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## Blumenthal seeks shore funds

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

During a news conference Friday at the Savin Rock gazebo, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi discussed how an upcoming Senate vote could bring “millions of dollars” in federal aid to the city’s coastline.

In the next three weeks, Blumenthal said, the Senate is poised to vote on the Water Resources Development Act, broad legislation to address the nation’s water infrastructure needs.

West Haven’s shoreline was severely eroded by Superstorm Sandy, making private and public infrastructure vulnerable to future weather events.

Blumenthal and Rossi were joined at the morning announcement by state Rep. Dorinda Borer, D-115, and City Clerk Deborah Collins.

Early last month, Borer heralded \$3.9 million in state funding for a new Cove River tide gate system to mitigate flooding and protect the tidal wetland, which abuts the campus of West Haven High School.

During the news conference, Connecticut’s senior senator said he fought for key provisions in the bill benefiting the state, including measures to safeguard West Haven’s beaches from future storm damage.

Blumenthal said the provisions, also supported by U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., call for the city to receive millions in federal funding to build dunes along the shoreline.

“Dunes are immensely important to the protection of property and life,” Blumenthal said.

The Army Corps of Engineers would oversee the federal project, he said.

“We are taking a multi-pronged approach to minimize the effect future storms will have on West Haven,” Rossi said. “On a beautiful day like today, it may be difficult to imagine why we are talking about coastal resiliency and storm hazard mitigation, but this is exactly when we should be making plans — not when a serious storm is in the forecast.”

She added: “This afternoon I’ll be meeting with our emergency operations center coordinator and the United Illuminating to discuss how West Haven can be ‘storm smart.’ The Atlantic hurricane season started seven weeks ago today and doesn’t end until Nov. 30. We have to be ready.”

West Haven prides itself on being home to the longest stretch of publicly accessible shoreline in Connecticut. The city’s nearly 4-mile tract of beach on Long Island Sound comprises 25 percent of the state’s public beaches, a valu-



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

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able asset that is ripe for attracting new businesses to the city, Rossi said.

City grants writer Eileen M. Krugel said the federal funding would finance the construction of beach dunes from the Savin Rock Conference Center on Rock Street to Beach Street and Morse Avenue, a distance of about a mile.

While some beach areas have dunes, particularly along Beach Street, the funding

“would provide uniformed dunes that would include protective grasses, fencing and dune crossovers preventing degradation by pedestrians,” Krugel said.

“These dunes would provide a protective measure in West Haven’s resiliency efforts,” said Krugel, adding that the project would complement the new tide gates as part of the city’s Coastal Resilience Plan.

Officials have said the gates

are vital to the preservation and restoration of the Cove River tidal wetland. When functioning, they are designed to protect the surrounding infrastructure and restore tidal flushing of the 90-acre marsh without flooding upland property, including homes, businesses and West Haven High, which is undergoing a \$134 million reconstruction.

The gates, however, have  
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Photo by Russ McCreven

### Riding the dragon

The Shoreline Festival continues through this weekend, beginning at 5 tonight and tomorrow night. Thousands of residents and families from surrounding towns came out to the Old Grove for the event. Organizers hope Mother Nature will cooperate as wet weather has hampered operations on a few nights.

Kylie Ortiz, age 5, a student at the West Haven Child development Center, Inc. predicts sunny outdoor weather to play with friends!



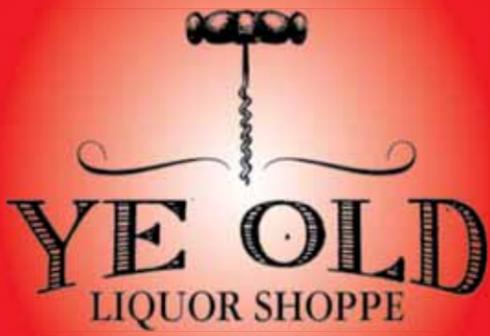
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### Sacco Scholarships

The Village Improvement Association Sacco Scholarship winners were awarded recently. Named after longtime library director, Connie Sacco, pictured are Isabella Console, Connie Sacco, Chanelle Fuentes, and Library Director Colleen Bailie. Not pictured is Kaylee Pliszka. The \$500 scholarships are for senior students entering their freshmen year of college.



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# WE'RE ADDING ANOTHER LEARNING TOOL TO THEIR TOOLBOX.



Some very excited students at the West Haven Child Development Center will soon see beautiful new technology in their classes: interactive whiteboards, made possible by a donation from the University of New Haven. Ronald Quagliani, Associate Vice President of Public Safety & Administrative Services, and Monique Bolt, Director of Undergraduate Events at the University and a former student at the Center, show them the important piece of paper that will make it happen.



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# Dear Felicia

Well honeybunch, things in the Asylum by the Sea are moving along apace this summer. Many, many of those "things" hafta do with kopecks or the lack of them, or how the lack of them has caused further problems. Needless to say that herroner is up to her bicuspid in problems and there ain't too many ways to extricate the city or the taxpayers.

Of course, the biggest news of the week is that the Municipal Accountability Review Board – that panel of experts that's supposed to lead us outta the financial desert we've been in for three decades – is now setting us up for a total take-over. Whilst the discussion is couched in "we really don't want to do this, but." The fack is the panel wants control. That is becoming more and more apparent.

As Sammy Bluejay told us a few weeks back, this is a group that don't wanna deal with the political process or with people that hafta deal with

the political process. These are boys and girls who're used to doing things their own way, and aren't interested in give-and-take.

Sammy was over discussing this t'other afternoon, and mentioned that it was rich that a panel of the state, which has its own financial hole to dig out of, is telling us we don't have the "political will" to get our act together. Now, we can debate on the decisions of the past, and there is plenty o' blame to go around, but the fact is this group of experts thinks they're giving us tough love. What they are setting us up for is a mass exodus...just like the entire state.

What Cobina fears – and what will probably happen – is the panel will put us into Tier IV status, take over the finances of the city, and decimate the city and the tax base even further. You can see it jest in the way they talked to herroner, and just the way they framed the entire discussion.

