

# West Haven Voice

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## City residences 'signed up'

The West Haven Historical Society and West Haven Rotary Club continued their partnership, designating historic homes by placing historical signage on two additional West Haven houses. The two local organizations have designated the Durell Shepard House, now known as the Keenan Funeral Home at 238 Elm Street built in 1869, and the Benjamin Richards House, located at 65 Main St. and constructed in 1891, as "Historical Treasures of West Haven."

The historical signage indicates "recognition of the significant and important architectural features of the houses as well as the year the structures were built," according to Robert Grestini, coordinator of the project. The granite plaques were installed Thursday with the appropriate year indicated on the historical markers along with the name of the original owner.

The Durell Shepard home was the residence and medical office of Dr. Shepard, a prominent West Haven physician, who also operated a dispensary (pharmacy) with access from the Washington Avenue side of his home. Although utilized today as a funeral home, it still retains its original architectural features.

The two-story three bay building has typical Italianate characteristics "including a square-plan, paired bracketed windows, and eyebrow windows beneath wide overhanging eaves," as noted in the State Historical Resources Inventory. The facade has a "full-height open porch and Colonial revival-style entry doors which are modern additions," according to the Resources Inventory.

Dr. Shepard was a popular and beloved citizen of West Haven who served as a surgeon during the Civil War. The Yale graduate died in 1909 and his funeral was one of the largest the city has ever seen.

The Benjamin Richards House, located at 65 Main St., was built in 1891 and is currently the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Duda. It is a wonderful example of the Queen Anne-style design.

The house is a "two-story wood frame residence and features an explosion of gabled projections and towers," notes the Historic Resources Inventory. The imposing home is "richly ornamented with decorative wood trim and beautiful stained glass windows," the Resources Inventory explains.

The Richards home, which Benjamin Richards had built as a present for his bride in 1891, is an example of turn-of-the-century architecture.

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Photos courtesy of Bob Grestini  
The West Haven Historical Society recently presented a plaque placed on the historic Benjamin Richards house. Jon Purmont, West Haven Historical Society president, Wayne Duda the owner, and Dianne Milano, of the West Haven Rotary Club help in affixing the plaque. At the Keenan House (right), Purmont and Milano were accompanied by Andrea Alexander and Christopher Kulmacz.

## The Haven gets \$5m state grant

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

State Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115) and Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, together with members of West Haven's General Assembly delegation and city leaders, announced \$5 million in state funding Sept. 20 for the reconstruction of Elm Street — the future entrance of The Haven, a \$200 million, 261,182-square-foot luxury outlet center.

Borer and Rossi heralded the money during a news conference at Elm and Water streets shortly after it was authorized by the state Bond Commission. They were joined by state Reps. Michael A. DiMassa, D-116, and Charles J. Ferraro, R-117; Rossi's executive assistant, Lou Esposito; and Fred A. Messore, the city's commissioner of planning and development.

The funding, sought by West Haven

officials for traffic improvements on Elm Street and public waterfront access near Water Street, is being allocated to the city through a grant from the Department of Economic and Community Development's Urban Action Grant Program.

Officials said the traffic upgrades are aimed at supporting the framework for The Haven South Municipal Development Plan.

Borer and Rossi credited city grants writer Eileen M. Krugel for helping to secure the funding, which will widen the main corridor of Elm Street and replace traffic lights.

The Elm Street reconstruction also calls for paving and streetscaping near the project entrance, officials said.

Borer said that after a major traffic study, the funding was awarded to address the traffic flow.

"Securing state funding for this project was a bipartisan effort and a collective priority of the administration and delegation," said Borer, D-West Haven, who represents the 115th District, which includes The Haven site. "I am thankful to all involved for recognizing the great potential we have here in West Haven."

Borer added: "The Elm Street project is not just about building and improving the gateway to The Haven; this project is about the gateway to our city. Besides Lorenzo's plaza, which is a diamond in the rough, the first impression when you come over the bridge and enter the city is not a good one, and changing that is long overdue. Cleaning up this area, widening Elm Street, putting in appropriate lanes and traffic signals, and paving will all have a significant impact not only on the func-

tionality but will kick off a change in the image. It will also be more inviting to future developers throughout West Haven."

The afternoon announcement was also attended by City Council Chairman Ronald M. Quagliani, D-at large; City Council Minority Leader Richard DePalma, R-at large; Councilman Peter V. Massaro, D-6; City Clerk Deborah Collins; city Treasurer Michael P. Last; city sidewalk inspector Ernie Chiarelli; former Mayor John M. Picard; and Krugel.

On May 21 at City Hall, world-renowned outlet mall developer Simon Property Group and its development partner, The Haven Group LLC, submitted their long-anticipated site plan to build "America's first upscale waterfront outlet mall."

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Attention Art Instructors!  
The West Haven Voice is in need of late summer and fall weather pictures. Instructors can drop off or email color and black-and-white pictures to: info@westhavenvoice.com.

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### FIFTH WEEK BEFORE ELECTION DAY REGISTRARS' SESSION TO COMPLETE PRELIMINARY REGISTRY LIST

At this session, registrars remove electors from the registry list who have died, become disenfranchised or confirmed in writing that they have moved out of town. The registrars shall be in session for the purpose of completing a preliminary registry list on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm at 355 Main St, West Haven.

## Homes: *Named historic*

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ture residential design at the corner of Main Street and First Avenue near the east-side waterfront. He was a prosperous businessman and industrialist who, along with his brothers Edward and George owned the H. H. Richards Lumber Company. The three brothers were important to the development of West Haven at the turn of the century. Their firm played a central role in supplying lumber and building materials for new homes and businesses. They owned considerable real estate property in West Haven and a nearby street in the city is named in their honor.

Benjamin Richards lived in the house until his

death in 1932 and the house remained in the Richards family for a time after his passing.

"We are delighted to add the Shepard and Richards homes to the list of «Historic Treasures of West Haven,» said Jon Purmont, President of the Historical Society. «Once again we are grateful to the West Haven Rotary Club for their continuing interest and support of this program,» he said.

The two organizations will continue their partnership in designating historic buildings, homes, and structures making West Haven residents and visitors more aware of the distinctive history and architectural styles of homes and buildings throughout the city said Purmont.



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Pictured left to right: Assistant Chief Don Parker, Accreditation Manager Marina Davila, Chief Tracy L. Mooney, and Associate Vice President of Public Safety and Administrative Services Ronald Quagliani.



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# Dear Felicia

Well honey, fall is here. Hard to believe! Like I said before, it seems like jest the day before yesterday I was saying it was June 1. Already the mornings are getting crisp, and before you know it, the leaves are gonna be falling from the trees. And things around here? Well, they're as yew might expect in the Asylum by the Sea.

Speaking of autumn, the Apple Festival is this weekend. Already as Iyam scribing this missive the rides and food trucks are being placed all over the common.

Before the end of the week the rest of the stalls will be there, and we'll have hundreds of people doing all kinds of things.

The parishioners of First Church are sponsoring the event, and frum what I understand the steeple of the building is in dire need of repair. It hasn't had a good overhaul in a long time. Heck, I remember when it was damaged in the 1950s in a hurricane. There

have been some repairs, but I hear-tell the funds raised this year will help toward reinforcing the timbers that are keeping that thing upright.

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Sammy Bluejay sez that the Actors Colony is abuzz about the potential of the city going into Tier IV status with the Municipal Accountability Review Board, or MARB.

The MARB has been pressuring the Rossi administration to git a five-year plan together that would make the city solvent... and it's using a carrot and stick approach. The city won't get the millions the state earmarked for it until the city complies.

Now Sammy has been reportin' fer weeks that the scuttlebutt from some politicos is that they expect the state to come in and declare Tier IV.

The reason? The bean-counters and pencil-pushers that populate the group are not ones that really play well in a legislative environment. Representative democracy is a very messy things and tends

to work a lot more slowly than just pushing an order through.

Soooooo, Sammy is of the opinion that Tier IV is on the minds of many in and around the thoid floor of City Hall, and some are getting resigned to it.

Of course, the minute that happens, the City Council and mayor jest become placeholders. The real decisions on everything are made by MARB, and the council and mayor jest rubberstamp it with little or nothing to contribute to the effort.

Frustration is mounting on both sides, Sammy sez. The board wants action yesterday, and the city officials are trying to craft a plan that is going to hurt, but is not going to put people into shock. The For Sale signs have already sprung up all over town, and there's no reason to think that's going to stop.

The only problem is, who's going to buy?

The whole thing is a mish-mash because there seems to be an undercurrent. Keep yore eyes on this one. Effen the MARB does what everyone expects, it'll be done before the end of the year. Meanwhile, the unions are looking askance on the situation cuz they know effen Tier IV comes around, all contracts are worthless as they can be opened and renegotiated at will - MARB's will.

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Iva Lootey happened to be at the news conference last week that announced the 5 million kopecks the state is granting the city through the

State Bonding Commish. The greenbacks are slated to go for reconstructing El-em Street so that it can be the entrance to the new Haven project. It'll also allow for public access to the harbor, which was a big sellin' pernt of the project in the foist place.

