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A weekly in-depth interview

'I think I want my audience to take it lightly. It's just about going to a show and having a laugh.'

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'Blue Lady' sends thanks to city



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Joined by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, Irishwoman of the Year Joan Downing Connor pulls off the shroud revealing the Kelly green street sign designating the Campbell Avenue side of City Hall "Joan D. Connor Square" for the next year at West Haven's 28th annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Friday. Looking on are, from right, mayoral Executive Assistant Lou Esposito and master of ceremonies David Coyle.

Rossi to propose 2nd budget plan

With a five-year plan that includes automatic increases in the city's mill rate in order to create more cash flow, Mayor Nancy Rossi will propose her second city budget tonight in a special session of the City Council set for the Council Chambers at 6 p.m. Following the budget unveiling and address, the council will take up the matter of setting the public hearing on the proposal.

At press time, Rossi was still working on the budget, and refused to give any

inkling as to what was to be included in the proposal for the fiscal year, beginning July 1. When asked, the mayor replied, "We are still working on it."

The only real issue at hand is what the mill rate will be, and what kind of an increase will be allowable under the strictures set up by the Municipal Accountability Review Board. The MARB has had a stranglehold on city finances since the City Council approved a 2017 bond issue to pay off the previous \$16 million deficit.

Last year's \$162.86 million spending plan was only \$11,000 more than the previous budget.

In a five-year plan worked out between the Rossi administration and MARB, the city is to see tax increases over the span with it capping out at 40. The only mystery for taxpayers, then, will be the increase sought by Rossi in the new budget.

The current mill rate (not including individual fire district taxes) is 36.26, but

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By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

With Mayor Nancy R. Rossi looking on, Irishwoman of the Year Joan Downing Connor unveiled a Kelly green street sign designating the Campbell Avenue side of City Hall "Joan D. Connor Square" for the next year at West Haven's 28th annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Friday.

Connor, the daughter of immigrant parents from County Kerry, Ireland, was presented with gifts of appreciation, including an embroidered "Irishwoman of the Year" jacket, and words of praise from Rossi for "carrying on the spirited traditions of Ireland and the spiritual teachings of St. Patrick, personifying the qualities of an Irish Westie."

In addition to the mayor reading a proclamation citing Connor's dedication to the Irish-American community and "inspiring contributions to the story of West Haven," the ceremony featured the hanging of the street sign outside City Hall's Campbell Avenue entrance naming the public square for the honoree until next year's celebration, when she will pass her distinction to a fellow person of Irish ancestry.

At the start of the 35-minute program, last year's recipient, Coleman W. Walsh Jr., received his rectangular sign to take home.

The West Haven St. Patrick's Day Committee recognizes an Irish resident, or couple, each year who exemplifies service in the city's rich Irish-American community.

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Government Meetings

Weather

Friday March 22 Partly cloudy skies. High 50F.



Sunrise: 6:52 am
Sunset: 7:05 pm
Wind: NW 10-20 mph.

Saturday March 23 Partly cloudy skies. High 42F.



Sunrise: 6:50 am
Sunset: 7:07 pm
Wind: NW 15-25 mph.

Sunday March 24 Mostly Sunny with some afternoon clouds. High 56F.

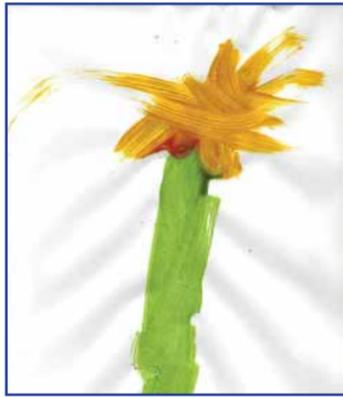


Sunrise: 6:48 am
Sunset: 7:08 pm
Wind: W 10-15 mph.

Monday March 25 Cloudy early with rain showers. High 54F.



Sunrise: 6:46 am
Sunset: 7:09 pm
Wind: N at 5-10 mph.



Kids' Forecast

Eliana EGraca, age 4, a student at the West Haven Children Development Center, Inc. is predicts sunny weather and spring flowers.

Things to Do

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On Sunday, March 31, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the Nutmeg Symphonic Pops Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Dino F. Ciaburri, will present its Winter-Spring Concert in the Gateway Community College auditorium, Bassett Road, North Haven. The program will feature soloists Kristen Gionfriddo, Soprano and Daniel Juarez, tenor and the Gateway-Nutmeg Chorale

in a program of opera, Broadway, movies, classic Italian favorites and, as always, the concert will end with the orchestra's mantra, "Let There Be Peace On Earth."