Like our esteemed editor sez in today's editorial, it took us 30 years to get here, and five years ain't enuff time to get us out.

So, effen Cobina was a bettin' woman, she'd say by this time next year, the MARB will have complete control of City Hall and the finances. It will impose its will on us, and we will see For Sale signs popping up like sooooo many mushrooms after a storm. A bad problem will get worse.

My only wonder is effen the former Hizzoner thought about these things when he pushed for bonding on the city's deficit. Given past history, probably not: Law of Unintended Consequences.

Just to circle back, much of the problem has to do with pensions, not only for the Al-lingtown Fire Dept. – or whatever they call it nowadays – but for the city in general. Yew and I talked about this years ago when the City Council took advantage of a then-new law that allowed the city's to bond to bring their pension funds up to full funding. The caveat was the city's had to fully fund thereafter or do it within five years.

Well, those five years have come and gone at least twice over and we didn't fully fund 'em, which was a violation of the law. But, then again, so is deficit budgeting and everyone seems to do that. Sooooo, a problem that we paid through

the nose to solve was never solved and comes back to bite us years late. Go figger.

*I see from the local papyrus that the union representing City Workers has filed an OSHA complaint that is probably gonna put us behind yet another eight-ball. Herroner was hoping that time locks on the lavatories down there would be a convenience. It is becoming not only inconvenient, but downright unhealthy.*

*Given the night creatures that seem to gravitate down there after dark, mischief seems to be the order of the day. I guess commodes were stopped up and waste water was everywhere and the places had to be professionally handled with power hoses and the like.*

*See above about Unintended Consequences. Herroner was trying to save money by not having to pay overtime. Instead, money we don't have is gonna be used to clean rest rooms that are defiled by the vermin that seem to crawl about there after dark. We've known for years about the sub-culture that seems to swarm there in the wee hours, but we seem to forget for a time, and then have it pushed in our face.*

*It might be that she will hafta bite the bullet on this one as a "penny wise, pound foolish" moment. It just might be better if we have someone on duty to do what needs to be done so that people who like to make mischief can't do their mischief. We shall see what transpires.*

We got a note from a reader this week, questioning Cobina's assertion that Eminent Domain wasn't used in the purchase of properties for the Haven. This reader seemed to think it happened twice. I don't seem to remember that, Felicia, do yew remember?

The resolution passed a couple weeks back did not seem to push the Eminent Domain button as the tracts were all purchased by the development company. I seem to remember that ED was threatened, but not imposed. Nobody wanted to see the Kelo decision used in this berg. That decision as one of the woist the Supreme Court ever came up with, and maybe that decision will be revisited.

Tennyrate, effen yew can find out whether it was imposed I'd be much appreciative, cuz my gray matter doesn't seem to recall it.

*Jest a short inquiry: have yew hoid anything about Merlie Mae lately? Cobina heard she was in a recovery hospital follying her injuries and complications after the house fire of about two months ago. Trying to find out anything has been difficult. We certainly hope she's doing OK and want her to know that her friends are bucking for her.*

Are Sens. Blumenthal and Murphy serious or are they just toadies of the Demmies? Never mind, we know they ain't serious, cuz effen they are, they're in need of a padded cell and tightly fitting jacket. Blumenthal, who has a penchant for melodrama, has gone off the deep end with his criticism of the President, whilst Murphy, who is probably one o' those Democratic Socialists we hear much about these days, just can't wait to git in front of a camera.

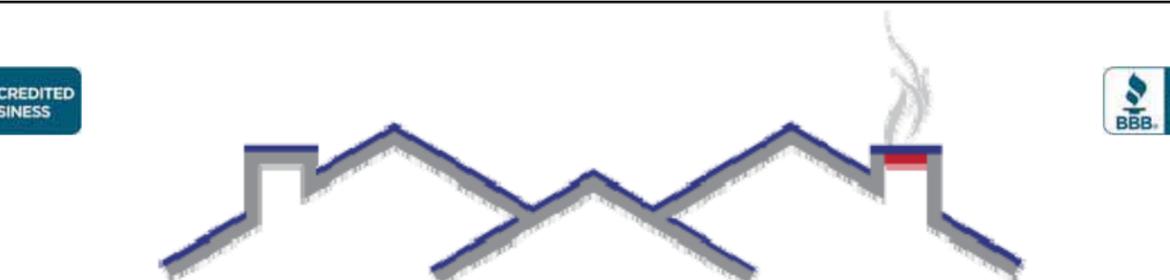
Both are totally embarrassing, but not to themselves. They don't have mirrors in their bathrooms so they certainly don't see themselves as others do. Effen they did they'd measure their words a bit differently. But lying is not something that is foreign to either one of them. They didn't get where they are by being forthright and honest.

*Iva Lootey passed by the Shoreline Fest last Thursday night and said the thing was not operating. There was some faux pas or t'other. We got a call in the office from a reader who let us know about it hours before. They seemed to think the state constabulary got involved, though no one knows why. Does anything ever go right in this burg? One could be permitted to doubt it.*

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*Cobina*

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# Gripevine

By Eleanore Turkington

### Gripe Vine Readers:

I received a number of comments on a recent reader's letter to Gripe Vine in which she complained vehemently of the risk of trying to cross Captain Thomas Blvd. a very busy street.

Here are a few letters offering additional complaints and possible solutions to the reader's safety concern on Captain Thomas Blvd.

### Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I agree 100 percent. West Haven needs to develop a culture of respect for pedestrians. Few cars ever slow down, and it makes walking unpleasant and even dangerous. We need more crosswalks and sidewalks, too!

*Slow Down*

### Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Can the city invest and place signs to remind drivers they need to yield to pedestrians are at crosswalks? On any given day, I can count 7-15 cars that do not even slow down when I am at the crosswalk, heck they barely slow down for STOP signs. It is getting downright dangerous to walk around this town.



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I watched as my son and his friends waited at a cross walk to get to the bus stop and honestly, no one stopped to allow them to cross. People seem to have forgotten common courtesy along with blatant disregard of state laws. Please increase patrols near bus stops at least!