Happy faces were everywhere, and the city's General Assembly delegation was all smiles. This is the next big thing for the Haven, which still hasn't broke ground yet.

Iva, though, being the wry gent that he his opined that there is a bit of irony here in that the city is having financial problems and is being directed by a board of the state.

The state is having its own fiscal difficulties and doesn't show any signs of cutting spending or anything of the sort - at least until the new governor is elected, whomever that is.

And the State Bonding Commish, effen yew've ever watched 'em on the state public service channel, has these faux votes for bonding. I doubt there's ever a nay vote cast in the confabs. It's jest pro forma. That's money that peoples great-grandchildren are gonna be paying off - effen they still use money two generations from now. The irony of the sitch was not lost on Iva, but probably was on everyone else.

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Meanwhile, here at the office a

minor kerfuffle has erupted over Gripe Vine and some complaints that were forwarded to council people. That's the new diktat of Mayor Rossi, who evidently thinks Louie Esposito has enough on his plate and can't track down all these minor annoyances people are writing about.

Tennyrate, yew can read the missive that was sent to Eleanore Turkington and her response in that colyume. Cobina's only commint is the same she made ten years ago, when some of the same people now in the Actors Colony were making the same complaints; too much, too often, too much time, and what they really think: these are phony complaints.

Nope. Not true. We see the mail come through and readers use the coupon on the page and then add to it with other info. We get three or four notes in the average week - and have gotten about a dozen or so via the papyrus' website.

The long and short of it is people in this berg don't git a whole lot for their money, and want pot-holes filled and have other complaints.

Effen the elected reps have been tasked with the job, they should do it, and do it quietly. Yeah, there might be some that don't pan out, but the 16-year history of the column is setch that things have happened. So, ladies and gents quit the guff, and do the job.

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With all the stuff that's goin' on in Washington DC, didja see Richard Blumenthal's mug in as many camera shots as possible? And, of course, our senior senator is showing such piousness and is so prim concerning the allegations that have been made against the Supreme Court nominee.

He sez he believes the accusers. Well, given his own history of prevarication concerning his service record, and the fact that he doesn't have a real position on anything excep' what he's told, how in blazes are we supposed to believe him?

Effen there ever was a political animal, it's RB, and he's followed closely behind by the junior senator from the Nutmeg State.

What a pair. If either one o' these guys told Cobina it was bright and sunny, she'd look out the window jest to make sure. That's how much you can't trust those two - or any one o' the people who supposedly represent us in Washington.

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Well, that should put a wrap on things fer this week. At foist I wasn't sure I'd have much to tell yew, but then the boys in girls in this berg give us plenty each and every week. With that bit o' chatter, I'll close this week till next, mitt luff und kizzez,

*Cobina*

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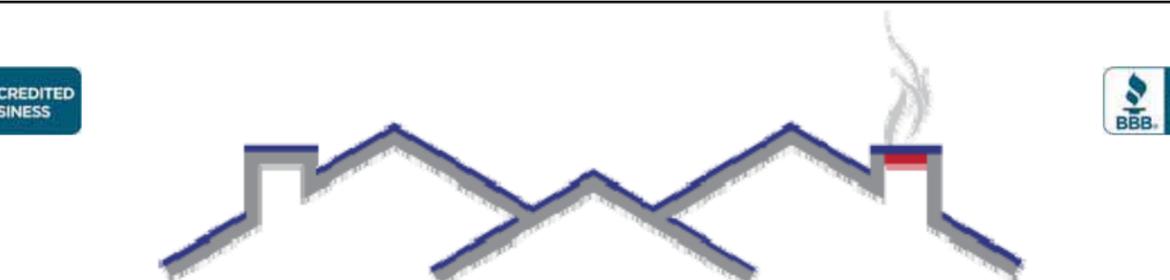


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# Gripevine

By Eleanore Turkington

Gripe Vine Readers:

As I had written in last week's column, I will be printing unanswered gripes weekly in Gripe Vine. Your complaints have been sent to Mayor Nancy Rossi and as I have indicated many of them have gone unanswered. Today, Mayor Nancy Rossi sent me the following comment, "The individual council members are supposed to respond. I have copied Michael DiMassa; he will send a follow up request for their responses".

To date readers, Gripe Vine has heard from Councilman Aaron Charney 3rd District and, Peter Massaro 6th District. Councilman Massaro has replied to several of the unanswered gripes in today's column. Following Massaro's comments, I will once again, print five more unanswered complaints.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Let us begin by saying that I am honored to represent the Allingtown section of West Haven as its sixth district councilman. For all of my adult life, I've fought on behalf of the citizens here to ensure that they receive the same level of services as the rest of the city. As a retired fire chief of the Allingtown Fire Department, I believe that I know this community as well as anyone and I'm now able to devote the majority of my time serving it.

You have brought several gripes to the attention of the mayor's office and in turn, I've investigated each of them and will now take the time to address them. First, I toured Plainfield Avenue and there were no potholes. The second issue you called to our attention was the blinking lights on Derby Avenues. As part of the Connecticut Open Ten-



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nis Tournament, due to traffic issues caused during that week, the lights are changed to blinking, and traffic police are hired to maintain a high level of safety and security. The City of West Haven works closely with both the tournament officials and the City of New Haven to make this event as welcoming as possible for all of the fans who attend. Third, you have asked us to look into the green truck in the cemetery. Frankly, that's private property and beyond the control of anyone from the city. However, what's more concerning is that an address you gave us on Forest Road is a vacant lot.

In the future I suggest prior to passing along complaints such as these, you can make sure that the concerns are legitimate. As for the fourth gripe, pertaining to North Forest Circle, I have informed the Director of Public Works. He has assured me that the water company has been made aware of the issue and we will both be following up and monitoring the progress. The sidewalk matter on Westfield Street is now in the hands of the City's Sidewalk Inspector. We'll do our best to assist with this matter; however, most sidewalks are the responsibil-

ity of the property owner.

Now that I have addressed all of your concerns, I want to issue you a challenge. In the future I'm asking that you first contact everyone who sends you a complaint and that you discuss them with the resident. That person should be willing to put his name on the complaint. You should urge them to call the City Council office and pass along the information to the secretary who will in turn hand it off to the appropriate councilman. I believe that your role as someone who wants to make West Haven a better place for all of us, should be to facilitate correcting any issue that's given to you. (Mr. Massore, I am not here to correct issues, but to call attention to reader's problems and to forward them onto the proper authorities.) I am challenging you to assist all of us who love West Haven. In the future, I would welcome the opportunity to introduce you to all of the city's major department heads and come up with a process to solve problems and not just "Gripe" about them. I'm willing to meet you and investigate these complaints.

Finally, anyone can point out what's wrong. It's my goal

to work with you to find solutions. Let's start now!

Peter Massaro

6th District Councilman

Dear Councilman, Massaro:

First, thank you for investigating reader's complaints in your district. It is truly refreshing to receive a reply from an individual who has been made aware of problems in his/her district.

You referred to my sending several gripes to the mayor's office, sir; the number of complaints sent is now up to 80 gripes. May I ask why as a councilman, knowing that the traffic lights on Derby Avenue were blinking, a reply couldn't have been sent to Gripe Vine so my readers would know why this situation existed and that it was cleared up?

Your response referring to the green truck in the cemetery; private property or not, is it not the responsibility of the police department to protect and investigate, private property or not?

Your comment on Forest Road was a vacant lot. You're right. I have seldom in the many years investigating gripes have encountered false complaints. However, I will go back into my files, and see why this happened.

Thank you for contacting the Public Works Department and the Water Company for a follow up on the North Forest Circle problem. Please keep Gripe Vine updated.

Once again, thank you for following up on the sidewalk matter on Westfield Street. I am sure you will keep on top of all the gripes in your district, as well as this one on Westfield Street.