There is ample parking and the building is handicap accessible through a ramp leading from the parking lot. There are no tickets required to attend a concert of Nutmeg Pops Orchestra. A free-will donation of is suggested but not required. For info call (203) 933-2224.

A bilingual prayer service to end human trafficking will be held on Sunday, March 31, at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Church, 620 Jones Hill Road. People of all faiths are welcome.

Monday, March 25 -- City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26 -- West Haven High School Building Committee, City Hall, 7 p.m.; Planning and Zoning Commission, City Hall, 7 p.m.; West Haven Housing Authority, City Hall, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 28 -- Charter Revision, City Hall, 7 p.m.

On this date:

1804 -- Napoleonic Code adopted in France, stresses clearly written and accessible law.

1871 -- Journalist Henry Morton Stanley begins his famous expedition to Africa.

1891 -- A Hatfield marries a McCoy, ends long feud in West Virginia it started with an accusation of pig-stealing & lasted 20 years.

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Budget, accolade top B of E confab

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

It was a mixed bag at last week's Board of Education meeting with budget matters topping the agenda, as well as other, less pressing, but important issues on the docket.

Superintendent of Schools Neil Cavallaro discussed the BOE budget for the year. He said last week they presented their budget to the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) and it was well received.

Like the past several years, he said he does expect their budget will be flat-funded by the city. But he had some other news.

The school system, like the rest of the city's operation is feeling the effects of a long-term austerity plan until the city can get out from under a two-decades-old financial crisis.

He said after they released their budget, Gov. Ned Lamont released his – which could result in some changes. But those changes might not be all bad.

"Being one of the 33 Alliance Districts, right now there's a pretty good possibility that we are going to receive about \$2 million, which is more than what our request is," he said.

The Alliance District program is a state program which directs funding to the lowest performing districts in Connecticut.

Cavallaro said while the budget is subject to a vote of approval by the state legislature, it looks as if the school system will receive a "decent increase."

During Wednesday's Board meeting the panel recognized WHHS junior Justin Bracero, who scored in the top 2.5 percent nationwide on the PSAT. They also spoke to Anthony Cordone about the plans for this year's art showcase.

Cavallaro said Bracero has taken all of his courses at the honors or AP level, which he called "quite an accomplishment."

He said teachers described Bracero as humble, bright, diligent and genuine among a number of other accolades. He told the Bracero family they should know what a fine young man they have.

Cavallaro then invited Anthony Cordone to come speak about the status of the Fine Arts Festival.

He said while the Savin Rock Conference Center is usually used as the venue for the event, the location is not available this year due to its condi-

tion.

"He [Cordone] had to make some backup arrangements but we didn't want you to think that we didn't have a plan," said Cavallaro. "He really did a good job at organizing some of the events that are taking place this year."

According to Cavallaro, next year they plan on using the grand entrance in the new high school building. Cordone said festival is the culmination of all the work of the art department and the fine arts department.

"It's the collection of the exemplary art of students," said Cordone. "They are chosen by their quality and they are presented at the festival. The parents and the public are invited to come see it and students are given awards for their accomplishments."

Cordone said due to the conference center being structurally unsound they had to find an alternate space.

He said due to the space and parking needs the event required they decided that each school will host their own event within their own buildings.

He said in the future they would like to hold the event in the new high school.

"West Haven High School

would be the perfect location for it because they have the facility where they can display the exhibit," said Cordone. "Plus they have the performance rooms for the band and the chorus to also perform. It would be a spectacular event.

That's also something to plan for in the future."

The board also voted to approve a new school system calendar. In the calendar, school will not be in session on West Haven's primary election day in September.



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Dear Felicia

As I write this week's missive, I see that we have passed the "vernal equinox" and are now in that wonderful time o' year, spring. At least that's what the calendar sez, my lumbago sez different. The mornings in these parts have been quite something with temperatures dippin' into the 20s. That makes for some frosty attempts to get the Tin Lizzy going in the ayems.

