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WestFest on Green, Sept. 8



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Last year's WestFest brought thousands of residents to the Green along with hundreds of University of New Haven students. The combined effort between the city, the university and the UNH Mayor's Advisory Commission hopes to solidify town-gown relations.

City, WHCH honor Herbert

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Beloved city resident Patricia "Pat" Herbert celebrated her 100th birthday with Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and William Heffernan, president of the West Haven Community House board of directors, during a reception attended by dozens of colleagues, family and friends — and even a former pupil — Aug. 21 at the Community House, 227 Elm St.

At the two-hour reception, Herbert, a lifetime board member and former board president of the Community House, was lauded as a pioneer in the field of social services.

"To me, her commitment to the Community House and its work is unmatched for anybody over that length of time."

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Patricia "Pat" Herbert celebrates her 100th birthday with William Heffernan, president of the West Haven Community House board of directors, and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi during a reception Aug. 21 at the Community House.

WestFest 2018, a community festival aimed at bringing the West Haven and University of New Haven communities closer, will feature food, music and inflatables for the fourth year.

The free event is 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 8 on the West Haven Green. The rain date is Sept. 9.

WestFest is co-sponsored by the UNH Mayor's Advisory Commission, UNH, Watson Inc., Casa Bianca Pizza, Notre Dame High School of West Haven, Wells Fargo and US Alliance Financial.

Festival proceeds will benefit the West Haven Emergency Assistance Task Force, West Haven's food pantry. Watson and WHEAT will hold a food drive during the event. People are asked to bring nonperishable items.

WestFest is again collaborating with the 5K Unity Run, sponsored by the UNH cross-country and track teams. The 10 a.m. run will start and finish at Maxcy Hall on the university's main campus, 300 Boston Post Road.

After the run, transportation will be provided to WestFest on the Green, where attendees can participate in the 5K Unity Run's powdered paint party and enjoy the family-friendly festivities.

Food trucks from Cappetta's Italian Imports & Pizza, Louise's Homemade Food & Baked Goods, The Colombian Hot Dog and Ted's Steamed Burgers will serve up local dishes. Other participating businesses will include Watson, WHEAT, crafters, high school clubs, a face painter and a henna artist.

All-day entertainment will showcase live music by local bands, such as The Cobalt Rhythm Kings, Arcadia and Him or Her. There will also be the traditional WestFest pie-eating contest, sponsored by Louise's, as well as a dunk tank where attendees can dunk state Reps. Michael A. Di-Massa and Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven, and Councilman Sean P. Ronan, D-9, along with UNH professors and members of the university's Undergrad-

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Burger bistro rounds out Atwood

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Wielding a pair of oversize scissors, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, joined by a delegation of city and state leaders, cut the ribbon Monday with franchise owner Prakash Wadhvani and General Manager Anton Tomaj to celebrate the ceremonial opening of Mooyah Burgers, Fries & Shakes at Route 1 and Atwood Place.

While the morning event was touted as the restaurant's "grand opening," Mooyah, a fast-casual, "better burger" concept, officially opened its doors July 6 on the ground floor of The Atwood, a new \$18 million apartment and commercial building developed by the Acorn Group.

Founded in 2007, the Plano, Texas-based chain specializes in made-to-order burgers, hand-cut fries and milkshakes.

The West Haven location, which employs about 40 people, is Mooyah's third in Connecticut, after Mansfield and Newington.

The new 2,463-square-foot restaurant, open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily, seats about 100 people inside and 24 at six tables outside. It also offers online ordering and delivery services.

The symbolic ribbon-cutting

took place as many of The Atwood's residents, all students of the nearby University of New Haven, headed to their first day of classes.

It was attended by Mooyah regional owner Jay Hummer, Acorn General Manager Rick Pollack, and UNH Police Chief Tracy L. Mooney, Brian Kench, dean of the College of Business, and Ron Kuntze, nonprofit institute director of marketing and quantitative analysis of the College of Business.

It also included state Rep. Michael A. DiMassa, D-West Haven; City Council Chairman Ronald M. Quagliani, D-at large; Councilwoman Robbin Watt Hamilton, D-5; Councilman Peter V. Massaro, D-6; City Clerk Deborah Collins; mayoral Executive Assistant Lou Esposito; and city Planning and Development Commissioner Fred A. Messore.

Wadhvani, of New Canaan, is a former banker who also works in real estate. He also owns three franchises in Greater New Haven for a men's grooming business, Kennedy's All-American Barber Club.

The Atwood, standing between Atwood Place and Taft Avenue, is just 400 feet from

UNH's Route 1 campus, which is home to about 6,000 students.

The four-story, 90,150-square-foot building, built by the Acorn development company Forest Road Manor LLC on the former 89-year-old site of Carroll Cut-Rate Furniture, houses 67 market-rate apartments, composed of one- and two-bedroom studios, and 15,000 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor.

In addition to Mooyah, the national retail tenants occupying the ground floor of the brick and fiber cement-sided building include Torrington-based EbLens Clothing & Footwear and Rye, New York-based USAlliance Financial.

The Atwood is complemented by the Park View, Acorn's budding mixed-use development across the street at Route 1 and Cellini Place, in making the neighborhood around the Allingtown Green a destination.

Rossi, Messore and David Kooris, deputy commissioner of the state Department of Economic and Community Development, recently toured the site with Acorn officials.

The 85,000-square-foot project, scheduled for construction on the site of what years ago

was the Park Theatre, would include 50 market-rate apartments with covered parking and 20,000 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor.

Like The Atwood, which opened Aug. 17, 2017, the Park View would consist of one- and two-bedroom studios, according to preliminary plans.

On July 24, 2017, the City Council approved the sale of 9,024 square feet of the Louis J. Piantino Branch Library's parking lot at 1 Forest Road to Acorn for the Park View project. The property was sold for \$106,000.