*Worried Parent*

### Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There needs to be a bigger campaign to make West Haven streets SAFER. The organization Street Smarts is a great place for our officials to start.

Parts of Campbell Avenue (corners of Park and corner

of Noble) need these signs or Stop Signs. There isn't even a crosswalk on Noble. Foot traffic is typically ignored or given very little attention in our car culture. We drive around the corner for food and most of the time in a rush.

Those residents who walk or bike for recreation or run errands have to fend for themselves with no help from the Police Department with signage, crosswalks or bike lanes. More needs to be done!

Paint and signs don't cost much. I would like to see some kind of Safe Street committee that works on small pockets of neighborhoods to promote more foot traffic and slow down drivers. Anyone interested?

*Help*

### Dear Help:

Your suggestions and comments are thought provoking. Gripe Vine Readers, is there anyone out there interested in organizing a Safe Street Committee? Sounds like a plan!

### Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Last year they put those signs up in the middle of the crosswalk and they make an

enormous difference in the behavior of motorists.

Early this summer I called the police department and asked to please put those signs back up.

The tiny signs on the side of the road are either not seen or just ignored, and because there is absolutely no proactive presence in this area, speeding is rampant, which aggravates the situation. I have frequently been honked at and yelled at for being in the crosswalk and causing a driver to God forbid, slow down.

*A Hesitant Walker*

### Dear Eleanore Turkington:

This issue is not getting better, no police, and no signs. I will begin to post photos of cars as they do not stop for people in a crosswalk. We need the signs in the middle of crosswalks, please!

*Not Camera Shy*

### Dear Not Camera Shy:

Send those photos to me. I will be happy to publish them.

### Dear Eleanore Turkington:

In reference to the trouble

at the crosswalk on Captain Thomas Boulevard, there are yield signs to aid pedestrians in use all over our next door city for over ten years now. Currently, they are utilized in the hospital and Long Wharf areas.

There is also a speed sentry type which monitors and displays vehicle speed limits. Possibly someone could lead our safety awareness program and show them these inexpensive and effective measures that have been in use for years in more safety active towns. Upon past dealings with traffic problems in this similar issue, I gleefully hope you get better results.

*A Pessimist*

You can email your gripes, comments and issues to me at gripevine4wh@aol.com or mail them to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice, 666 Savin Ave. Please be sure to include your name, address and phone number. All comments are kept in strict confidence with me.

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# City moves closer to Tier IV in 'clinical' analysis by panel

The question of whether the City of West Haven will be put under "Tier IV" interdict by the Municipal Accountability Review Board moved a step closer to reality last week with the revelation by members they were "leaning" that way. At issue is the five-year plan that the city is trying to cobble together in order to present a better fiscal reality.

The proximate cause of the five-year plan's failure thus far is the city's pension responsibilities that are grossly underfunded. In fact, one member of the panel failed to see how the city ever gets out of the situation, even if Tier IV is imposed. Both the City of West Haven's Fire Dept. - Allintown and its other pension and post-employment accounts are underfunded more than \$160 million.

Those who have watched the budgeting of the city over the last three decades know that pension funding has been a problem - a big problem - for decades. In fact, more than a decade ago, the city bonded to fully fund its pensions, reneging on a promise to fully fund those accounts after the bonding was approved.

Over the years, the issue was put on the back burner. Now that the city put itself under the review of the MARB, every jot and tittle of the city's finances is under scrutiny, and every facet of the budget accounts have to be brought up to funding. The short-term benefit of bonding to eliminate the deficit means the taxpayers of the city will be asked - eventually - to pony up more taxes in order to balance the accounts. The Law of Unintended Consequences can never be repealed, indeed.

One member of the panel opined the taxpayers of the city should be brought up to speed on the dire situation to understand what is at stake. What that member doesn't seem to understand is the taxpayers are well aware of the situation, but tapped out as to the amount of taxes they are able to afford.

While it is all well and good for a panel of experts to be clinical in its assessment of what needs to be done, there is little humanity in that assessment. The city is between the proverbial rock and hard place. Raising taxes will further erode the tax base as people who can leave will. Industrial and commercial development is at a stand-still, and has been for almost two generations, and even projects like "the Haven" will not generate the tax revenue that will bring us to the Promised Land of solvency.

The problems facing the city have been 30 years in the making and a five-year plan is not going to solve it, no matter what the panel of experts thinks. The problem is Tier IV status will put the panel in the driver's seat regarding our finances, and it will impose those remedies it thinks necessary, regardless of the impact it will have on the residents. It's always easier to be dispassionate when one is not the subject being discussed.