Around here, o' course, we see that the Blue Lady, Joan Connor, wuz given this year's Irishman of the Year Award and now has her moniker be-dazzling the piazza in front o' the Actors Colony. Cobina remembers ole Joan in her salad days. Quite a gal! She, of course, was one o' the hall monitors in the high school in a former day, makin' sure that kids had passes and that lavatories (as we called 'em in those days) were no used as smoking rooms. She always had a quick wit and a quicker smile. The kids liked her, and,

more importantly, she liked them.

It's good to see we're honoring people that make this berg somewhat livable. Lawd know, there's enuff to make us wonder jest what in Hades happened to the quiet place we all moved into years ago.

Here in the berg, we're still awaiting, the release of Mrs. Rossi's second annual budget. That's gonna happen Thursday night -- the date of publication, at 6 peeyem in the Council Chambers, but might be moved to the Harriett North Room.

No one knows what's in the offing as it's been very quiet in the Actors Colony of late. What is planned for the mill rate is still a question. And there's more than jest that. There is the fack that it'll affeck property taxes that are non-house related. Also, until the city tax rate is established, the fire departments git a good idea as to how their mill rate add-ons are gonna go. Those meetings

don't take place until April after much o' what is expected to happen happens. Then the fire budgets go through by the middle o' the month.

There's a lot ridin' on herroner's spending plan, and until it sees the light o' day, nobody is sure what's gonna happen.

As far as the City Council takin' up the budget. Like the 1990s, this is gonna be an exercise in not much. Much of what will be proposed will be, we figger, with the OK of the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB). Excep' for the fack the council might tweak this or massage that, not much is expected through the six-week review they are mandated to give the document.

Sammy Bluejay did mention that this might be the last budget passed under the current iteration of the charter. With the Charter Revision Commish making noises about altering city government in many ways, we know one thing even the politicians wanted altered was the way the council can change the proposed budget.

Under the current system it takes a supermajority of nine to make any changes. That's been a tall order for many years - and was planned that way. There have been many good ideas over the years that for one reason or t'other couldn't find the magic number to get passed. It's also put us into the soup on more than one occasion.

Remember, it was the lack of alterations that set us in this wave of deficits way back in 1991. Effen changes were made then, the state might not have taken over. Since then, there have been many times a change here or there could have helped rather than hurt matters.

Sooooo, we shall see. As Ed Granfield said in last week's papyrus, the changes they've proposed are now under legal scrutiny by the city's barrister-in-chief. Once he gives the OK on them or let's 'em know how to make right and proper, things can move along.

Who knows, we might be on the cusp of a new era in this berg's history...not to put too fine a pernt on it.

Nelly Nuthatch was in t'other afternoon and happened to mention that "Silly Season" was upon us. Now, as you are aware, "silly season" is the moniker we give the campaign season leading up to November's election. Of course, with the fack that Debbie Collins has announced she will seek the Demmie nod v. the current mayor, Nancy Rossi, the silly season is beginning jest a big earlier.

That's not to mention the further concept that Ed O'Brien, the former mayor of the berg, is seekin' his old job, but has, more or less, been told he don't have the backin' of the powers that be in the Demmie Party. Given that fack he has determined he will go independent effen he decides to go

at all.

Already candidates are lining up ad space, and already the fundraisers are comin' through as events to be published in the papyrus. The long and short is that even though the trees are just starting to show the tiniest burst of budding, the silly season is well underway, and things are only gonna git more intense and more interesting.

We see that Mr. Lamont was riding the choo-choo train last week as a way to get support for his infrastructure plan that is gonna mean 87 tolls in the state effen he gits his way. Foist off, every time I hear his name, I think o' Lamont Cranston of "The Shadow" fame, but I digress.

The lie was put to the whole scam regarding the money being locked into infrastructure when politicians just let it be known, "We need the cash." In other words, jest like in decades past, the lottery, the gas tax, and even the income tax, it wasn't meant to solve the state's cash woes. It was meant to put more money in play for the money-grabbers in Hartford to play with. Like I said last week, maybe bankruptcy wouldn't be setch a bad idea. It'll stop the spending.

But what the choo-choo excursion did bring onto the unsuspectin' governor was Michael Mercuriano. Ole Mike, who has been miffed since the DOT nixed the idea of a garage at the train station a couple years ago decided he would meet the governor and let him know that West Haven would be a great place to help encourage mass transit - with the garage that the state forgot about.

It's been MM's contention that the station, which was supposed to be a hub station taking pressure off New Haven's Union Station, was given short shrift, and things that were promised or planned were forgot about or jest ignored.