You offered me a challenge? I love challenges! You suggested I discuss gripes with every reader. Whenever I can, I do. You suggest readers call the City Council office with their complaints. I will ask my readers to do that as soon as I receive a complete list of councilmen, their phone numbers and email addresses from you. That information would be of great help to all of us

However, here's MY SUGGESTION! Every resident of West Haven who has a complaint, no matter, say a broken sidewalk, illegal water draining on their property, playgrounds in need of improved play equipment, illegal parking, whatever should call the mayor's office who in turn, would turn these complaints over to the proper department

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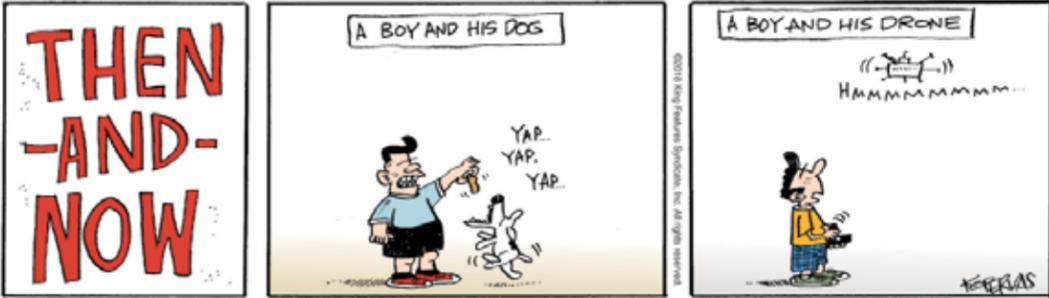
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by Dave T. Phipps



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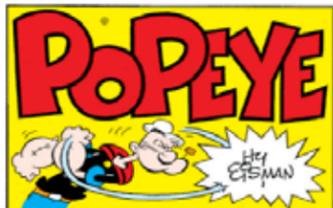
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# Kavanaugh confirmation a national spectacle, disgrace

The national spectacle we now see concerning Judge Brett Kavanaugh and his confirmation to the Supreme Court is an embarrassment to everyone but the people making and fostering the charges. Let us say right off the top, we do not believe the charges of either female, thus far, because in both cases they cannot corroborate their stories. This was a political dirty trick concocted by the Democrats and their allies.

In the case of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, she neither remembers the date, time, place or who was at the alleged party where the incident supposedly took place. Neither can she get anyone of the people she claims to have been there to corroborate it. In fact, they vehemently deny it, including her best friend.

Similarly, Deborah Ramirez claims Kavanaugh exposed himself at a party while the two were at Yale, yet her closest confidant and lifelong friend says the two knew intimate secrets about each other and this never came up. Meanwhile, others who were there deny it ever happened.

As the allegations wear on, it is becoming more and more obvious that California Sen. Diane Feinstein withheld the letter from Dr. Ford to create the firestorm we now find ourselves. If the letter came out earlier, the charges would have been refuted as thin and unverifiable. Waiting until after the hearings concluded did two things: put the confirmation vote on hold; and played to the California base of the Democratic Party, where Feinstein is fighting to stay in the senate.

Ramirez came forth after being cajoled by Democratic Party operatives. The *New Yorker* story that made the allegations of the Yale incident admits about 1500 words into the article that no one can corroborate the story even though Ms. Ramirez attempted to get the allegations verified. Meanwhile, she admits herself that she has gaps of memory because she was falling down drunk.

Let's just admit that what is happening here is a desperate attempt by Democrats and the radical Left to derail this confirmation. George Soros-funded organizations furnished the attorneys for the women, both of which are virulently anti-Trump and anti-Conservative. Money and counsel are being furnished to both women to push these fictions. Both are confirmed anti-Trumpers and part of the so-called "Resistance."

The Democrats and Progressives know that Kavanaugh's confirmation will end a near-70-year time frame where the courts became super legislatures to impose left wing programs and ideals on the nation.

Kavanaugh, an originalist, would look at the law and Constitution to decide cases. What Democrats and Progressives want are more judges to do from the bench what they cannot do at the ballot box.

For almost 70 years, courts have been used to come up with "rights" that are usually determined by contorted logic. *Roe v. Wade*, the mother lode of this type of judicial legislation, is the case par excellence for this type of lawmaking. Based on Justice William Brennan's famous "penumbras," the ruling is recognized by both left and right as having no basis in judicial precedent or law.

Like it came the ruling three years ago on same-sex faux marriage. Justice Anthony Kennedy, whom Kavanaugh is slated to replace, was the swing vote on this issue, and did not base it in law, but in evolving social mores. This type of fanciful ruling would stop.

But there is a bigger question here. Those supporting Ford and Ramirez believe accusations are fact, and should not be questioned. They are setting up strawmen, saying those who seek to find evidence or corroboration - or even question the accuser - are bullying her and showing disrespect for women and their feelings.

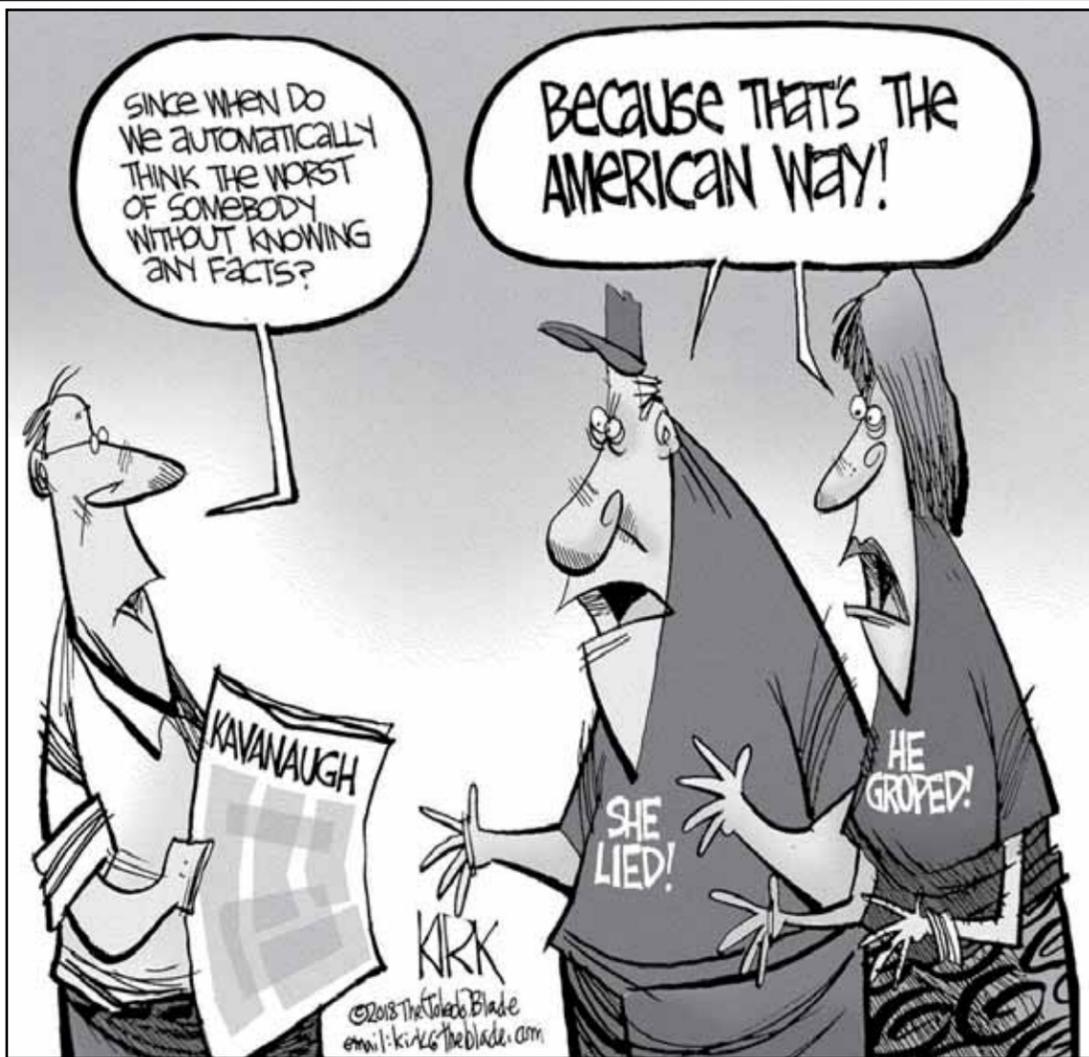
Sorry, this does not wash. Making accusations of this type against a man with the august reputation of Kavanaugh must be verified by facts and evidence. None is forthcoming in either of the cases. In both cases the accusers can't get their stories straight.

This is where we are in 2018. Accusers are to be believed the facts be damned.

Reputations and families are to be tormented by those making political points, and hoping for short-term victories.

As we said, this is a national spectacle.

It is also a national disgrace.



## Letters

### Martone 'bombshell' was misinformation

The West Haven High School Building Project Team was scheduled to deliver a status report to the Board of Education at its last meeting (Sept. 17). This had been planned for quite some time, and was part of the regular agenda with all guests listed on that document.

The team consists of managers from Gilbane Construction, the general contractor for the project, and Antinozzi Associates, the architects. As the chairman of the Building Committee, I was also in attendance and was prepared to answer any question from the Board members or the general public.

Since this project began, my goal has been to keep all interested parties informed, and conduct building committee meetings that are open and transparent.

As soon as the Public Information began, Councilwoman Louise Martone of the tenth district, asked to address the Board. To say the least, she was unprepared and ill-informed. She started her speech by declaring that the project was \$7 million over budget.

After announcing that she hadn't come prepared to speak, Mrs. Martone passed out a spread sheet to the members of the Board of various change orders as proof of "her theory." After her "bombshell," and saying she hoped there was a good explanation, she left without waiting for

one or listening to the team's presentation. This led me to believe Mrs. Martone wasn't there to get answers and become knowledgeable of the process.