Acorn, based in New Haven, has also announced plans for **See Atwood, page 12**



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Dear Felicia

Well sweets, it's hard to believe, but school is back in session, and things around the berg are beginning to pick up. Meeting notices are starting to come into the papyrus, several events are happening in the next week or so, and the hustle and bustle of the regular year are revving up. Whilst there still might be three weeks before summer is officially over, as far as the rhythm of things around here, it's all but over.

Next week alone, there are several things going on. Among them the Westfest, sponsored by the University of New Haven and the city - to improve town-gown relations - is happening on the Green, Sept. 8. On the same day, the I-A Club on Chase Lane is havin' its Italian Festival. This was something the city sponsored for a couple o' years, you'll remember, down on lower Campbell Avenue. The I-A took it over. And then the libraries are having their book sale, culling the herd of

old volumes, that is a big day for some around here.

Then in a few weeks the Congregational Church is gonna have its Apple Festival on the Green. This year the proceeds are gonna help the reconstruction of the steeple, which Iyam told needs a good reinforcement. It's been in its present shape since the early 1950s when a hurricane decided to do some damage. That was a bit ago, and though it's been fixed before, it's needing a big piece of work to the tune of \$250,000.

And, Monday is Labor Day, so it's a fed'ral holiday. Though it usually is a day for festivities and setch, since school is already started, the long weekend has taken on a different feel for the last several years. People don't do what they once did cuz of the schools opening so early.

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Sammy Bluejay was fluttering about the berg on Monday morning quite early. It's getting

darker and darker as it does, yew know. Tennyrate, the reason he was out and about was the foist day of school. Things seemed to have gone on without a hitch, not too much on the buses having isshews, and the schools themselves opened without too much folderol.

The kiddies were out early. Sammy was flying about at 6 in the ayem, and the kiddies were already starting to stir along the sidewalks. He went over to the WHHS to see what's went on there, and sez that people seemed to maneuver around the construction fairly simply, though he's sure some things went awry.

The looks on some o' the faces was very telling. As I said earlier, it's hard to believe the summer is over, and these kids seemed to feel that.

Over at the high school, there was one body missing and that was Merlie Mae. She is still recovering from the double-whammy she got. As yew remember there was a fire in her domicile early in the summer, and then she had some medical isshews after that. She is recovering and it gits one to wondering when she is gonna be back in the classroom.

Merlie is a tough ole cuss and effen Cobina was a bettin' woman, she'd say that Merlie would be back before her classes before the leaves start fallin' off the trees.

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The wag came in t'other afternoon and noticed that there has been an uptick in photos with various candidates' likenesses in them. He wasn't sur-

prised he knows the drill come election time. It just seems that once the campaign season hits, there are events where candidates come outta the woodwork. He also noticed that some endorsement letters are coming through for various candidates.

Our editor noticed it too, as far as the photos are concerned, and he chuckles at it. Everyone is soooo civic minded and full of community spirit. What they really wanna be see for is votes, pure and simple. After years in this business, yew git a bit cynical.

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Nelly Nuthatch came by t'other day and said she noticed that several sidewalks have been torn up around town, and that several more seem marked up with paint or chalk that are gonna be torn up. As yew know around here, sidewalks are the victim o' trees whose roots are jest under the surface - thus raising a square or three - and frost heaves that displace the squares.

There seems to be some work getting to both the heaved sidewalks and those that haven't been tetched since the Truman administration. Methinks this is being paid for by those elusive bonds that paid or lots o' things passed by the City Council last year: the operating debt, paving and sidewalks.

Now's a good time to do them cuz it'll be somewhat dry and not too hot. Things will hafta be done before the snow flies. That's for

sure.

Robby Raven came in and sez that there is some murmuring about the Haven project waiting for some state cash for something. It's supposed to go to the city, and the amount he heard was \$30 million. Huh? I thought everything over there was ready to go? Yeah. The way Robby hears it, outgoing Gov. Dannel Malloy was somehow gonna pump some cash into the area for the project, but said kopecks have not found their way outta the State House into the coffers.

Could this be yet another move by the State Bonding Commish that has mortgaged the state into the third millennium? One has reason to wonder. As far as the Haven is concerned, there has been some movement on permits and setch, but to call this thing "glacial" is to say a mouthful.

Meawhile, the Haven came under discussion jest t'other day. Cobina had to travel outside the city on Saturday, and had to git to the highway via El-em Street. Well, honey bunch, jest as we've been saying for two years, the traffic to git to the highway was backed up from the Boulevard to the Kimberly Avenue Bridge. The light let about 10 cars per change through before it went through the cycle again. It took nearly seven minutes to git through there to the highway ramp.

Jest imagine what's gonna happen when the Haven is constructed. The backups on and off the highway will be larger, and they'll go up and over the bridge all the way to Foist Avenue. Tell me how this is all supposed to work again?

The yahoos in Hartford who thought getting rid of the ramps/clover leaves that were once there obviously did not pay too much attention. I still say that new traffic pattern off the highway to the boulevard in New Haven is an accident waiting to happen, and effen the Haven is built as announced, watch out.

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Meanwhile, the query has come up as to whot is gonna happen with Beach Street. What Cobina wants to know is the big project to raise the roadbed up about seven feet to prevent beach erosion and flooding. The idea to raise the roadbed was made a little more than a year ago, and there was gonna be a confluence o' state and federal dollars, I think I remember. Well, we ain't heard much about it since, so Cobina is wondering what is happening with it. I have a feeling it was a campaign announcement and hasn't gone too much farther. Like I said, call me cynical. Mitt luff und kizzez,

Cobina

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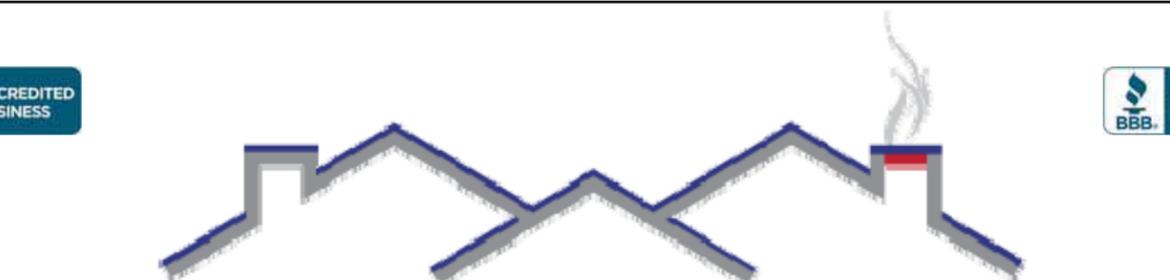
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Gripevine

By Eleanore Turkington

Dear Gripe Vine Readers:

I have sent more than 75 gripes to the mayor's office because I was unable to receive many responses to your complaints, from the mayor's Executive Assistant, Louis Esposito.