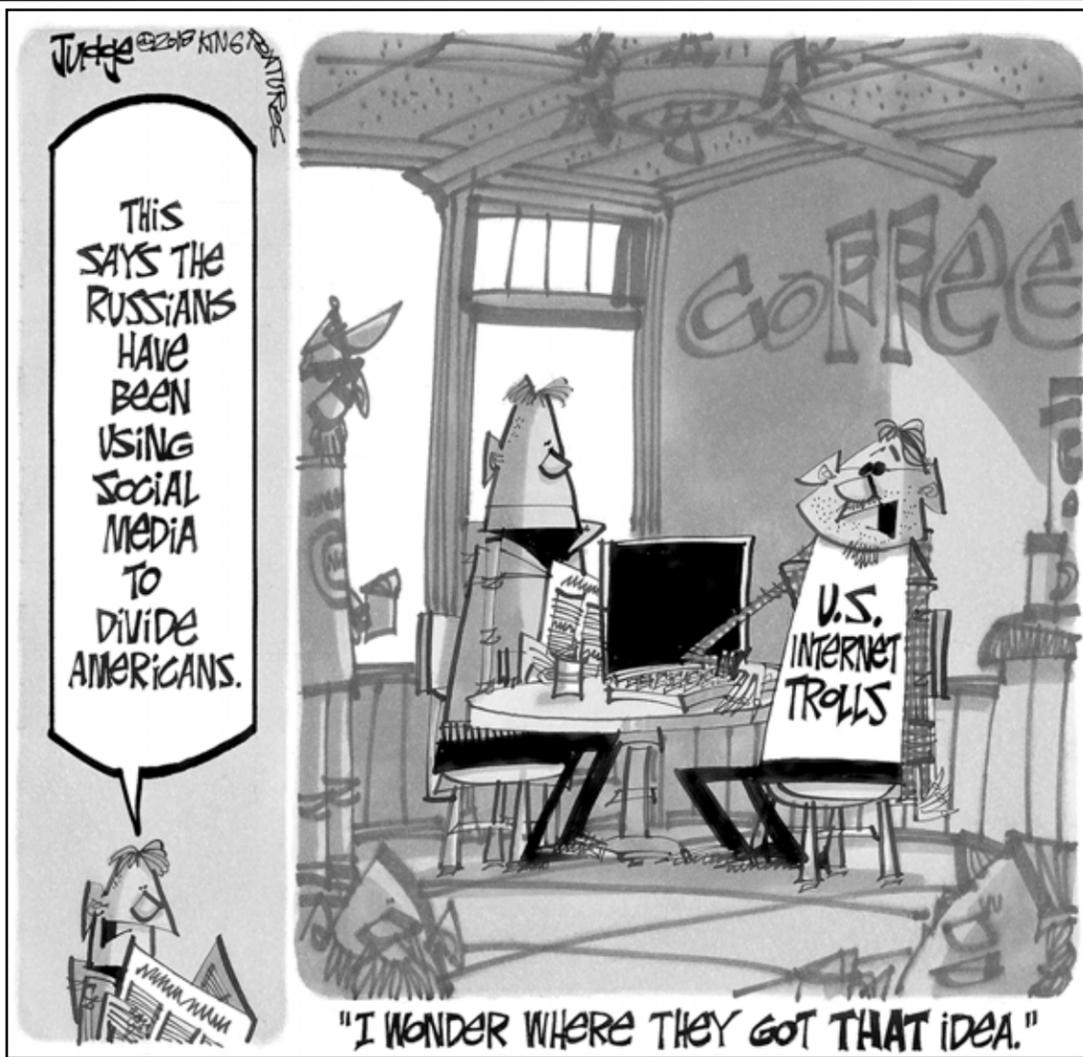
We are afraid the pain felt so far with budget and personnel cuts are nothing compared to what will be imposed over the next little while. We believe Tier IV status - and with it loss of local control - is inevitable. We have a situation where the shots are being called by a group of experts who see nothing more than a problem to be solved. They fail to see that people - real people - are affected by their decisions.

The irony is not lost that a panel of the State of Connecticut - one of the poorest run and most debt-ridden in the Union - is telling a small, seaside town to get its act together.

The further irony is that the state is laden down with millions of dollars in unfunded liabilities of its own in the form of pensions the state itself has left with incomplete budgeting.

We fully understand the need for the city to shore up its expenses and find new sources of continual revenue, but the clinical way the MARB is handling the situation is not taking a common sense approach. The city will need time -- maybe more than five years even by some member's reckoning -- to get out of this fiscal hole. It will take an incremental approach that allows taxpayers -- those who remain -- to pay the bills.

This "bean counter" approach by some members of the MARB and their ham-handed way of characterising our difficulties are not helpful, and may be detrimental in the long run. The city needs tough love, yes, but it also needs understanding for those who must pay the debt.



# SCOTUS needs reining in

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

In an era of partisan polarization, it is rare to get agreement on anything, but about this there should be a consensus: The Supreme Court is an undemocratic institution whose power should be carefully circumscribed.

The right has long been of this view, and the left is suddenly and opportunistically partway there.

In an essay capturing progressives' newfound skepticism, Ezra Klein of Vox wrote that the Supreme Court "has always been undemocratic" and is now becoming even "more dangerous." This represents a welcome turnabout from cheering the high court's de facto legislating, although the left is about a half-century late to the insight that the court isn't a democratically elected legislature.

In the 1960s, the court became markedly more assertive, delivering a raft of activist decisions, especially on matters of criminal justice and sexual morality.

Progressives cheered all the while. They happily pocketed all the court-mandated policy changes to their liking, relieved of the burden of enacting them through democratic means.

Needless to say, the court was never meant to be an unelected lawmaking body, and it has taken on such a highly charged role in our politics, in part, because it arrogated this power to itself.

The court's legitimacy comes from faithfully inter-

preting laws passed by the legislature and adhering to the Constitution that is the foundational governing document of the country, adopted and amended by "We the People." Anything else is a usurpation.

Progressives are, perversely, taking a hostile view of the court precisely when it may get a reliable majority of justices devoted to this vision.

Klein alleges that the court is becoming affirmatively "anti-democratic," meaning it isn't striking down democratically adopted voter rules and gerrymandered districts. Klein may oppose the Ohio law that purges nonvoters from the rolls, but there is a remedy readily at hand -- changing the law in Ohio.

If the left were serious about

its new worries about an undemocratic court, it would welcome the prospect of overturning Roe v. Wade.

Indeed, the belief that voters in states will ban abortion or more stringently regulate it if Roe is overturned is the single biggest motivating factor in opposition to Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. In other words, on this issue, the worry is that the court will allow too much democracy.

Of course, the court should act as a check on the popular will at times. But in doing so, it must limit itself to enforcing the law and the Constitution. This is the goal of originalism, which should be embraced by both sides as the appropriately modest view of the court's role

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# August bulk trash pickup canceled by city

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

As part of the city's ongoing efforts to cut costs, the bulk trash pickup slated for Aug. 6-10 has been suspended, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and acting Public Works Commissioner Lou Esposito said last week.

Rossi and Esposito said the city's final bulk pickup of 2018, however, will take place as scheduled on Oct. 8-12.

Rossi said canceling the August bulk pickup will save the city approximately \$50,000, plus dumping fees.

The pickup has been suspended because the weight of trash collected in

the March and June bulk pickups exceeded the maximum weight of trash accepted by the city's rubbish contractor, making bulk pickup increasingly cost prohibitive, Esposito said.

For bulk pickup, residents are reminded to separate metals and recyclables from regular trash and to put out trash no more than 24 hours before pickup.