As soon as Mrs. Martone left in the dramatic fashion that she chose to, I spoke to the Board and I believe, clarified any confusion. I began by letting everyone know that all work for the project was put out to bid, resulting in a savings of \$5 million.

Since enrollment projections increased, however, approximately three and a half-million dollars was needed to add nine classrooms to the school, and increase the size

of the cafeteria by two thousand square feet. The remaining savings are earmarked for additional furniture, fixtures, and other equipment (Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment - F, F, & E). Keep in mind that much of what had to be added back was a result the previous administration's lack of planning and desire to just get something done.

Not only were we facing a school that was too small on the day it opens, but one that would be without many critical elements necessary for modern teaching and learning to occur.

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### Difference-makers

Members of the West Haven High School Peer Advocacy Program and their school advisers, Monica Thomas, far left, and Abby Goodman, far right, receive the “You Make a Difference Award” and a \$300 donation to their program Sept. 20 from Robert S. Morton, front right, on behalf of the West Haven Interagency Network for Children. “The peer advocates assist the WHINC program’s Parent Support Group with child care, allowing parents to attend our meetings who otherwise would not be able to find or afford reliable or safe child care for their children,” said Morton.

## Grant: Haven gets \$5m boost from state

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The Haven, expected to break ground this year, will feature dozens of luxury retail shops, a 200-seat amphitheater, seven restaurants and a waterfront promenade in the 26-acre Water Street project area, which comprises 55 properties bounded by Main Street, First Avenue and Elm Street.

“West Haven appreciates the investment that this funding represents to our city and to the state,” Rossi said. “The \$5 million that the Bond Commission approved supports important redevelopment. I am grateful to (Gov. Dannel P. Malloy), the commission and the West Haven delegation, especially Representative Borer, for their roles in

securing this funding. Representative Borer has continuously advocated for this project in Hartford.”

Rossi added: “The future Haven South development will be enhanced by traffic improvements to Elm Street and access to our waterfront. These funds are for architectural, engineering and construction services — and we all know that this means jobs. I would also like to thank my chief of staff, Lou Esposito, and Commissioner Fred A. Messoro for facilitating this project and former Mayors John Picard and Edward O’Brien for their work.”

DiMassa said, “These investments will improve our infrastructure and will be a catalyst for The Haven devel-

opment, which is slated to bring hundreds of jobs and annual tax revenue to the city of West Haven.”

John P. Dionis, vice president of development for Simon Premium Outlets, based in Morristown, New Jersey, said: “The awarding of this grant by Governor Malloy and his administration is greatly appreciated as we continue to advance our transformational project, The Haven. Simon and The Haven Group also wish to thank the citizens of West Haven, Mayor Nancy Rossi, former Mayors Ed O’Brien and John Picard, and their administrations for their steadfast support of this development.”

Messoro said: “Today is an exciting

step moving this project forward and consistent with the efforts from 2003, when the city, under Mayor H. Richard Borer Jr., adopted the West River Municipal Development Plan in part to address the redevelopment of the area along the eastern gateway to the city of West Haven that borders the West River and to address the inefficiency of moving traffic along our roadway of Elm Street; more recently, with the site plan approval in July for The Haven high-end retail outlet. This bond allocation will assist with the costs associated with improvements to the roadway while staying consistent with the original mission of the Municipal Development Plan of 2003.”

### UFO



BY TOM ASCHENBACH

## Museum looks for vets

The West Haven Veterans Museum will honor men and women who served in Korea in the “Forgotten War” on Nov. 11 from 1:30-3:30. As the museum’s annual Special Event, the special program will include military and civic leaders, commemorative gifts and a reception sponsored by the University of New Haven. To date, 265 former military have been identified, but the Board of Directors believes there are many more to be identified.

Anyone having contact information for Korean War and DMZ veterans, living or deceased, is asked to send that information to WHVM, 30 Hood Terrace, West Haven, 06516 as soon as possible. Invitations will be sent to the veteran, or to the family of those who are deceased.

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tion took office last December, it was handed a huge debt, as well as a financial mess. This project is 77 percent funded by the State of Connecticut, but we are mindful that local tax dollars are paying for the remaining amount, and must be spent wisely. Councilwoman Martone has never attended a building committee meeting nor has she ever reached out to request financial information. My suggestion is, however, that prior to similar outbursts in the future, she should at least spend the time to educate herself on the issue at hand and not embarrass herself the way she did last Monday.

Ken Carney  
WHHS Building Committee



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## Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

### Hobbomock, The Sleeping Giant

The Boy has fond memories of the many trips up Route 10, to visit the family farm in western Massachusetts, long before Interstate 91 was created. Along the way, the family would pass the Sleeping Giant, and mother would tell them the giant's legend, according to her understanding.

In trying to resurrect this story, The Boy met author Jason Marchi, whose research and whose excellent children's book "The Legend of Hobbomock," are the basis for this week's column. If you are interested in reading Mr. Marchi's book, it may be found at Barnes and Noble.

It seems that in early times, the Native Americans known as the Long Water Land People (Quinnipiac) believed that giants made from stone once roamed the earth. One such stone giant was called

Hobbomock, whose footsteps shook the earth, and whose voice was as loud as thunder.

Marchi's book centers around a young Quinnipiac boy called Blackbird, who first heard of Hobbomock from his elders: In the earliest times, Hobbomock was the tribe's hero; he taught them how to hunt and fish. And he taught them that all things are sacred. At that time, the Quinnipiac, the winged people (the birds), and the four-legged people (the animals) all spoke the same language.

One day, Hobbomock got into his canoe and left the Long Water Land, to teach others how to hunt and fish, and care for their land. While he was gone, everything changed; the birds, animals and people no longer spoke the same language. Fear and distrust grew among them.

When Hobbomock returned, he was angry at what he saw,

and stamped his foot so hard that the long river (Connecticut River) changed direction and stayed that way. Angrily, Hobbomock left the Long Water Land.

Time passed and Blackbird grew, but he never forgot the tale of Hobbomock. One day, he was exploring in the deep forest, and he felt a mystical presence. Looking up, he saw Hobbomock, the stone giant looking down at him. The giant was angry that Blackbird had come to explore and hunt in the forbidden forest by the river. In a booming voice he told Blackbird that his people could not go there, because they no longer respected it, and he began to chase Blackbird back to his home.

Blackbird eluded the giant, and met hastily with the elders of his tribe. "There is only one thing we can do to stop Hobbomock: We must summon the good spirit Keitan and ask

for his help." The elders sat in a circle around their magic charms and began to chant, and Keitan cast a sleeping spell on the giant. Moments later, there was a crash that shook the earth, as the giant fell to his knees, rolled onto his back, and entered into a long, deep sleep.

Today, Hobbomock still

sleeps. His sleeping body lies in repose beneath the set of hills that form the Sleeping Giant landform in what is now Hamden, Connecticut. But legend has it that one day, Keitan's sleeping spell will wear off, and Hobbomock will wake up; and the hills that form his head, his body and his legs will have disappeared.



The legend of the Sleeping Giant was an important part of Quinnipiac lore.

## Rossi forms panel for school play area

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi applauded the state Bond Commission for grants totaling \$5.1 million at its Sept. 20 meeting. Included in the funding was \$100,000 to construct a playground on the grounds of Forest Elementary School in Allingtown.

The playground is something the school's PTA has requested for many years. Forest PTA President Carrie Malangone has been the driving force behind the project, along with state Rep. Michael A. DiMassa, D-West Haven.

Rossi will appoint a seven-member Playground Committee, which will consist of Malangone; Ken Carney, the city's volunteer projects coordinator; Councilman Peter V. Massaro, D-6; Board of Education member Rosa Richardson; Forest Principal Thomas J. Hunt; Superintendent of Schools Neil C. Cavallaro; and Board of Education Facilities Coordinator Christopher P. Everone.

Rossi said the committee will ensure a transparent process and facilitate the installation of the playground.

"I am thrilled that the Bond Commission approved the funding for this much-needed project in Allingtown, and I look forward to seeing the playground installed at Forest Elementary School next year," Rossi said. "I want to also thank our legislative delegation, including state Reps. Michael DiMassa, Dorinda Borer and Charles Ferraro and state Sens. Gayle Slossberg and Gary Holder-Winfield for their support."

Rossi added, "We need to add more recreational facilities throughout the city for our younger generation, and this playground will provide a nice resource for them."

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# City hosting 'Food and Fig Festival' Sept. 29

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

The city is holding a new festival that will celebrate its diverse heritage of food while also commemorating the rich history of figs.

Yes, figs.

On Saturday, organizers will feature the popular fruit for the first time as part of the city's International Food & Fig Festival on the lawn in front of Savin Rock, off Captain Thomas Boulevard.

A fig is an Asian species of flowering plant in the mulberry family that is widely grown worldwide, both for its fruit and as an ornamental plant.

The festival, set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., will showcase vendors

buying, selling and trading figs or fig trees.

According to organizers, one participating vendor grows 350 varieties of fig trees; another grows 200 varieties.