Mayor Nancy Rossi replied to my gripes as you will see in her answers in today's Gripe Vine.

After you read the mayor's answer to Gripe Vine, I will make an attempt to explain her directives

Dear Ms. Turkington,

Thank you for forwarding your "gripes" to my office. My staff has sorted the complaints by voting district and will distribute them to the City Councilors elected to each district. As I stated in my February 2018 letter, when I took office I eliminated the position of Complaints Officer. As you know West Haven is facing some serious financial and budget challenges. As a result, I am making difficult and sometimes painful cuts to remedy our budget problems. We cannot operate as we have in the past.

The City of West Haven will listen and address when appropriate, concerns raised by your readers. Your readers would be best served if their first course of action is to contact the department, e.g. public works, police, building, blight, etc., that is trained and authorized to manage their issues.

In addition, there are 13 city councilors, three who serve the city at-large and one each in the 10 voting districts. Your readers should familiarize themselves with who represents them on City Council. Each Councilperson lists their contact information on the city website at [www.cityofwest-](http://www.cityofwesthaven.com)



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As a former City Councilor who represented District 7 for ten years, I managed many constituent complaints. On behalf of my constituents, I contacted department heads to get their issues resolved. These ranged from blight, to pot holes to snow plowing and everything in between!

Should a resident receive an unsatisfactory response or want additional clarification on an issue, they can call my office. If my staff cannot answer the question immediately, I have instructed them to forward the inquiry to the appropriate department for a response. The telephone number for the mayor's office is 203-937-3510. My small staff manages a large number of calls, emails, walk-ins and written correspondence, some of which are "gripes." They do a very good job of sorting through, prioritizing and resolving issues on their own.

From this point forward, please send your "gripes" to the City Council administrative assistant, Michael DiMassa, who will be sure that the proper City Council member receives them. Mr. DiMassa can be reached at mdimassa@westhaven-ct.gov or 203-937-3672.

My office and the City Council

office will ensure that we answer each inquiry and address every concern; however, we expect some understanding on your readers' and your parts. Constituent service is a priority that is managed along with our other duties and responsibilities. Both offices run on a lean budget without the luxury of a large staff.

Readers, I am interpreting the mayor's response as:

Contact the specific departments, police, Public Works, etc. with your complaint. Call Michael Dimassa, the City Council's administrative assistant who will send your complaints to the City Council member.

If you don't receive a satisfactory response or need more information, call the mayor's office 203-937-3510.

If the mayor's staff cannot answer your complaints immediately, the mayor's staff will forward inquiries to the appropriate department for a response.

Gripe Vine Readers:

Now, here's what I have to say about the mayor's response:

First, many of your com-

plaints need immediate attention. They could put pedestrians, children in harm's way, i.e.; malfunctioning traffic lights, broken and cracked sidewalks, playground equipment in need of repair. These are just a few that come to mind.

Second. The time it will take to sort out your gripes in the mayor's office, the very possible lack of swift attention to gripes from a department head or weather-related delays, will not be helpful to my readers.

Third: Think about it, you send a gripe to me, I forward it to DiMassa, he contacts your City Councilman, who in turn notifies the department head and if he is unable to solve your problem, it bounces back to the mayor's office. In my estimate, not productive or helpful to the taxpayers in West Haven.

Fourth: City Council members may have full-time employment, leading them to little time to investigate complaints. They in turn will run into the same difficulties DiMassa will have.

From over 16 years of writ-

ing Gripe Vine for West Haven residents, you can be sure I have encountered many pitfalls and they were in addition to help from mayoral assistants. Not an easy job. My reason for remaining as a go between for residents and city staff, I CARE.

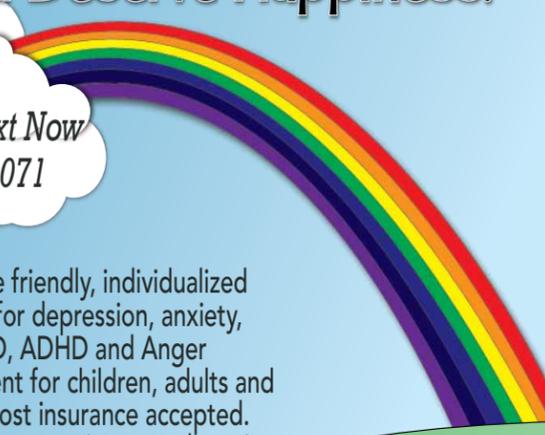
If you want to continue to send your gripes to me, I will follow my usual procedure. I will send them on to the mayor's office. I feel confident your issues will be resolved.

For those of you waiting for replies, you will read responses here.

Coming up: Mayor Rossi's response on Beach Street area and what the possibility is for uniform size and color trash cans similar to those used in Milford and other local cities and much more.

I will end my lengthy column today by closing with, Send your gripes, comments and suggestions to gripevine-4wh@aol.com Please be sure to include your name, address and phone number, kept in strict confidence with me. Or you can mail them to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice, 666 Savin Ave.

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Politicizing the law

Last week, the main stream media and the never-Trump faction of the political spectrum were in near-euphoric spasms in that Paul Manafort, a short-term campaign chairman for President Donald J. Trump, and his personal attorney, Michael Cohen, were respectively found guilty or pled guilty in separate court proceedings.