Bulk items include couches, chairs, mattresses, tables, carpeting, padding, fencing and small amounts of bundled lumber, which may not exceed 6 feet in length. No building materials are accepted.

The amount of bulk trash per collection is limited to 6 cubic yards, which is equal to a pile of trash about 6 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4.5 feet high. Homeowners are required to rent a dumpster at their expense if trash exceeds 6 cubic yards.

Esposito said the city will be enforcing the bulk pickup limit of 6 cubic yards.

Violations carry a \$100 fine per daily offense.

To prevent a potential fine, property owners should familiarize themselves with the city's trash guidelines, which are posted on the Department of Public

Works page at [www.cityofwesthaven.com](http://www.cityofwesthaven.com).

Bulk items must be separated and orderly. Do not place them next to a mailbox or utility pole or close to a fence, Esposito said.

Bulk trash must be generated by the customer at the residential unit where it is collected. Trash will not be collected if it is generated by anyone other than the resident of the home.

Also, do not place bulk items in front of a vacant lot or home — they will not be collected, Esposito said.

For electronic items, the next e-waste drop-off day is Aug. 11.

# Shore: Blumenthal promises rehab funding

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been deemed "non-functioning" for the past 45 years, officials have said.

On Oct. 29, 2012, the surge of Superstorm Sandy overwhelmed the tide gates and flooded the high school's ballfields and track, prompting city officials to seek state funding to safeguard the area from a similar flooding event.

Officials said the dune project would also complement the \$14.5 million reconstruction of a section of Beach Street and First Avenue that was 5 feet underwater during Sandy.

The federal and state project, originally estimated at \$8.5 million, has increased by \$6 million because soil tests showed a subsurface of peat, Krugel said.

The project includes raising a 4,000-foot stretch of First Avenue and Beach Street from Monahan Place, near the wastewater treatment plant, to Morse Avenue, near the former Chick's Drive-in restaurant.

Elevations will range from 2 to 5 feet, based on existing topography, City Engineer Abdul Quadir has said.

During Sandy, the Water Pol-

lution Control Plant, 2 Beach St., was inaccessible to staff and emergency vehicles for nearly 12 hours because of extensive flooding.

In the storm's wake, the city has taken steps to make it more resilient to tidal flooding and coastal storms, including

dredging the Old Field Creek salt marsh near Beach Street, thanks to federal funding to help Connecticut municipalities like West Haven make such improvements.

The raising of Beach Street is being paid for in part by the U.S. Department of Hous-

ing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery program.

The project also includes the construction of concrete sidewalks and a two-way bike lane for future connection to a regional shoreline bikeway.

# Lowry: Left agrees

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in our republic.

But this would represent an enormous loss for progressives.

First, a court that no longer envisions itself as an instrument of social change wouldn't hand the left totalist victories unachievable in the political realm. Two, the animating vision behind the Constitution -- written by men with a strong suspicion of centralized power -- runs counter to the logic of progressive government.

So the left will bang on about the undemocratic court without changing its core belief that it is rightfully the vehicle for imposing its policies.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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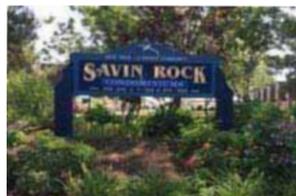
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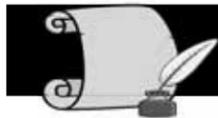


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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shino

### Blessed Are The Merciful

If you happen to visit Bradley Point this summer, think about this a moment: Long before Veterans Walk ever existed, a small band of West Haveners that included Thomas Painter stood on that very same shoreline firing their muskets at British and Hessian soldiers rowing towards shore at sunrise on July 5, 1779. Out-numbered and outgunned, Painter and his friends soon ran for their lives.

Within an hour, some 1,500 troops were snaking their way up what is now Savin Avenue to the West Haven Green amid intermittent sniper fire from the heavily wooded hillside along the entire route.

Some unruly soldiers occasionally broke ranks to pilfer homes and steal whatever they could. In one case, a soldier pulled the wedding ring off a terrified woman's finger. In another, a soldier rammed his bayonet through a family bible. With so many men wanting to let off steam following a night cramped aboard their transports, their officers had their hands full keeping their troops in good order.

One of those officers was Adjutant William Campbell. His role was to oversee the flanking units – advance guards whose job it was to flush out the rebels and test their strength. At over 6' tall,

Campbell, astride his mount, was an imposing figure.

At age 37, he was held in high regard by his men and superiors alike as the epitome of a Scots Guardsman.

So when Campbell came upon a group of soldiers viciously taunting a hapless minister who had broken his leg in his failed effort to escape, the Adjutant immediately ordered them to stop what some later claimed was a going to be a hanging party.

"We make war on soldiers, not civilians," Campbell was allegedly overheard scolding the troopers. He then ordered them to help the Rev. Noah Williston back to the parsonage and called for the regimental surgeon to set the minister's leg. To prevent any further threats to the clergyman, Campbell posted a guard at the parsonage door. Williston is said to have spent the remainder of the day praying to the Lord in thanks for sparing his life. Whatever may have been said between the minister and Campbell is now lost to history.

But one thing is certain. Campbell's act of mercy was no accident. As far back as his childhood, he had witnessed British atrocities against Scottish civilians following the Battle of Culloden in 1746, and had learned that was unacceptable behavior even at a

time of war.

Then as a guardsman in London, Campbell earned the respect of even the king himself for the cool, even-tempered way he and his fellow Foot Guards handled dangerous rioters in 1768. And now as an officer in the most elite unit in the British army, Campbell's experience and military breeding go a long way in explaining his simple act of mercy to save an injured and helpless stranger.

Not long after his encounter with Williston, Adj. Campbell was shot in the chest while reconnoitering American defenses atop Milford Hill in Allingtown. That imposing figure in his saddle proved to be an easy target. Carried to a local farmhouse by his aide, Campbell was left to die. But not before the aide took the officer's belongings and disappeared. American militiamen from Milford then stripped Campbell's corpse of his uniform and boots. He was buried the next day on the edge of a farmer's field and was soon forgotten.