The event will even include a fig demonstration, fig farmers market and fig tasting, organizers said.

"It is very exciting to have a new festival in the city that will celebrate West Haven culture, food and, of course, figs," Mayor Nancy R. Rossi said.

The multicultural event will also include a DJ playing hit music and a smorgasbord of food vendors dishing up eats and sweets on the lawn of Savin Rock and in the parking lot of the nearby Savin Rock Con-

ference Center, 6 Rock St.

Dr. Charles R. Vossbrinck, an associate agricultural scientist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and a self-proclaimed fig enthusiast, will speak at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. about propagating and overwintering figs in the state.

"I look forward to connecting with the fig hobbyists at the festival and meeting with them once in a while," said Vossbrinck, a molecular biologist who is running trials of five varieties of figs in a greenhouse at the station's 75-acre research farm, Lockwood Farm, in Hamden.

Vossbrinck is growing the fig varieties in 25-gallon self-

watering pots both outdoors and in high tunnels.

The pots are stored indoors during the winter.

The station, based in New Haven and operated by the state, engages in scientific research and public outreach in agriculture and related fields. Founded in 1875, it is the oldest state experiment station in the U.S.

Vossbrinck and his team are also trying to grow figs outdoors, a difficult task because of Connecticut's cold winters and the need to extend the growing season, he said.

In keeping with a policy instituted earlier this year, Rossi said the festival is taking place at no cost to the city, thanks to private donations and sponsors.

## WH Garden Club slates montly confab

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its meeting on Thursday, Oct. 11, at the St. Louis Church meeting room, Bull Hill Lane at 11:30 a.m.

A luncheon will then follow and the program will be Backyard Birds: Identify and learn about our winged friends, which will be conducted by the CT Audubon Society.

Newcomers are welcome to join us. For further information call (203) 937-1674.

## Gripe Vine

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heads, including the police departments. Residents

deserve responses. From what I have learned over the many years of assisting readers, very little success emanates from city offices as well as delays in responses. This is where writing to Gripe Vine becomes more effective than waiting to hear or not to hear from city offices. As far as your challenge asking me to assist "all of us in West Haven" Been doing that....

By the way, where is Louis Esposito, the mayor's executive assistant who had been assisting Gripe Vine with gripe responses?

Readers, here are five more unsolved gripes that have been sent to Mayor Nancy Rossi:

~~ Clock malfunction on Al-lingtown Green has been reported. No word if it has been operating correctly.

~~ Sign on West Haven Green prohibiting dog droppings. Has the sign been erected?

~~ Has a sign prohibiting summer parking on Connecticut Avenue been installed?

~~ Is the traffic light installed at Elm and Campbell working now? It has been blinking.

~~ Outdoor lighting requested at Park Garden Apartments for safety issues on Ellis Street?

Gripe Vine Readers, as always, please include your name, address and phone number kept in strict confidentiality with me, but if you prefer to remain anonymous to the reading public, include your first name, initial and the neighborhood you're complaining about as well as your name and address.

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### Profile of Attorney Mark A. Healey

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



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

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

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

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

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## Sports Sports Sports Sports Sports

## Westies top Knights, 28-7

The West Haven football team traveled across town to face rival Notre Dame on Friday night in DellaCamera Stadium in the annual Soderman Bowl. The Blue Devils managed to put the only points on the board in the first half when Justin Medina scored on a 4-yard touchdown run. The extra point sailed left of the upright and the Westies had a 6-0 lead with 2:16 left in the first quarter.

The Green Knights threatened as time wound down in the half and appeared to be heading in to the end zone when a Notre Dame receiver pulled down a pass on the 5-yard line on fourth down but, a converging Jordan Berrios with a perfectly timed strip of the ball prevented the touchdown.

The Westies took control in the second half and went up 14-0 on a one-yard plunge by Juan Gutierrez and then Jordan Berrios scrambled through a host of Green Knights before powering his way into the end zone for the two-point conversion with 1:08 left in the third quarter.

After Notre Dame cut the lead to 14-7 just 1:10 into the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils scored the final, two touchdowns to secure the 28-7 victory.

Berrios busted a long run to get the Westies down to the Notre Dame 5-yard line and Justin Medina ran it in on the next play to make it a 21-7 game after Isaac Morales split

the uprights with 7:07 remaining.

Medina, who finished with 103 yards on 14 carries, put the final nail in the coffin when he raced 41 yards for his third touchdown to put the game out of reach with 3:28 left in the game, helping the Blue Devils hoist their third, consecutive Soderman Bowl Trophy.

This week, the Westies travel to Bridgeport to take on the Bassick Lions at Kennedy Stadium on Friday at 7.

The girls soccer team dropped a couple of contests before bouncing back with a victory to end the week. On Tuesday afternoon, the Blue Devils took on the Luralton Hall Crusaders in Milford. The Westies had a great chance in the 18th minute when Cori Severino fed Kelsey Gilmore, who drove the ball but it rang off the crossbar. The Crusaders were able to take advantage of a rebound after a Mackenzie Gardner save to make it 1-0 with 9:19 left in the first half.

Keegan Riccio got the Blue Devils even when she booted a 20-yard kick that sailed over the Crusaders' keeper and into the net with 36:46 left to knot the game 1-1.

But it was the Crusaders who had the last word in this contest when they converted another rebound to get the game winner with 27:27 left in the game. Mackenzie Gardner finished with seven saves in goal for West Haven.

On Thursday evening, the



Photo by Russ McCreven

**Blue Devils volleyball player Noelle Noble bumps s return against Wilbur Cross last week. The Governors topped the Westies,, 3-2, at the local gym.**

girls hosted the Hand Tigers in Ken Strong Stadium. The Tigers scored 9:47 into the game and iced the game with a goal with 6:20 left in the game to defeat the Westies 2-0. Mackenzie Gardner stopped seven Tiger shots between the pipes.

On Saturday morning, the Blue Devils shut down the Lyman Hall Trojans, 1-0, in Wallingford.

The Westies got the only goal of the game from Cori Severino scored, assisted by Selena Izzo. The West Haven defense and goalkeeper Mackenzie Gardner did the rest, keeping the Trojans off the board. Gardner made three saves to pick up the shutout.

This week, the Westies hosted the East Haven Yellow Jackets on Tuesday and visit the Foran Lions in Milford on Thursday at 6.

The boys soccer team suffered a similar fate last week with two losses before bouncing back on Saturday night with a 1-0 victory against Career/Hillhouse. On Tuesday evening, the Fairfield Prep Jesuits jumped on the Blue Devils for three goals in the first ten minutes on their way to an 8-0 victory. The Westies didn't have an answer for the powerful Jesuit offense in the loss.

On Thursday evening, the boys headed to Wallingford for a clash with the Sheehan Titans and came out on the short end of a 2-1 score but, on Saturday evening, the Blue Devils got back in the win column with a 1-0 win over Career/Hillhouse at Ken Strong Stadium.

This week, the boys traveled to Xavier on Tuesday and end the week hosting the Lyman Hall Trojans on Friday at 7.

The volleyball team had a tough week, dropping all, three of its matches. On Monday afternoon, the Westies were swept 3-0 by the Amity Spartans in the WHHS Gym. The girls lost, 25-16, 25-14 and 25-9 in a dominant performance by the Spartans. Irene Ronan had five kills and one block while Bria Stanley contributed with four kills in the loss.

On Thursday, the Blue Devils hosted the Hamden Green Dragons and held a 2-1 lead before allowing the Dragons to take the last, two games in a 3-2 loss. The girls lost, 25-17, 14-25, 25-14, 21-15 and 14-16. Jennifer Ortiz had 26 assists and three digs, Nancy Tapia had 13 kills and six digs, Noelle Noble had seven digs and four aces and Irene Ronan had

10 kills to lead West Haven.

On Friday afternoon, the Westies suffered a similar, heart-breaking result at the hands of the Wilbur Cross Governors, 3-2 (25-17, 19-25, 12-25, 25-17, 13-15). Jennifer Ortiz had 18 assists, four aces and three digs to lead the Blue Devils. Nancy Tapia and Irene Ronan each had 10 kills, Noelle Noble had ten digs and Celina Condon contributed with five digs.

This week, the girls played road matches at Luralton Hall on Monday and Shelton on Wednesday before hosting Career on Friday at 5:15.

The girls swim team lost to the North Haven Indians on Monday afternoon 94-81. Anya Celmer took the 50 freestyle, Madison Hobart won the 100 backstroke and Sophia Lora was victorious in the 100 breaststroke in individual events.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Kaelyn Falanga, Victoria Acuna, Sophia Lora and Morgan Falanga swam to victory while the 400 freestyle relay team of Celmer, Hobart, Kaelyn Falanga and Morgan Falanga also was victorious.