Manafort, who came under investigation by the team under the direction of former FBI head Robert Mueller, was found guilty on eight counts of tax fraud and evasion and other counts, while the jury could not agree on 10 other counts. Cohen, meanwhile, pled guilty to similar charges of tax evasion and paying off porn star Stormy Daniels at the behest of Trump. This last count isn't even a violation of existing law according to experts, but this is the world in which we are living.

In both cases, our sense of fairness and the idea of equal justice is under assault by the Mueller investigation and those charges he referred to the Southern District of New York. Does anyone really believe Manafort or Cohen would have come under scrutiny – let alone charges – if they weren't allied with Trump? We don't.

In Manafort's case, the FBI and Dept. of Justice passed on charging him in 2005 and 2014. When charges were preferred by Mueller's team, even the judge in the case realized what was going on. The cases were resurrected to make Manafort "sing or compose," a term meaning he would either turn state's evidence, or lie to stay out of jail. Unfortunately, federal prosecutors, we are learning, are not above lying or withholding evidence to get their convictions.

In Cohen's case, his association as Trump's personal attorney was the catalyst for the probe into his affairs, and there is still a legal question as to tapes and emails confiscated by law-enforcement officials come under the attorney-client privilege.

The point is that in both situations it was the establishment as exhibited by Mueller and the elites that run the DOJ and FBI that used the law to put the squeeze on a sitting president they hate. This isn't "equal justice under the law," this is an attempted coup.

It has become apparent that Mueller is working to unseat this president by means of getting something to give a hoped-for Democratic House of Representatives (come the fall election) a chance at impeachment. Trump defeated Hillary Clinton in 2016, and he is there to upset the apple cart that is establishment Washington.

Mueller's investigation has all but given up on Trump-Russia collusion, and decided to find a way to undo the 2016 election. The outsider is being pushed by official Washington, which does not want its misdeeds brought out into the light.

What has become very apparent is that one does not need to wear a tin foil hat to understand that Washington's bureaucracy has become a government unto itself. Indeed, it is filled with professionals who have come to see themselves as the true deciders of policy.

One need only remember a decade or so ago, when articles and books were written about how the State Dept. bureaucracy has become so entrenched it, not elected officials, seeks to determine foreign policy. Trump's decision to follow another path on that policy has that bureaucracy determined to thwart him.

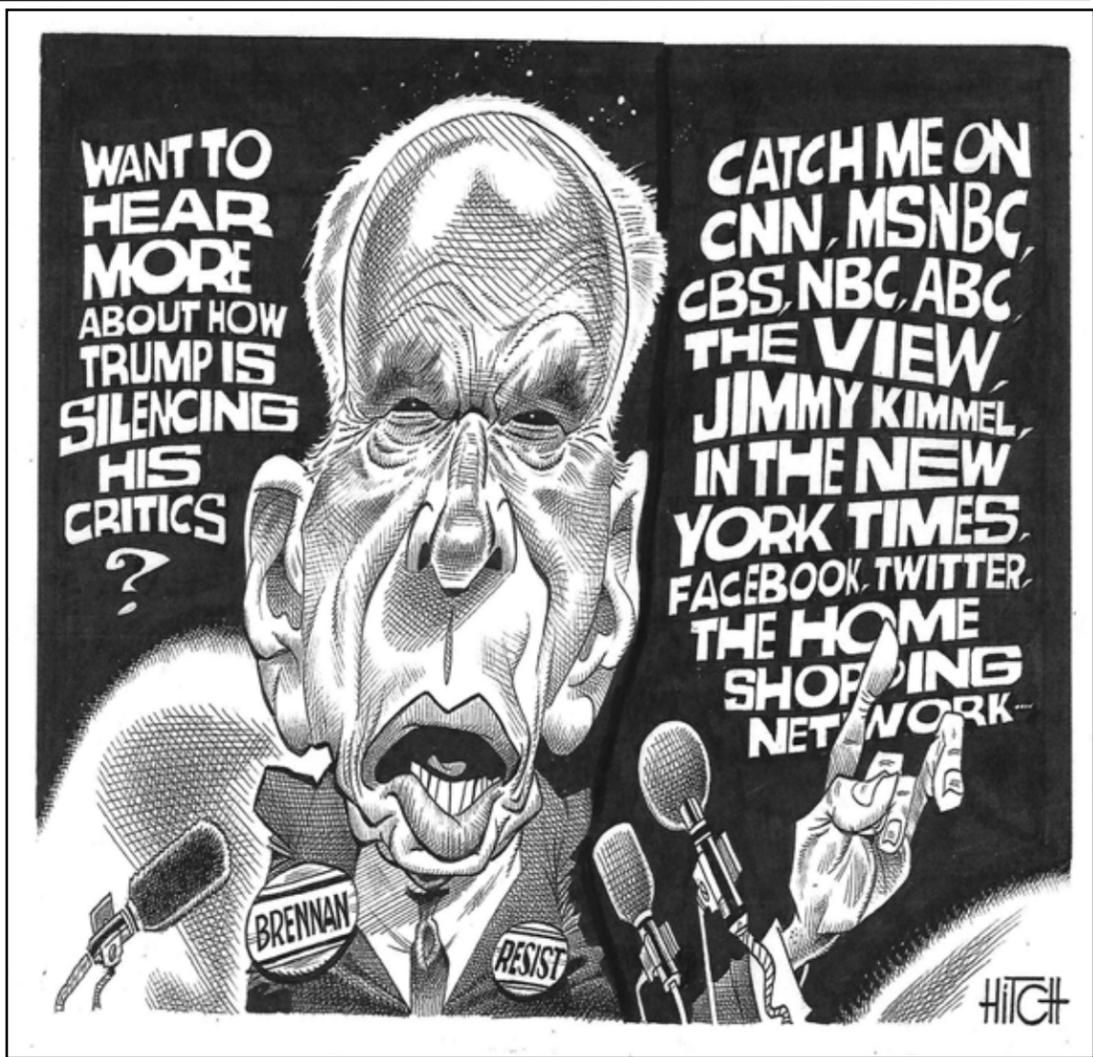
The same is true for the FBI and DOJ, it has become apparent through emails and official documents, entrenched bureaucracies determined what was best for the nation, and that meant the election of Hillary Clinton. The agencies did all they could do to tilt an election – and failed. They'd hoped their loyalty would be justly rewarded. When the electorate had other plans and elected Trump, the DOJ and FBI's bureaucracies had to cover up their misdeeds and delegitimize the election. We are seeing that unfold before our eyes.

