>43 Feedbag tidbit<br/>44 Reed instru-ment</p> | <p>45 Askew<br/>47 In a tempera-mental way<br/>49 Archipelago<br/>52 Emeril's inter-jection<br/>53 Lennon's lady<br/>54 African capital city<br/>55 Pigpen<br/>56 A Bobbsey twin<br/>57 Private student</p> <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Legislation<br/>2 Commotion<br/>3 Dock doings<br/>4 Duel tool<br/>5 First Little Pig's material<br/>6 Remove a stripe<br/>7 Press<br/>8 Chinese chair-man<br/>9 Garden pest<br/>10 Incessantly</p> | <p>11 Filthy<br/>17 Second drink?<br/>19 Lucky roll<br/>21 Raw rock<br/>22 Prohibit<br/>24 French noble title<br/>26 Showed affec-tion<br/>28 Sis' kid<br/>30 Little louse<br/>32 Having a romantic glow, maybe<br/>33 Carte lead-in<br/>34 Profit<br/>36 Big gorge<br/>38 Gets zero stars<br/>39 WWII vessel<br/>40 Spacious<br/>42 Oust<br/>45 Radius neigh-bor<br/>46 Birthright bar-terer<br/>48 Charged bit<br/>50 Before<br/>51 Pirouette pivot</p> |
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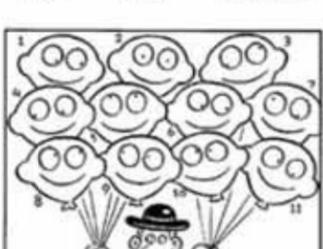


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L A M I N A N L K R I C A O H  
C F E C K B L Z Y W C V U F B

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

|        |          |               |         |
|--------|----------|---------------|---------|
| Animal | Coloring | Box           | Landing |
| House  | Book     | Kite          | Craft   |
| Cat    | Cover    | (clue answer) | Fair    |
| Food   | Letter   | Instrument    | Weather |



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**IT'S FAST FOOD TIME!** Below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid A.

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A | S | T | O | D |

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| F | A | S | T | O |

- Bus charge.
- A fast food.
- Stockings, socks.
- Result of tender-bender.

- In dread of.
- Layer of paint.
- What a blacksmith does.
- To eat take (of).

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | 5 |   |   | 8 |   |   | 6 |
| 6 |   |   | 7 |   |   |   | 2 |
|   |   | 1 |   | 3 |   | 7 |   |
|   | 8 |   | 5 |   |   |   | 4 |
| 5 |   |   |   |   | 9 | 2 |   |
|   |   | 4 |   | 7 |   |   | 3 |
| 2 |   |   |   | 6 |   |   | 7 |
|   |   | 5 | 2 |   |   |   | 9 |
| 1 | 3 |   |   |   | 4 | 8 |   |

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: ♦♦**

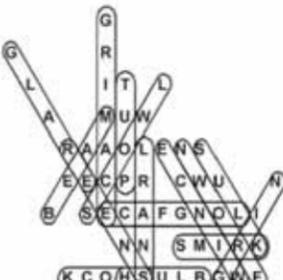
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

## Answers to last week's puzzles

— King Crossword —  
Answers  
Solution time: 25 mins.

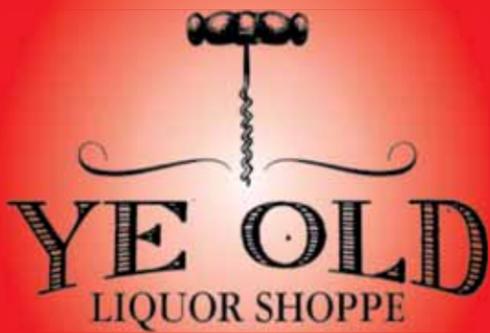


**FACIAL EXPRESSIONS**



— Weekly SUDOKU —  
Answer

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 2 |
| 9 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 5 |
| 2 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| 8 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| 7 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| 6 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| 1 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 4 |
| 4 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 1 |



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