Not only has he been miffed about the lack of a garage, but he's also let 'em know that the snack bar they were supposed to have never materialized, and the buses that were supposed to pivot in the site have never even entered there.

Mr. Lamont might be a new governor, but he ain't aware of the future problems that could be made effen he don't at least listen to Mercuriano. This is gonna be fun just for the theater of it.

Whilst that is going on, we record yet another week where nothing's happened at the Haven, or for that matter Beach Street. Mitt luff und kizzes.

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Connor: *Popular resident honored*

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"I am very proud — and a little nervous — to be given this award," said Connor, a founding member of the West Haven Irish-American Club. "I am proud of my heritage. It was always important in our house to uphold our heritage and to pass it on."

Connor also received a certificate of special recognition from U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., who jokingly introduced himself as "O'Blumenthal" before commending her meritorious good works.

"Receiving this award means the world to me" ... (and) "is right up there with swimming with the dolphins," she jokingly told the crowd, many of whom donned Aran sweaters and other Irish garb on an otherwise cloudy but mild day.

At the midday ceremony, held two days before St. Patrick's Day, Rossi also presented an Irish flag to Connor, who

was accompanied onstage by her daughters, Joanne Connor, of West Haven, and Patricia Connor Thompson, of Shelton, and her 6-year-old great-grandson, Liam Buckheit. Just offstage, her grandchildren looked on with great pride as their grandmother was feted.

Joan Connor was also joined by several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

"Joan Connor's Irish eyes have smiled on the clan of the Emerald Isle as a goodwill ambassador of our deep-rooted Irish-American society," Rossi said. "With determination, skill and grit, Irish-Americans like Joan Connor ... have enriched our community with their achievements and service."

Connor, born in the Elm City in 1932, grew up in a two-family home at 109 Lilac St. in Newhallville.

She graduated from Wilbur Cross High School in 1950. Two years later, she married James J. Connor and had three

children, including James P. Connor, who died in 1980.

The Connors moved to West Haven in 1957 to raise their family and "build a better life for themselves."

Connor and her husband, who died in 2003, wore many hats in the Irish club.

They helped plan the open house party after the St. Patrick's Day parade, the spring Easter egg hunt, the summer picnic in Painter Park, and the "Christmas in Ireland" dinner dance.

Both her daughter Joanne and granddaughter Cathleen Steinau Buckheit, the 2003 parade queen, are former club presidents.

Granddaughter Katie Thompson was the parade's honor attendant in 2012 and 2013.

Long before the advent of school resource officers, it was Connor and her dear friend, Mary Reynolds, who monitored the halls keeping teens in class and out of trouble.

Connor was affectionately known as the "Blue Lady" and Reynolds the "Pink Lady."

"Mary was already known for her pink smock, so when my mother took the position, she asked that her color be blue in honor of the Virgin Mary and her strong Irish Catholic faith," Joanne Connor has said.

Although Joan Connor retired from the school board in 1996 after a 31-year career, she is still recognized by former students.

Near the end of her remarks, Connor said she was surprised and humbled by the nomination.

"Thank you all from the bottom of my Blue Lady heart!"



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Joan D. Connor receives an embroidered "Irishwoman of the Year" jacket from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi.

Budget: *Council meets in special session*

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that is expected to rise as per the five-year plan. That means that homeowners will pay \$36.26 per thousand dollars of assessment up to 70 percent of the total under current state law. Personal property tax rates, however, were allowed to be different under recently passed legislation up to 45 mills. The city's personal property tax rate was 37 last year, and will probably go up in the new budget.

Once the budget is proposed by Mayor Rossi, and the public hearing is set.

The City Council goes into a six-week review of the budget with a deadline for passage in

the second Thursday in May under the charter.

During that review, the council sits as a "Committee of the Whole" under the chairmanship of the Finance Committee chairman. It is usually one meeting that is suspended, not adjourned to make sure that quorum rules do not affect the process.

The council may alter the proposal or change line items, but each alteration takes a supermajority of nine votes on the 13-member council to gain approval. That threshold has been difficult to hurdle over the last several years, making the review a tedious operation.

Politicians on both sides of the aisle are hoping the Charter Revision Commission, which is in the final stages of making its review of the charter, will propose a more workable alternative. Both the mayor and City Council

Chairman Ronald Quagliani (D-at-large) spoke in favor of such a change early in the process.