As we have said Progressivism sought a government of experts as a benign guide for the citizenry. What Progressivism didn't take into account is the raw desire to acquire power. Now we have an alphabet soup of agencies and departments that believe they are accountable to no one.

Our sense of fairness and justice should be shaken by the events of the last weeks. Manafort and Cohen might have done things wrong, even criminal, but they were not prosecuted until it became a political expedient for administration foes.

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Trump and Brennan's act

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

John Brennan may not know it, but he is acting in a drama scripted and produced by Donald J. Trump.

As Eli Lake of Bloomberg perceptively observed, President Trump isn't trying to silence Brennan by revoking his security clearance, as the former CIA director's defenders insist, but elevate him as a foil.

Trump couldn't hope for a better poster boy for the so-called deep state than a former CIA director who immediately began to sound like a commentator for MSNBC upon leaving government -- and, indeed, signed up as a commentator for MSNBC.

It has been the usual practice of former top intelligence professionals to keep their political opinions, and especially their wild-eyed rants, to themselves. They understand that, having been entrusted with some of the most sensitive powers of the United States government, they should show forbearance and restraint lest they undermine the reputations of their institutions.

Brennan has had no such compunction. Granted, he's acted under provocation. Trump has goaded him on Twitter and launched extraordinary broadsides against the work of U.S. intelligence agencies.

Trump often sounds like the guy popping off down at the end of the bar, and he's transformed Brennan into the guy down at the other end of the bar.

Advantage: Trump. The president always benefits from the fact that his brand depends on violating norms, whereas if his opponents are baited into violating norms in return, they diminish themselves and their cause.

In a notorious tweet, Brennan accused the president of "nothing short of treason" for his craven performance at a joint press conference with Vladimir Putin in Helsinki.

This was the first time on record that a prominent elected official ever committed treason -- which usually involves giving away the nation's secrets or compromising intelligence assets -- at a public event extensively covered by the international media.

What did Brennan mean

by his charge? He apparently doesn't know. Pressed by Rachel Maddow of MSNBC, Brennan explained, incoherently, that "I said it was nothing short of treasonous. I didn't mean that he committed treason." Oh. Asked point-blank if he thinks that the president is serving the Russian government, he said that "I scratch my head a lot," not the usual standard for alleging that someone committed a capital offense.

Brennan's conceit has made him the ideal target for Trump, since even some of the former intelligence officials who oppose the revocation of his security clearance are uncomfortable with how he has conducted himself.

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WestFest: *Set for Sept. 8*

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uate Student Government Association's executive board.

Many UNH clubs and organizations, including fraternities, sororities, international groups and club sports, will take part in the seven-hour event, highlighting their community involvement efforts.

Official WestFest T-shirts will be sold.

WestFest, open to the public, will offer free on-street parking around the Green and on Campbell Avenue, as well

as in municipal lots off Main Street, Savin Avenue and Curtiss Place.

The University of New Haven Mayor's Advisory Commission is a collaborative, student-driven task force formed in early 2015 to strengthen the relationship between the UNH and West Haven communities.

The MAC is led by Chairman Marcin Stankevitch, a junior political science major, and adviser Chris Haynes, assistant professor of political science.

The MAC also polls and surveys both UNH students and West Haven residents to gather data on issues to help city officials with crucial city-wide planning and decision-making.

While the program is under the direction of the university's political science program, students who participate are from many different majors.

To learn more about the MAC and this year's WestFest at <https://www.unhmac.org/westfest-2018>.

'Grease' next offering on Green

The city's new summer series, Singin' on the Green: Movies & Bands, continues at 7 p.m. Wednesday with a showing of "Grease," the 1978 musical romantic comedy.

The free series culminates at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 with dance party favorites performed by Cleo Blue and old-school funk hits by The Kathy Thompson Band at 7 p.m. Sept. 19. People are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs.

The Wednesday night series is composed of three concerts performed on The John C. Ireland Bandstand and two high-definition movies shown on a 20-by-12-foot projection screen at Campbell Avenue and Main Street.

The city is sponsoring all movies and bands in the series, except for Cleo Blue, which is sponsored by the West Haven Veterans Council. Singin' on the Green is co-sponsored by West Haven United, an organization aimed at bringing the city's volunteer groups together, along with the Veterans Council and West Haven Vietnam Veterans.

Herbert: *City, WHCH honor a 'grand lady'*

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Heffernan said. "Particularly moving to me is that Pat never loses sight of the real purpose of the Community House, which is helping people."

An ardent financial supporter of the not-for-profit organization, Herbert was instrumental in developing its Head Start program, establishing its before- and after-school child care program, and initiating its endowment fund, said Patricia W. Stevens, executive director of the Community House.

Three days earlier, Herbert received a mayoral citation from her friend Roberta DeFonce on behalf of Rossi during a gathering of friends and loved ones at Biagetti's Restaurant, 77 Campbell Ave.

Rossi praised Herbert, whose actual birthday was Aug. 20, in the citation, saying: "I hope you reflect with pride on the memories you have made and the lives you have touched. Your accomplishments represent an important chapter in the story of West Haven and epitomize everything great

about our city."

In the Community House's 2011 annual report, Herbert was affectionately called "a living time capsule of West Haven history."

Herbert, a former profes-

sor of education at Southern Connecticut State University, taught at Noble Elementary School and served on the Board of Education.

She also served as chairman of the Conservation and Open

Space Land Commission and was president of the West Haven Garden Club.

A champion for open space, Herbert is a founding member of the Land Trust of West Haven.