This week, the girls visited the Mercy Tigers on Monday night.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

### Player of the Week

**Mackenzie Gardner is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. In three games, Gardner posted an .809 save percentage. To read about the Player of the Week and learn about all of your West Haven sports, including game stories, photos, videos and more, visit [www.westieblue.com](http://www.westieblue.com).**

## Westie Blue In Touch

By Mike Madera

After winning two of its first three matches, the West Haven volleyball team has hit a rough patch. Unable to put opponents away, the Westies are in the midst of a four-match skid.

West Haven opened the week with a key contest against Amity and star Abby Harbinson. West Haven found how good Harbinson is first hand last Monday evening as Harbinson took over in each game when her team needed her most, leading the Spartans over West Haven, 25-16, 25-14, 25-9 at West Haven High. The senior finished with 12 kills, but it was not the number of kills, but when those kills came in the match.

"We know we were not playing our best," Harbinson said. "We were making a lot of errors on our side."

We want to improve and see how that improvement shows in one game alone." After pulling away from a close game in the opener to win by nine points, Amity found itself in a battle with the Westies in the second game. With the Spartans leading 13-12, Harbinson took over. Three straight kills by the senior had the Spartans in front 16-12 and Amity never looked back. A block by Megan Carpenter put the Spartans up by five points before West Haven's Irene Ronan blasted a kill to get the Westies within 20-14.

"She certainly did take over," West Haven coach Kate Coldren said of Harbinson. "That is about where we stopped playing. They get some momentum going and they just took over. We were unable to stop them. You cannot give her or that team free balls. They take advantage of that." The Westies never got closer as a run of errors kept the Spartans in control. Those errors helped Amity close the second game on a 16-2 run.

"It all starts with our passing," Amity coach Seth Davis said. "If we can control our side of the court, we play a lot

better. When we control our side, we can play with a lot of teams."

The win in the second game by the Spartans took some steam out of the Westies as Amity cruised in the third and final game.

Harbinson opened the final game with a kill and a dink, before another Ronan kill for the Westies has the Westies within one.

An ace by Zoe DiZenzo and another kill by Harbinson had the Spartans up five and West Haven never got closer. A pair of kills by Carpenter put Amity up 12-4 and 17-5, before a kill by West Haven's Jennifer Ortiz was answered by two more Harbinson kills.

Kills by Maddy Smith and Mariam Tkeshelashvili put the Spartans closer to clinching the match, before three West Haven errors helped seal the win for the Spartans.

DiZenzo ran the Amity offense with 17 assists, while Tkeshelashvili had five kills for the Spartans. Ronan led West Haven with five kills and one block, while Bria Stanley added four kills.

There are losses and there are tough losses. The Westies suffered one of those tough losses Thursday evening.

Leading two games to one, West Haven could not seal the deal and watched as Hamden rallied to win the final two games to post a thrilling 3-2 victory over the Westies at West Haven High Thursday evening. With the heartbreaking 25-17, 14-25, 25-14, 21-25, 14-16 loss, West Haven fell to 2-3 on the season.

"Tonight was a very tough loss and the girls were full of emotions," Coldren said. "They worked very hard and still came out on the losing end. The good news is they know they don't like this feeling, so hopefully they will do everything it takes to make sure this doesn't happen again. We definitely had far too many unforced errors and they seemed to happen at the worst possible time. They



Photo by Russ McCreven

West Haven's Jenifer Ortiz, Irene Ronan, and Lauren Kenny watch Nancy Tapin's return in last week's match with Wilbur Cross. The Westies lost a close 3-2 contest.

have to stay focused and disciplined in order for us to be successful and get these wins."

Ortiz ran the offense with 26 assists, had three digs on the defensive side and played well all around. Nancy Tapia also had a solid all-around match with 13 kills and six digs, while Noelle Noble was equally impressive with seven digs and four aces. Ronan was solid up front with 10 kills, Celina Condon had three digs, and Stanley added four blocks and two kills.

"Nancy (Tapia), Jen (Ortiz), and Noelle (Noble) played well on defense tonight," Coldren said. "They were scrappy and kept us alive during a lot of plays. Nancy and Irene (Ronan) did well at the net. We needed to be a little more consistent but overall they played well."

West Haven seemingly loves excitement. Unfortunately for the Westies, that excitement

has not been kind to them.

Watching as Cross stormed back in the final game, West Haven lost its second straight five-game heart breaker, 25-17, 19-25, 12-25, 25-17, 13-15, at West Haven Friday evening.

With the third consecutive loss, West Haven fell to 2-4 on the year.

"It was a very frustrating night," Coldren said. "We won the first game and then played really flat in the next two games. Even though we won a couple of games, we couldn't put everything together and get our offense going. There were a lot of breakdowns in communication and unforced errors again. We really need to get over this hump and get back to winning, but it's going to take a total team effort. This past week of matches we definitely beat ourselves in most cases and we have to get back on track."

Ortiz ran the offense with 18 assists and four aces, while also adding three digs defensively. Tapia and Ronan each had 10 kills, Noble played well in back with 10 digs, and Condon also added five digs.

"Noelle (Noble) had a good night in the back row and Nancy (Tapia) continues to play well in the front and back row," Coldren said.

Tapia added four digs, Bria Stanley had four kills, and Kara Erickson added three digs.

West Haven lost its fourth straight match with a 3-0 decision at Lauralton Hall Monday evening. With the 25-19, 25-15, 25-20 defeat, West Haven fell to 2-5 on the year.

Ortiz had nine assists, Tapia added five digs and four kills, Ronan had five kills, and Noble had eight digs. Gili-ana Santaniello chipped in four aces, two kills, three digs, and four assists.

## ND harriers sweep over Green Dragons

Cross-Country sweeps meet and places third at Sloper Relays while football team falls to cross-town rival West Haven in a game played at UNH's Dellacamera Stadium.

Cross-Country -- A late sprint over the final 100 yards by Notre Dame's Tommy Minar was just the start to what turned out to be a banner day for the Green Knights cross country team. Minar edged Hamden's Damon Swift by one second to win the race, held at Hamden's Town Park Course. Notre Dame swept the meeting beating Hamden (23-38), North Haven (23-36), and East Haven (15-50). In a fun-filled event called the Sloper Relays on Friday, the

cross-country team had a strong showing with a third-place finish out of the 43-team field. Notre Dame went with a business attire theme, running in shirts and ties in the 1.5 mile relay event. Jon Katz and Tom Minar both ran their legs in 8:06 and Anthony Bruno and Oliver Shannon were right behind as Notre Dame finished in a time of 31:52 for the six-mile relay.

The cross-country team ran against Hand, Fairfield Prep, and Foran this past Monday and will race in the Nonnewaug Invitational in Woodbury on Friday afternoon.

Football -- West Haven made more big plays, including a pair of big runs

with the game in the balance, in their 28-7 win over Notre Dame in the annual Soderman Bowl Game played at UNH's DellaCamera Stadium. Zack Hochman pulled the Green Knights within 14-7 late in the third quarter on touchdown run. But a Jordan Berrios long run set up a Justin Medina 4-yard score and West Haven was back in control 21-7. Notre Dame returns to battle facing an undefeated 3-0 Branford team on the road on Friday.

Soccer -- Shane Mufarinya tallied eight minutes into the second half to give ND soccer a 1-0 lead over undefeated Xavier on Saturday. Unfortunately, the undefeated Falcons re-

sponded with four unanswered goals over the final 20 minutes en route to their 4-1 SCC home win.

Earlier in the week, the Green Knights lost on back-to-back days when they fell to Career/Hillhouse, 1-0, on a goal with under eight minutes left before losing to two-time defending state champion Hand, 3-0. Notre Dame has a two-game week playing at North Haven on Tuesday and Law on Friday.

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# Peewees take two in weekend play

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team had a solid weekend with a pair of wins. The two victories allowed the Westies to improve to 2-2-2 on the season.

West Haven opened the weekend against the Riverhawks A1 team and posted a 9-2 victory. Michael Madera led the way with four goals and two assists, Zach Goetze added two goals and one assist, and Mickey Dowd had a goal and an assist.

Bryan Hong and Jacob Silva played well in goal, while the defense of Bruno Martone, Haygen Axelrod, Jason Alling, Ray Heenie, and Dylan Bosworth was stellar throughout the contest.

Trailing 1-0, West Haven took the lead for good with four unanswered goals to close the first period. Madera opened the scoring off an assist from Goetze 2:19 in, Goetze, scored off assists from Madera and Dowd 3:08 later, Brady Price scored on a backhander in front off an assist from Chris Consorte with 4:06 left, and Madera set up Goetze with 1:45 left in the period for

a 4-1 advantage.

West Haven put the game away in the second period, scoring twice in the first 33 seconds on unassisted tallies by Dowd and Madera. Cody Rocchio scored off an assist from Connor Moriarty for a 7-2 lead 6:13 in.

The Westies won their second straight contest with a 6-5 comeback victory over New Rochelle Sunday morning at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven.

Trailing 3-0 in the first period, the Westies got within a goal when Goetze scored off an assist from Madera with 7:52 remaining, and Dowd converted a rebound of a Madera shot 3:20 later.