A half century later, a local historian named John Warner Barber was so moved by the story of Campbell's act of mercy that he placed a small headstone to mark the British officer's gravesite. It soon became something of an attraction, and visitors would chip



The Campbell Memorial as it now sits near the University of New Haven campus.

away pieces of the marker as keepsakes.

For years, a Milford man is said to have worn Campbell's uniform at Fourth of July parades in New Haven, and the Milford Grenadiers, a military unit, appears to have modeled their uniforms after that worn by Campbell.

By the late 19th century, a committee of New Haveners who were deeply moved by the Campbell story installed a new monument to the adjutant near his burial site.

Then West Haven's postmaster and newspaper editor, Harry Ives Thompson, mounted a campaign to rename the

town's main thoroughfare after the fallen British officer.

To this day, Campbell Avenue and the Campbell Monument are thought to be the only such testimonials honoring an enemy combatant in the United States.

Inscribed on Campbell's monument is a simple verse from the Bible that hopefully none of us will ever forget: "Blessed are the Merciful."

Guest contributor Peter J. Malia is the author of award-winning *Visible Saints: The Colonial History of West Haven, 1648 – 1798*, available from [www.connecticutpress.com](http://www.connecticutpress.com), Amazon, and Barnes & Noble.

Submitted Photo

### Eco-walk

West Haven Representative Dorinda Borer (far left) and Patrick Fallon staff member of the West Haven Center for Coastal Ecology, led an educational walk to discuss coastal resiliency and the environment of the West Haven shore. Borer is shown with the counselors and campers.



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# Sullivan named BB coach

Tyrese Sullivan is a two-time All-State basketball selection at Hillhouse, and a two-time team captain at the University of Rhode Island. He has also been a part of three CIAC championship teams at Hillhouse as an assistant coach.

You can now add head coach to his impressive basketball resume.

Formally approved by the West Haven Board of Education Thursday morning, Sullivan has been named the next head boys basketball coach at West Haven High, replacing Harry Bosley, who resigned a short time ago in May.

"I want to thank Mrs. (Pam) Gardner, Mr. (Neil) Cavallaro and Mr. (Jon) Capone for giving me this opportunity," Sullivan said. "I do not take this lightly. I look forward to being the head coach at West Haven."

Known for his offensive savvy as both a point guard on the court as well as his time as an assistant coach, Sullivan will look to get the program up and running again after missing the postseason last year.

"Ty excelled as a player at both the high school and college level, and has been an assistant coach at one of the most storied basketball programs in the state of Connecticut," West Haven Superintendent of Schools Neil Cavallaro said. "He brings that winning culture to West Haven. Ty is committed to working year-round with our student-athletes and ensuring that they develop to their potential academically as well as athletically."

"Once our search began, and

we started speaking to those who follow high school basketball in the area about potential candidates, the consensus was that if we could hire Tyrese Sullivan, we'd be getting one of the bright young minds in the game."

Last season also saw Bosley put on administrative leave pending an investigation in January for allegations of emotional abuse of his players, which were found unsubstantiated by Cavallaro in May, before Bosley agreed to resign.

The Westies made the CIAC state tournament in 13 of Bosley's 16 seasons at the helm, also winning a pair of division titles.

A 1976 graduate of West Haven, Bosley was in the midst of his 16th season as the head coach of the Westies and 24th overall with the program.

For Sullivan, the immediate goal will not only correlate with wins and losses.

It will be about having a plan for the student-athletes to succeed on and off the court, as well as playing, and staying together as a family to develop a winning culture.

"It starts when you walk in that door," Sullivan said. "We established that culture at Hillhouse. The wins will come. It is all about establishing a culture and making sure the student-athletes have a plan when they graduate, whether it is a plan of going to an institution of higher learning, joining the work force or doing something positive after. We have to instill that."

West Haven athletic director Jon Capone is very happy with the selection, and feels the hiring of Sullivan is a new beginning for the boys' basketball program, which is searching for its first state title in over three decades, since it won its only state championship in 1987.

"I believe Coach Sullivan's philosophy, both on and off the court, will be a perfect fit for West Haven High School," Capone said. "Our kids will make an immediate connection with Coach Sullivan, and I am looking forward to working with him in building a winning program."

The search committee for a new head coach was very well represented, and was headlined by Superintendent Cavallaro, high school principal Pam Gardner, and Capone.

"Ty Sullivan will be a welcomed addition to the coaching ranks at West Haven High School," Gardner said. "He values coaching the student-athlete on and off the court, with the ultimate goal of crossing the stage with their high school diploma."

"His wealth of experience as a four-year college basketball star at the University of Rhode Island and as an associate head coach in New Haven make him the ideal coach to build the basketball program at West Haven High School. I am excited for the new vision of our basketball program under Coach Sullivan's leadership."

As an assistant coach at Hillhouse, Sullivan was a big part of the preparation of the game



**Tyrese Sullivan became the WHHS varsity basketball coach by vote of the Board of Education last week. He succeeds Harry Bosley, who resigned earlier this year.**

plan as well as scouting teams.

Born and raised in New Haven, and currently residing in Hamden, the 35-year-old brings a love and passion to everything he does. Basketball and academics are no different.

"The first thing we will do is make sure the kids are all academically sound," Sullivan said. "We will make sure they are taking the right courses. We will work with the parents and get that communication going. The academics need to be on point and headed in the right direction."

With success in the classroom, and togetherness on and off the court, wins will follow.

"I am excited about the challenge," Sullivan said. "This is something, that, in time, we will be able to accomplish. I am very confident in my abilities as a leader. This is a great opportunity. West Haven has a lot of great history with Reggie Hayes, Ms. Wanda Gibbs, Mrs. Bosley, Harry Bosley, to name a few, and my cousin Ivoree Stanley played with the program. I have a lot of respect for these people and this program. I saw this as an opportunity I could not pass up. I talked with (Hillhouse) coach (Renard) Sutton and he was very supportive. It is time for me to grow and see what I can do as the leader of a program."

## Football camp honors Sebastian



Submitted Photo

Jordan's father Craig Sebastian encouraging Joe Cardozo to "Take it to coach."