Lowry: *Trump's foil*

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The president's adversaries may consider this unfair, but the institutions Trump targets are best-served by not responding in kind. If the president says that the press can't be trusted because it's so biased, the press should react by being less biased rather than more. If he says that he's being undone by a deep state conspiracy, former intelligence officials should be more restrained rather than less.

Brennan either doesn't understand this dynamic or doesn't care. He has threatened a lawsuit, and Trump has welcomed one. The president is happy for a war with the most unhinged representative of the intelligence community at hand, and John O. Brennan is playing his role flawlessly.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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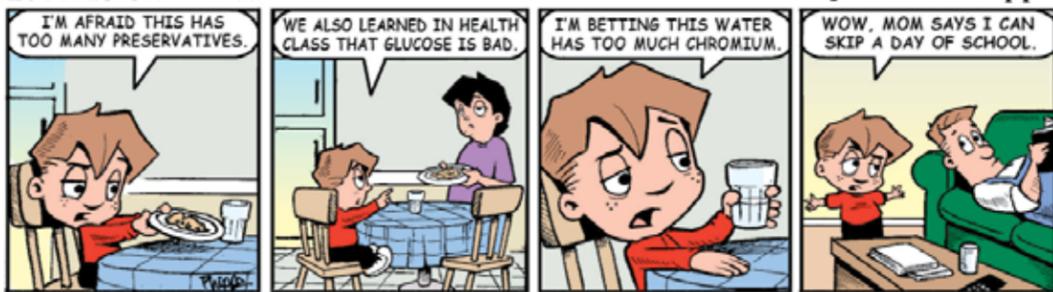
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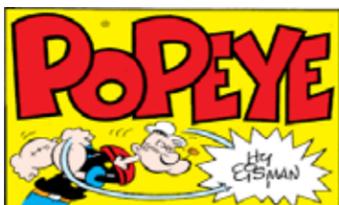
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shino



boy was standing in front of a full-length mirror, wearing a suit and a skinny necktie, and eyeing himself with disgust. Years later, he would recognize something of his youth when he watched Dan Akroyd dance across the screen in "The Blues Brothers."

To cheer him up, mother declared with great gusto, "Today you are a man!" But the boy hardly heard her, for he was thinking with dread about dancing. The lessons would be starting soon, and he would learn to dance the waltz and the foxtrot and the bop—like it or not. And, he supposed, this meant he would have to dance with girls; could it get any worse than that?

It could. To add to the boy's

humiliation, it had been decided that when going to church, a young gentleman must wear a fedora hat on his head; this only served to traumatize him further.

On the second Sunday that he wore the suit and hat to church, after worship his parents decided to go lollygagging around the church's coffee hour with their friends. The boy had no interest in that, so he went outside to look for adventure.

On this day, he pretended he was practicing for the Olympics, as he ran around outside, jumping from one thing to another. On the second or third jump, he slipped (there is a reason why they don't wear leather shoes in the Olympics, you know), and skinned his knee. And of course the only way to skin his knee, was to first grind a hole through his new suit pants!

So, after coffee time was over, the boy and his family all rode home from church in the 1957 Ford station wagon. Now, for the first time, he was happy to have that fedora,

because it was hiding the offending knee from everyone's sight (his sister would tell on him for sure, so she couldn't be allowed to know). Nobody knew the awful secret until they got home—and then the feathers hit the fan!

A few days later, mother mended the knee of the suit pants, and the boy wore that patched suit until he had outgrown it—which didn't take long since he grew six inches that year. For some odd reason, his parents didn't bother him much about suits after that: 1963 turned into 1964, styles began to change, and eventually the whole idea of wearing a hat to church went away as well, much to the boy's relief.

Since then, the years and the decades have passed; and although the memory of that day has mostly faded like many a long forgotten nightmare, it did leave its mark: the boy went on into adulthood with a lifelong aversion to hats and suits, and unlike Dan Akroyd, he never did learn how to dance.

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1963: The boy hated that commercial. In fact he hated all of those late-summer "back-to-school" ads that ran on TV and in the papers; they only served to remind him of his inevitable doom. But of all those commercial messages, the Robert Hall jingle was the worst.

Each summer he looked forward to his birthday, which fell during the last week of August; but once that special day was over, it seemed like there was nothing left to live for. The next week, on that first day of school, the bus would arrive routinely, swallow him up, and transport him from the sunny land of fun and freedom to the dark and gloomy land of rules and conformity.

It was always hard for him to sleep on that last night before his incarceration. The boy knew full well that his only means of escape during those long days in class would come from his over-developed ability to daydream.

In 1963, his clothing fit into three categories: school clothes, play clothes and "Sunday best." At that time, hand-me-downs were the norm in most families, and the boy's daily wear would eventually be inherited by his younger brother; however when it came to Sunday clothing, families went all-out. T

he year the boy turned 11, his mother decided that it was time for him have a suit for Sunday best—furthermore, it was time for him to take dancing lessons at the Williams Ballroom Studio—for mother was determined that the boy would become a Young Gentleman.

On the other hand, the boy was equally determined that he would remain Just a Boy. This time, mother won both battles, and before long the

Photo by Michael P. Walsh



Scholarship winner

Members of the late Susan Ruickoldt's family, Doug "the Rake" Ruickoldt, left, and his son Douglas J. Ruickoldt, present a \$2,000 check on behalf of the West Haven Breast Cancer Awareness Program to Susan A. Ruickoldt Scholarship Fund recipient Amanda Carr on Tuesday at City Hall. The fund was founded 16 years ago in memory of Ruickoldt, a city schoolteacher who died of breast cancer in 1997, and a check is awarded to a female high school senior from West Haven who plans to continue her education. Carr, a 2018 graduate of West Haven High School, will attend Springfield College in Massachusetts this fall.

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Tuning up!

West Haven High School's fall sports teams are in the midst of pre-season workouts and scrimmages in preparation for season openers in the next two weeks. The girls soccer team had a scrimmage against arch-rival Hamden at Ken Strong Stadium Monday night, working on passing and other skills in the heat of competition.