West Haven took a 4-3 lead in the second period when Alling sent Dowd a perfect pass and Dowd converted for a shorthanded goal 11 seconds in. Just 4:26 later, West Haven scored again while a man down as Madera sent Goetze on a breakaway and Goetze niftly converted for West Haven's first lead of the game.

The Westies took a 5-3 lead 47 seconds into the third pe-

riod when Martone blasted a shot in from the point off assists from Dowd and Ray Heenie. Dowd's unassisted goal 2:59 in gave West Haven a 6-4 advantage.

The West Haven Bantam A travel hockey team started off the weekend rough, but ended on a strong note.

In a rare Friday night contest, West Haven hosted the Wonderland Wizards at the Bennett Rink and fell 5-1. The Blue Devils got on the board first, scoring about 12 minutes into the first period with a goal by David Brown off assists from Ryan Bernardi and Michael Alfano. The Westies were unable to get any other goals in the contest, falling to a talented Wizards team. Penalties kept the Westies in the box and played a role in the outcome, having six penalties in the game.

Ryan Andreesen played two solid periods in goal, with Brendan Smith coming in the third period and doing a great job coming in cold. Sean Bosworth, Matt Wezenski and Justin Pniewski all played well on defense. Colin Deane,

Kevin Gardner and Carl Murgo played exceptional on forward.

On Sunday, the Blue Devils found themselves on the road to the Terry Connors Rink in Stamford to take on the Stamford Sharks, where West Haven came out on top with a 7-3 victory.

Anthony Peschell got the scoring started in the first period, and Alfano scored just a minute and a half later, with the assist coming from Bernardi. In the second period, Joey Honcz dangled the goalie in front all alone and scored the third goal for the Westies. Jayden Spreyer gave Honcz a great pass from the corner to get the assist.

Luca Ubaldi scored later in the period, with Peschell scoring his second of the game just a minute later. Murgo was credited with the assist on Pe-

schell's goal.

The Sharks came out strong in the third period, scoring three goals in the first five minutes of the period to make it 5-3. After a West Haven timeout, Ryan Brenardi stopped the Sharks momentum by scoring a nice one-touch goal in front of the net, with Adrian Fielosh feeding him perfectly in front from the corner to get the assist on the goal. Matt Morgan put the game away with the Westies final goal with a minute left, Peschell got the assist on Morgan's goal and his third point of the game.

Smith played well in goal, playing a complete game. Dante Hardt, Cade Simone and Nolan Cole all played well at forward. The Blue Devils had a strong defensive effort from Brown, Fielosh and Ubaldi.



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## Continues the drive

Junior Peewee running back Aedan Coe (42) runs for a first down against the Waterbury Patriots. The Seahawks improved to 3-1 with a 12-0 win.

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# U-15 gals top Wallingford in soccer

The Elite Soccer Camps U-15 girls travel team opened up the soccer playing weekend with two games. On Saturday, the girls traveled to Wallingford, winning 3-0. Cassie Wadeka kept the shut-out, aided by the strong play on defense from Isabelle Nagle and Cindy Burns. Olivia Trenchard bossed the midfield, breaking up plays and connecting passes. Ariana Izzo buried the first goal from the penalty spot and Julia Tsakonas netted the other two. Brooke Throm, Alyvia Ginsberg and Josephina Lakaj put in a lot of hustle on the flanks.

On Sunday, the girls traveled to Madison, and fell 3-1, in a well-played, hard fought game. Nevaeh Swanson, Celia Williams, Melissa Tsakonas and Camryn Flaherty were

solid on defense. Emma Walker never stopped working on both sides of the ball, while Brooke Flaherty and Camryn Beauvais provided support on defense and worked hard to get the attack going.

The Apple Rehab of West Haven U-12 Thunder girls travel team traveled to Orange on Saturday. In a nose to nose battle, the Thunder held Orange scoreless in the first half, but eventually fell, 2-0. Lea Boguniecki and Madysen Ortiz set-up their teammates with some well-timed passes, and Bellarose Ramirez and Aarya Mulmi put Orange under constant pressure. Jayden Braaker, Michelle Ceja and Isabella Melissano played well for the Thunder as well.

The Elite Soccer Camps U-12 Lightning girls travel team

hosted Naugatuck Sunday afternoon, and came out on top, 5-1. Jayden Powell opened up the scoring for the Lightning, putting the ball into the back of the net off of a free kick. Later in the game, Powell had another free kick saved, but Etta Funke was there to nail in the rebound. Ciara Harp also scored, while Chloe Whelan, Niamh Chesson, and Sophie Mazuroski were all superb on defense. Taylor Guarino pulled off a couple of awesome step overs to get passed defenders, and Jaelyn Beauvais and Ashlynn Trenchard put in a solid day's work in the midfield for the Lightning.

The Milano & Wanat U-10 girls took down both opponents this weekend, with a 4-2 win over Prospect and a 3-1 win over Milford. Kayci Gayle

led the team on Saturday with two goals, followed by Camilla Murphy and Isabella Antonucci with a goal each.

At Sunday's games, goals were scored again by Camilla Murphy and Isabella Antonucci, with Madison Gargiulo adding a goal as well. Both Valentina DeMartino and Arianna Throm did well in goal and Amiyah Jones played strong defense and Cristel Miguel showed some great hustle.

In league action this weekend, the Elite Soccer Camps Green Beans played Saturday morning against Dillman & Dillman Adjusters, LLC, with the Green Beans coming out victors, 9-3. Ryan Abekah and Solomon Benton worked hard, and Christley Lops, Zara Joseph, Layla Nesmith, and Isa-

belle Ortiz showed their growing soccer skills. Briana Valtierra and Nora Vega-Crocker played good defense, and Jax Guarino and Ben Trenchard showcased their dribbling and goal-scoring abilities in the win for the Green Beans. For Dillman & Dillman Adjusters, Ava Ciccarelli, Burkland Wray, and Malakai Inahuazo all played hard.

The Rock House School of Music Blue Rams defeated WH Professional Firefighters, 5-0, Quennell Nesmith had an outstanding offensive game and scoring a few, while Chase Agvent and Ali Maula each added a goal in the victory. Great defense was played by Xavier McMillan and Alexander Peralta. The Bohemian Body Art Bobcats defeated the Gunning Law Firm Fireballs, 5-2. Goals were scored by Kayci Gayle, Camilla Murphy and Lexi Lucas. Strong show in goal by the Pellino sisters, Kaylee and Ava.

In F Division play, the Cappetta's Italian Imports Killer Bees played an impressive game against Dillman & Dillman Adjusters, with an 11-9 win. Giada Jimenez, Luciana Cappetta, Annabelle Fiorillo, Alyssa Koontz, and Jocelyn Kenny all scored, while Abbey Forsyth picked up an assist. The Gunning Law Firm Grays fell to the West Haven Italian-American Civic Association, 11-6. Charlie Gunning, Tobias Warcholic, Julius Stokes, Marco Antonucci all scored, and Aiden Slate and Anthony Villeda showed some great hustle. The Cornell Scott Hill Health Center Green Apples played Top Hat Dance Academy, losing 5-0. Isabella Cooper showed her passion for the game, giving everything she had and playing with her heart and soul. Gianna Natale used her footwork to play aggressively and attack the ball.

Baybrook Remodelers played Stars Ice Cream, and although they tried hard, they lost the game, 5-1. Ava Dasilva continually attacked the ball in her defensive position. Cheyenne Sebas scored her first goal this season off a penalty kick. The CT Pest Elimination Blue Dragons Coach Maggie's won, 10-5, against Lacistrong. Goals were scored by Jacob Rader, Folake Olorunmaiye and Bianca Arroyo. Also scoring were Jeshrun Polington, Roland Green and Jaire Bruss Setzer. The Stowe's Seafood Gold Fish played West Shore Family Dental in a hard-fought battle with the Gold Fish coming up short 5-4. A great goal was scored by Ato Ofosu-Appiah and great field play was shown by Adam Boulguid, Zach Shippy, and Tyler Geer. Junior Salguero did a great job

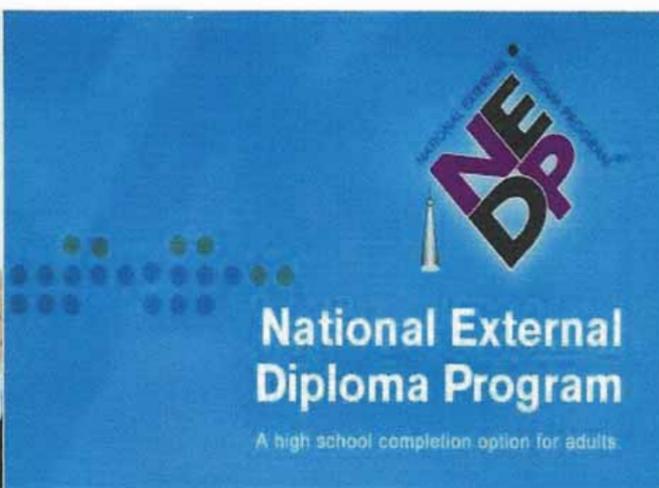
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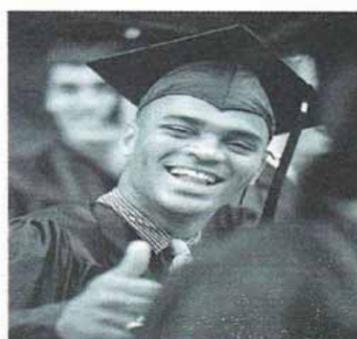
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# JV 'Hawks top Pats, 40-12

The West Haven Seahawks' Junior Varsity team bounced back this week with a very exciting and impressive 40-12 win over the Waterbury Patriots. The offense was led by Dylan Whitlow who was responsible for three touchdowns, two long passes to Robert Torres and one rushing score.