By Liz Johnston

Special to the Voice

Dominate the Day Foundation, a non-profit established to honor the life and legacy of West Haven resident Jordan W. Sebastian, hosted a free football camp for local athletes at Hopkins School in New Haven on Saturday, July 21.

Sebastian played Pop Warner with the West Haven Seahawks, the New Haven Middle School All-Star Team, Hopkins School, and The University of Rhode Island. After graduating, Sebastian taught and coached at St. Luke's in New Canaan before returning to Hopkins as the Defensive Coordinator.

Sebastian and his cousin, Dante Brito, Jr. (co-founder of Dominate the Day Foundation), had long dreamed of starting an affordable football camp. Both Sebastian and Brito had attended many football camps and combine events when they were young and recognized that they'd had opportunities that others did not. They vowed to create such opportunities for others.

When Sebastian passed away in October, Brito (who played DB at Hamden Hall and Stonehill College) and Sebastian's father, Craig, (former running back for SCSU and the Berlin Adler in Germany), knew they had to make that dream a reality. Sebastian's family, along with the support of the entire Hopkins School community, hosted the inaugural camp on a perfectly sunny Saturday afternoon at Parr field, known as "The Pit", on

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# Camp: *Foundation's 1st event successful*

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the Hopkins campus.

The camp was open to the first 100 middle schoolers who registered and was attended by athletes from many surrounding towns, and MA. During the camp athletes worked on combine drills, individual skill work, one-on-one, and 7-on-7 with the aid of Hopkins Head Coach, Tim Phipps, Hillhouse Head Coach, Reggie Lytle, Oxford Head Coach Joe Stochmal, Derrick Lewis of Bridgeport Central, Nicholas D'Angelo of Guilford High School, Ron Lacoit (former Hyde and SCSU coach), Dan Parody (Oxford), Courtney Sutherland (semi-pro player and coach) as well as Sebastian's godfather, Dennis Wade, (former SCSU wide receiver). Al volunteered their time.

Avon Old Farm's QB, Taisun Phomnachanh, (recently committed to Clemson), Central Connecticut's Byron (BJ) Dickens and Boston College's

CJ Lewis were there to lend a hand. Sebastian's former URI teammate Tarik Pusey, former Hopkins players Doug Wardlaw (UConn), Spencer Lockhart and Will Bagnall as well as former Hamden Hall player Alejandro Pabon-Rey were also there to share their talents.

Sebastian's father Craig and three of his brothers: Brandon and Bryce Sebastian (Boston College) and Jalen Hoskie all spent the day coaching in honor of Jordan.

Sebastian's sister Brianna (WHHS) assisted, participated in combine drills and cheered for campers as they competed. Sebastian's blended family and wide network of friends and teammates collaborated to bring his vision to life and to provide a great experience for local kids.

Dominate the Day Football Camp gave top awards to just a few of the talented athletes who were there. The overall MVP of the camp was

Pearson Hill (West Haven) who excelled in offense, defense and the combine period; he also scored the only touchdown on his team in 7-on-7 portion and was a clear stand out. The award for top overall offensive player went to Champ Long (New Haven) who had the fastest 40 and the farthest broad jump. Long was poised in the pocket with great decision-making. He displayed the ability to make various throws to multiple receivers.

The overall defensive player was Donovan Davis (West Haven) who made the game-winning pick six during the 7-on-7 period. The Relentless award, one that acknowledges the athlete with the most determination and grit, was given to Rakaigh Pettway (Bridgeport). The coach's pick award went to Izaiah Smith (Stratford) who competed at a high level while playing with athletes 2-3 years older. And finally, Tyler Booker (New Haven) received *The Dominator Award* for

the player who best embodied all the powerful qualities Sebastian possessed as a player and coach throughout his life.

Dominate the Day Foundation, in partnership with Hopkins School, plans to hold the camp each year in honor of Sebastian, and in keeping with the foundation's mission to help young people become the absolute best version of themselves. Dominate the Day Foundation is also planning a free back-to-school event August and will offer tutoring and educational workshops to West Haven and New Haven students in the fall. More detailed information and applications will be available soon. To learn about upcoming events or support the foundation, visit [www.dominatethedayfoundation.com](http://www.dominatethedayfoundation.com).

Ed. Note: Liz Johnston is the mother of the late Jordan Sebastian and offered this recap of last week's camp.

# UNH plans expansion for centennial

The University of New Haven today announced it has undertaken a significant building and renovation program of its main campus as the university approaches its Centennial in 2020.

The university, founded on the Yale Campus in 1920, is undertaking an unprecedented building program, entitled, "Building for Success."

"Our goal is to create a campus and a community for the decades to come and a physical environment that embodies the dreams and ambitions of our students," University President Steven H. Kaplan said. "The program is re-envisioning the campus to reflect the entire student experience - classrooms, housing,

and social spaces, as well as the ways in which members of the university community, guests, and visitors move through and around the campus."

The centerpiece of the program is construction of the Bergami Center for Science, Technology, and Innovation, a 44,000-square-foot, three-story building to house engineering and science labs, a 3D visualization technology suite, collaborative classrooms, and space for the Communication, Film, and Media Studies Department. A soaring, light-filled atrium within the building will serve as additional collaborative and interaction space.

In addition, the university is renovating a

38,000-square-foot building adjacent to campus to serve as a research center. The building will include space for advanced student studies, such as the Center for Analytics, as well as additional research labs and project space.

The university is making significant upgrades to its science laboratories, as well as renovations to residence halls and athletics facilities that will enrich the experience for student-athletes and fans.