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2018 winners

Shore Haven Junior Baseball 2018 scholarship award winners: from left to right are Bob Nugent who sponsors the Dave Terese Sr Scholarship awarded to Ryan Sabo who will be attending Wagner College; Kelly Roper was awarded the Sal Arminio Scholarship and will be attending Roger Williams University; EJ Pacapelli was awarded the Joseph Morrell, Sr Scholarship and will be attending the University of New Haven; Joseph Morrell Jr and Commissioner Frank Dini.



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Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, center, cuts the ribbon Monday with franchise owner Prakash Wadhvani of Mooyah Burgers, Fries & Shakes to mark the restaurant's ceremonial opening at Route 1 and Atwood Place. Joining the celebration are, from left, Councilwoman Robbin Watt Hamilton, D-5; Brian Kench, dean of the University of New Haven College of Business; state Rep. Michael A. DiMassa, D-West Haven; Councilman Peter V. Massaro, D-6; Fred A. Messore, city commissioner of planning and development; Acorn Group General Manager Rick Pollack; Ron Kuntze, nonprofit institute director of marketing and quantitative analysis of the College of Business; mayoral Executive Assistant Lou Esposito; UNH Police Chief Tracy L. Mooney; Mooyah General Manager Anton Tomaj; City Clerk Deborah Collins; City Council Chairman Ronald M. Quagliani, D-at large; and Mooyah regional owner Jay Hummer.

Atwood

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The Forest, a third mixed-use development.

The 90,000-square-foot project, slated for construction on the former site of the demolished Forest Theatre at the intersection of Boston Post Road, Campbell Avenue and Forest Road, would include 62 market-rate apartments with covered parking and 15,000 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor.

In all, the three developments, collectively known as University Commons, are projected to produce more than \$1 million in annual property tax revenue for the city's coffers, officials have said.

Elm Cafe Tourney tees off Sept. 17

Longtime West Haven businessman Frank Cuomo, owner of Elm Cafe at 124 Elm St., will hold the 20th annual Elm Cafe Golf Tournament Sept. 17 at Alling Memorial Golf Club, 35 Eastern St., New Haven.

The tournament proceeds will benefit blood cancer research for the Stamford-based Connecticut Westchester Hudson Valley chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

The \$140 fee includes a post-tournament lunch at the Polish-American Club, 194 Spring St., West Haven. Anyone wishing to attend the outing but not play in the event can buy a lunch ticket for \$35.

Since its inception in 1999, the tournament has collected more than \$147,766 for the cause, Cuomo said.

"LLS has been honored to be the recipient of these hard-earned funds ... over the last 19 years," the nonprofit organization said in a statement. "LLS is extremely grateful to Frank Cuomo and Elm Cafe for their continued dedication to the mission of finding blood cancer cures."

Sponsorship opportunities and foursomes are available, and donated items for the event's auction are tax deductible. For information, call Cuomo at (203) 937-6521.

Vouchers available for farmers market

Farmers market vouchers are available at the West Haven/Allingtown Senior Center, 201 Noble St.

To receive \$18 in vouchers, the income limits for those at least 60 years old are \$30,451 per year, or \$2,537 per month, for a married couple and \$22,459 per year, or \$1,871 per month, for a single person.

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Around Town

Italian Festival

The West Haven Italian-American Club, 85 Chase Lane, is hosting its annual Italian Festival on Saturday, Sept. 8, from noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. on the club grounds. Food, vendors games, and live music are planned. Bands include Rich Di Palma, Angelo Sapia and Company, and Full Wound Sound on Saturday beginning at noon. A bocce and horseshoe tournament are set Saturday at 3p.m. Sunday, Mark Lanzieri performs the music of Dean Martin, while Angelo Sapia returns along with Mike Proscino. The Navels perform at 3. For information, contact Rich Frey at (203) 215-8698.

15th annual sale

The Friends of West Haven Library will have its 15th annual Book Sale at the Main Library, 300 Elm St., on Friday and Saturday Sept. 7-8, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. There will be many, many slightly used books of

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Cross '61

Wilbur Cross High School, Class of 1961, is holding a 75th Birthday Party Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 14, 1-5 at Seasons (formerly Country House), Rt. 80, East Haven. Luncheon buffet with dessert and birthday cake, DJ, cash bar; cost is \$50. Invitations with details and RSVP have been mailed. Email Angie at aadv511@aol.com.

Senior Trips

F Seniors and Friends has two trips planned for the upcoming weeks: Quincy Market and St. Anthony Feast on Saturday, Aug. 25. Price is \$45 per person and the bus leaves West Haven at 8 a.m.

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Community Garden

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Al-Anon group

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Vendors sought

The First Congregational Church will host the Annual Apple Festival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28, 29 and 30. Crafters are wanted for Saturday 9-5. and Sunday noon-5. Vendors will have to provide a tent and table. Set up is Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Fee is \$90 until Sept. 15.

This is a large community-wide event with rides, games, bands, food, etc. Please see www.fccwh.org or call (203)

934-6921 for more information.

WH Garden Club

The West Haven Garden Club will have its first meeting of this year on Thursday, Sept. 6, at the St. Louis Church meeting room at 11:30 a.m. It will be a pot-luck dish luncheon and meeting to follow. Newcomers are welcome to join us. For information, call (203) 937-1674.

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The Seth Haley Memorial Loan Fund of West Haven provides eligible college students with loans of up to \$2500 to help students finish their post high school education. Applicants must be West Haven residents who have completed two or more years of college or post-secondary work or be in their final two years of advanced work.

Repayments do not begin, and no interest will be charged until one year after graduation. For a loan, please call Gert Beckwith at (203) 934-6921, or Ralph Lawson, (203) 934-6442.

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Getting the run in

Morning joggers around Sea Bluff looking toward Bradley Point get their early morning workout in before it gets too hot. The area got a respite from the heat late last week, but hot, humid weather returned with a vengeance, prompting schools to close early. Days are getting shorter, and early joggers are seeing dark skies when starting their runs. Fall comes to the area in three weeks.