Devin Robinson had a 78-yard rushing touchdown and quarterback Jayden Roby connected with Donovan Davis for another 36-yard scoring play.

The defense was stingy led by Trevor Tompkins, Connor Holy and Cayden Drost who had an interception.

The Junior Peeewe team improved to 3-1 on the season with a 12-0 win at Waterbury. Quarterback Nick Conlon and running back Aedan Coe each had a rushing touchdown. Running back Bryan Tillman ran the ball with authority for the Hawks.

The young Seahawks' defense recorded its third shut-out of the season with efforts from Ethan Holy, Joey Copela, Coe and Tillman.

The flag football team (5 & 6) traveled to Seymour and excelled on offense and defense led by Jaden Spell, Jackson Boynton and Jaxson Ryan.

The Mighty Mite team (7-9) fell to a very good Waterbury Patriot team, 20-0. The offense drove the ball but struggled to score.

Quarterback Mason Wright, Tristan Crawford, Jorrae Dupree, Colin Murray and Azrial Pizarro played well on offense. The defense was led by Yusef Turner with two interceptions. The Peeewe team had a bye week and will return to action Saturday.

The Unlimited team lost a tough game to the Bridgeport Raiders, 28-7. The game was closer than the score with the Seahawks down, 14-7, at the half. Quarterback Hannah

Borrows played well. Kadeer Dembele scored the Seahawk touchdown. Running back Mateo Petruzzello ran the ball very well for the hawks. Vicent Nacca, Christain Lewis and Justin Teodosio played well on both sides of the ball.

The Seahawks will be home for the first time this season at Veterans Field on Saturday. The Junior Peeewe will host the New Haven Steelers at 1 p.m.

The Peeewe team will host the New Britain Raiders at 3 and the Unlimited team will host the New Haven Steelers at 5.

The Mighty Mites travel to Stratford Sunday at 9 and the Junior Varsity team has a bye week. For more information, please visit [www.westhaven-seahawk.com](http://www.westhaven-seahawk.com).



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## Race to the end zone

Junior Varsity running back Robert Torres (88) races for the end zone for one of his two scores in his team's 40-12 win over the Waterbury Patriots.

## Soccer

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The Stars Ice Cream Blue Seals battled Oyster River Energy Rockers to a 3-3 draw. The Blue Seals were led by Marjorie Hernandez-Fortune, Nada El Moulin, Caydance Hill, Carnasia Shabazz, and Camille Merritt played good on defense. For the Rockers, Mya Ajanaku scored. Asia Ford stepped up to play goalie for the first time, making several saves that she pushed over the bar, and Lliannay Romero played well in the outside midfield position.

The Mulkerin School of Irish Dancing Golden Dragons took on York Business Center and took the win, 11-7. Leonidis Dews, Ahmed Hashem and Jayden Prates were the stars this week. The Lions Club of West Haven Red Lions played Seacrest Retirement Center, losing 6-5. Gabriel Nascimeto and Jimmy Clark led the way for the Red Lions playing all over the field. Ethan Jacinto and Trent Fagan contributed well for the team playing excellent defense for the Red Lions.

In the final action of the weekend, Watson Foods Co, LLC battled Eli's Orange to a 4-4 draw, with both teams combining for some great goals. Porto Funeral Homes won a decisive victory over Elsie Encarnation-State Farm Insurance 3-0. Matthew Treat scored the brace and Chris Petrie scored a brilliant goal from a diving header.



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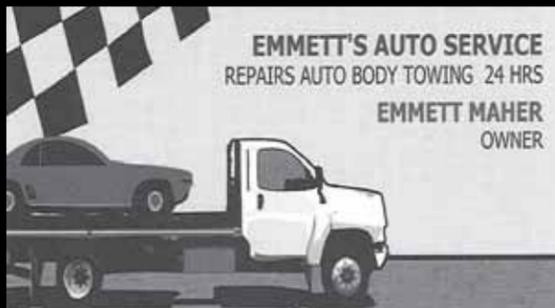
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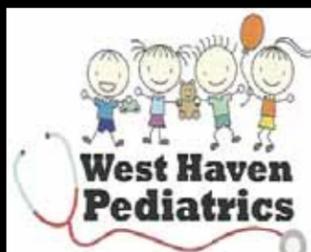
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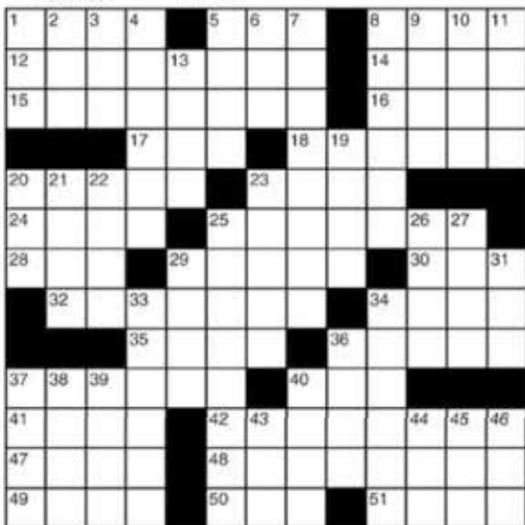
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  - 34 Blueprint
  - 35 "Sad to say ..."
  - 36 Combination of tones
- DOWN**
- 1 Piping material, for short
  - 2 Always, to a poet
  - 3 Paid athlete
  - 4 Horse's hang-out
  - 5 Somewhat
  - 6 Lingerie item
  - 7 Capital of Australia
  - 8 Perfume application
  - 9 Colored
  - 10 Neighborhood
  - 11 Healthy
  - 13 And others (Lat.)
  - 19 Bar
  - 20 Fuel additive brand
  - 21 Capital of Ukraine
  - 22 Incite
  - 23 Rosary components
  - 25 Large blood vessel
  - 26 Capital of Norway
  - 27 Approach
  - 29 Wan
  - 31 Additionally
  - 33 Irritate
  - 34 Lighthouse of Alexandria
  - 36 Organization
  - 37 Passenger's payment
  - 38 Eastern potentate
  - 39 — me tangere
  - 40 Farm measure
  - 43 Animation frame
  - 44 Consumed
  - 45 Golf gadget
  - 46 Conclusion



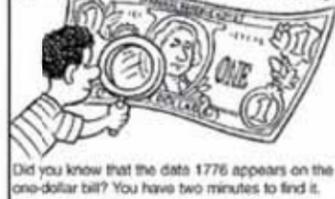
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T E D B T V Z L R N H H A X W  
E R N N N R U A E T O E R Q O  
R N A A L I D R J W J O I G F  
D R Y M T E B C D N O P A Y X  
G R E H S I F W V T J L S R P

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

- |           |            |         |           |
|-----------|------------|---------|-----------|
| Adams     | Irving     | Poehler | Smart     |
| Brenneman | Jo Johnson | Pond    | Tan       |
| Fisher    | Lee        | Ryan    | Winehouse |
| Grant     | Lowell     | Sedaris |           |

## A REVOLUTIONARY RIDDLE!



Answer: The date 1776 appears on the one-dollar bill.

**ODD WORD OUT!**  
To the right is a list of five words. Can you figure out which word does not belong on the list?

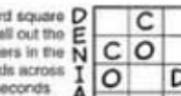
## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

**A DAY AT THE BEACH!**

In the grid on the left there is room for nine words that all begin with "SAND." The following hints should help you to dig up the correct words.

- A large container.
  - What the carpenter did.
  - They're great for a hot beach.
  - This is also great at noon.
  - This guy really "digs" his work.
  - To cheat or steal in a tricky manner (slang).
  - Found close to shore.
  - A way to decorate glass.
  - A cheap playground.
- There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will name something that you'll need at the beach.



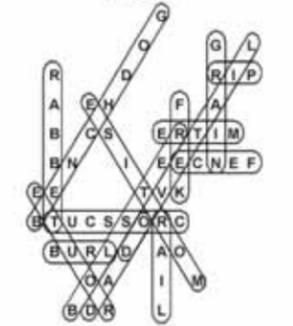
## Answers to last week's puzzles

### King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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

### WOODWORKING TERMS



### Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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

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