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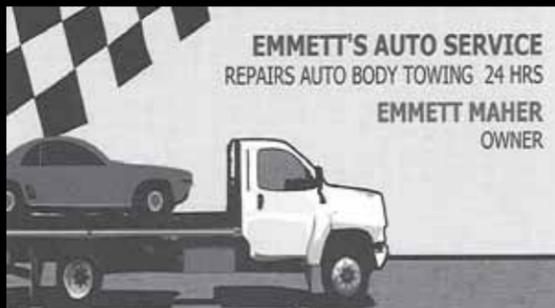
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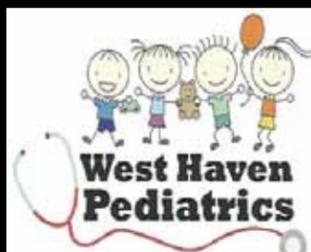
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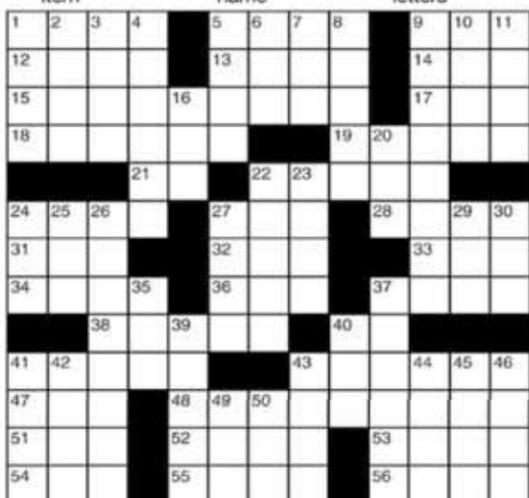
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## King Crossword

- |   |  |                            |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                           | 43 Buck  | 10 Therefore               |
| 1 Throat clearer                        | 47 401(k) alterna-<br>tive                         | 11 Greenish-blue           |
| 5 Pinball boo-<br>boo                   | 48 Hearth  | 16 Lanka prece-<br>der     |
| 9 Moment                                | 51 "What's up,<br>—?"                              | 20 Glutton                 |
| 12 Transcending<br>(Pref.)              | 52 Coffee shop<br>array                            | 22 Merriment               |
| 13 Distant                              | 53 The "I" in "The<br>King and I"                  | 23 Makes up<br>one's mind  |
| 14 Weep                                 | 54 Storm center                                    | 24 Charlotte's<br>creation |
| 15 Key with a<br>left-pointing<br>arrow | 55 Plumbing<br>problem                             | 25 Exist                   |
| 17 Khan title                           | 56 Clarinet insert                                 | 26 Hot-rodders'<br>contest |
| 18 Them                                 |  | 27 Raised plat-<br>form    |
| 19 Chef's garb                          | <b>DOWN</b>  | 29 By way of               |
| 21 Smallest st.                         | 1 Early pulpit                                     | 30 Listener                |
| 22 Decorator's<br>theme                 | 2 Warmth   | 35 Italian article         |
| 24 Bankrolls                            | 3 Leave a good<br>impression?                      | 37 Column                  |
| 27 Party bowlful                        | 4 Creators   | 39 Horrible                |
| 28 Donated                              | 5 Reveille's<br>opposite                           | 40 Bound                   |
| 31 Mess up                              | 6 "— picture<br>paints a thou-<br>sand words, ..." | 41 Faction                 |
| 32 Illustrations                        | 7 Fond du —,<br>Wis.                               | 42 Helen's place           |
| 33 Spy novel org.                       | 8 Halloween<br>candy                               | 43 Dilbert's place         |
| 34 Boyfriend                            | 9 Capone's nick-<br>name                           | 44 Diane or<br>Nathan      |
| 36 Part of TGIF                         |  | 45 Dermatology<br>subject  |
| 37 Bartlett or<br>Bosc                  |  | 46 Peruse                  |
| 38 Grind the teeth                      |  | 49 Rage                    |
| 40 "Hello"                              |  | 50 Geneticist's<br>letters |
| 41 Soda shop<br>item                    |  |                            |



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E B Y G A N T Y V T T Q O L I  
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U S M O R T M Q O M L K I F D  
B U Z E S E A Y X M C I W U S  
H Q O N R T N D A L A J N H F  
D C A I Y O M W N L N N V A T  
S Q F P N L F A K A A I G H M  
F E C B R E G A N A M R O O D

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

- |         |           |        |          |
|---------|-----------|--------|----------|
| Doomman | Layman    | Manger | Mantel   |
| Fireman | Manacle   | Mango  | Postman  |
| Foreman | Manager   | Manna  | Watchman |
| Human   | Mandatory | Manor  |          |



**HORACE MACDIVOT** had better learn to keep his head down or he's going to be here all day. How many golf balls can you find in the above picture?

**FIDGETY DIGITY!** The Professor wants you to find a three-digit number that, when multiplied by four, will give you five. You have one minute!

**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.

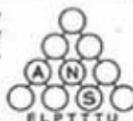
## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

**AN AVIARY ASSIGNMENT!**

I know that this quiz is for the birds, but try it anyway. Using the following hints, can you tell us:

- WHAT BIRD ...**
- loves to sing?
  - is very religious?
  - eats the most?
  - is the best ocean hunter?
  - could work in an office?
  - would make a good tailor?
  - can carry a tune?
  - can lift heavy weights?
  - likes a good time?
  - shrinks from danger?



Answers: 1. The warbler. 2. The cardinal. 3. A turkey (gobbler). 4. The kingfisher. 5. A secretary bird. 6. The weaverbird. 7. A hummingbird. 8. A crane. 9. The hawk. 10. The quail.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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!

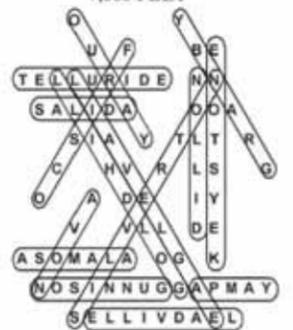
## Answers to last week's puzzles

— King Crossword —  
Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

LEFT	GEE	ISLE
AXLE	ROD	SPAR
SPANKING	OAKS	
TOKENS	ATTL	LEE
TIS	ROOD	
WAS	TOW	EPICS
HIPS	MOB	ENDO
ORATE	WAR	GET
WAKE	ROT	
CANNES	ROADIE	
ACID	SPAMMING	
RANI	ERG	EDDO
SIGN	NEE	SOYS

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— Weekly SUDOKU —  
Answer

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

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