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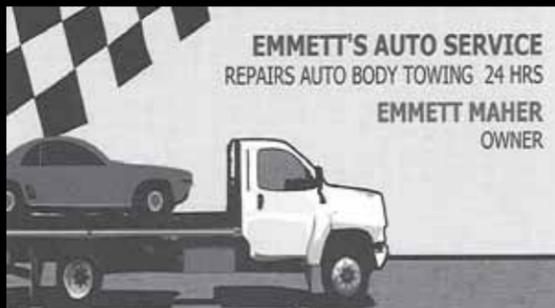
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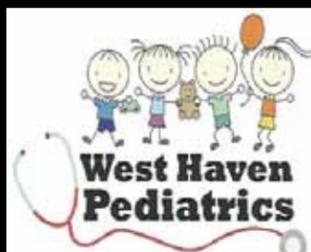
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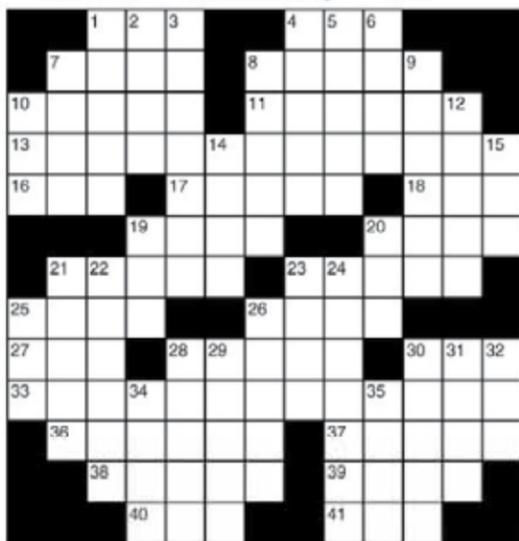
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King Crossword

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| ACROSS | 30 Pi follower | 12 Not just plump |
| 1 --relief | 33 TLC makeover series | 14 Shad delicacies |
| 4 "Conan" network | 36 Abrade | 15 Chow down |
| 7 Easter flower | 37 Film | 19 Parched |
| 8 Baby's ailment | 38 Shocking weapon | 20 "Acid" |
| 10 Traffic cone | 39 State | 21 Botanist |
| 11 Moon mission name | 40 High deg. | for whom a reddish-purple flower is named |
| 13 Shakespeare's best-known query | 41 Aviv lead-in | |
| 16 "I'll take that as --" | DOWN | 22 Unbroken |
| 17 Carolers' tunes | 1 "The Hobbit" hero | 23 Excellent, in hip-hop parlance |
| 18 Vast expanse | 2 Lotion additive | 24 Self-service diner |
| 19 Coloring agents | 3 Thesaurus entry | 25 Pussy foot? |
| 20 For fear that | 4 "Fiddler on the Roof" star | 26 Carrier |
| 21 Corporations | 5 Rorschach pictures | 28 Grind the teeth |
| 23 Paperhanger's need | 6 Riverbed deposit | 29 Ran easily |
| 25 Scrawny | 7 Rhone city | 30 Make merry |
| 26 Dull sound of impact | 8 Christmas candy | 31 Barber's concern |
| 27 Performance | 9 Storage area | 32 Raw rock |
| 28 Show smug satisfaction | 10 Bake sale org. | 34 Snare |
| | | 35 Worked on a loom |



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

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

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|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Awl | Drill | Hoe | Razor |
| Chisel | Gouge | Ice pick | Scissors |
| Cleaver | Hacksaw | Knife | Sickle |
| Clippers | Hatchet | Machete | |

RIDDLE CARD

1. What animal doesn't play fair?
2. When is a door not a door?
3. When do you have four hands?
4. If two's company and three's a crowd, what are four and five?
5. Why is a baseball team like a cake?



Answers: 1. A dachshund (dashed); 2. When it's open; 3. When you double your bets; 4. None; 5. They both need a good batter.

MONEY MADNESS! Spike is holding a coin in his hand that, if you take away half of its value, it will double in value. What is the coin?



Answer: A half-dollar (the "value" of the coin). If you take away the "half," you will be left with a "dollar."

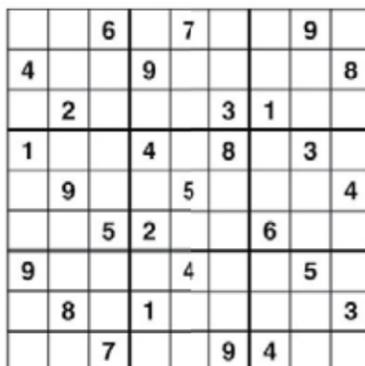
LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

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|------|------|
| KNEE | ION |
| IMP | PIER |
| SEA | ICES |
| NIP | LORE |
| OFF | RING |
| PENS | LED |

Answers: 1. Kneepier; 2. Ionice; 3. Seapier; 4. Nipper; 5. Offring; 6. Pencil.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

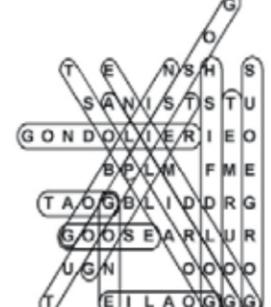
- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

Answers to last week's puzzles

King Crossword — Answers



GO AHEAD



Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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

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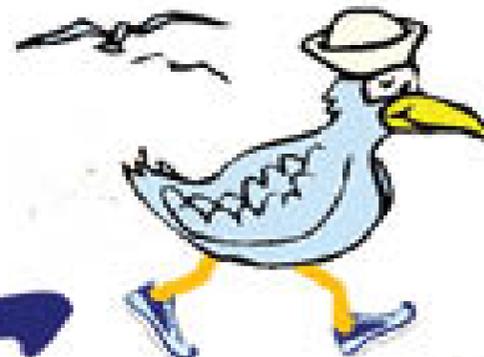
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