Under the current charter as well, the City Council can only pass the budget as is, or pass the budget with alterations.

It cannot, as has happened at least twice, reject the budget.

If the council fails to pass a budget ordinance by the prescribed date, the budget as proposed by the mayor automatically goes into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year.

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What is an emergency?

The recent veto of a Congressional resolution condemning President Donald J. Trump's declaration of a national emergency at the southern border was yet another indication that Congress and both parties do not want to solve the problem, nor address it. Trump's declaration has laid bare the collusion that has dominated this issue for more than three decades. In the case of the Democrats, they want more voters to maintain their power over a permanent underclass; in the case of the Republicans, their supporters – particularly the so-called RINO segment of the party – want cheap labor.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan acquiesced to the demands of the Democratic majority in Congress and the less conservative Republicans by giving amnesty to 3 million illegal aliens, most of which had slipped through the southern border. Reagan was told by then-House Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill the closing of the border would be an issue address "later." As with many things in Washington, "later" never happens. Reagan called this one of the worst decisions of his presidency.

Over the next three decades, the issue has come up and each time the American people want the subject addressed. Too many people are coming into the country and then absorbed into the cities.

In 2007 the issue came to a head, and an attempt to give amnesty to what was then considered 10-12 million people was denounced by Americans. The amnesty was defeated, but Congress failed to take steps to rectify the problem. The status quo continued as it had since 1986.

With the ascendancy of Barack Obama in 2008, he used his executive powers to virtually nullify our immigration laws and used "catch and release" as a way to further the absorption of more illegal aliens into the country. Though he talked the game of changing or rectifying our illegal alien problem, he was more than happy to continue the status quo. His decisions in that eight-year period still dog the nation today.

Donald Trump's election in 2016 was based in a large part on securing the border. The Republicans, who have always paid lip-service to the issue – much as they had to ridding us of Obamacare –, reneged whenever the issue arose. Former Speaker Paul Ryan and the GOP leadership were of the Never Trump crowd and were also part of the wing of the party that kowtowed to its donor class, which wants open borders.

With Democrats now in charge of the House, illegal immigration is going back up to Obama-era numbers. A recent Yale University-MIT study showed the number of illegals has ballooned to between 22-30 million with no end in sight.

The problem at the border is getting worse. Attempting to shut down the debate by calling people "racist" is demagoguery. There is an invasion going on and it is financed by elitists such as George Soros, whose many organizations promote open borders here and elsewhere.

Despite the implications the matter might bring later, we support Mr. Trump in his emergency declaration. For 33 years the issue has been fended off by a political class that refused to listen to the voters. He is taking the matter away from the politicians.

Not only should a wall be built, but troops stationed at the border to keep order. While the elite media would like to call this a "manufactured crisis," we know it's a crisis that has persisted for years, ignored by our "betters" in Congress and elsewhere who know better than we.



The border crisis is real

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

We interrupt the talk of the president "manufacturing" a crisis at the border with this hair-raising report about the crisis at the border.

Alarming new numbers about border apprehensions from U.S. Customs and Border Protection should puncture the lazy conventional wisdom about the border being under control, except in the lurid imagination of President Donald Trump.

More than 76,000 migrants were apprehended crossing the southern border last month, the highest February in more than 10 years and the highest month of the Trump administration. The number of apprehensions tops any month during the 2014 border surge under President Barack Obama, which no one had a problem calling a crisis at the time.

Yes, there were more overall apprehensions in the 2000s. But it was a different population, made up overwhelmingly of adult males from Mexico who might be apprehended trying to cross multiple times and were reliably returned home when they were caught. Now, we are apprehending people but not returning them. Migrants are coming in

greater numbers from Central American countries instead of Mexico, and are primarily families and children. In an astonishing shift, in 2012, 10 percent of apprehended migrants were families and children; in recent months, it's been 61 percent.

The rules for dealing with migrants from noncontiguous countries and with family units make it all but impossible to swiftly return or detain them, not to mention that our physical facilities were built with single adults in mind.

There is no mechanism to return these migrants home, to hold them after they cross the border, or to remove them once they are in the interior. And word has gotten out. There's a reason that the subset of migrants that we can't stop from getting into the country is growing so rapidly.

Needless to say, a spiraling border crisis is maddening for a president committed to controlling the border, which is why we've seen such frenetic activity from Trump.

His rhetoric may be over the top, but the impulse to get a handle on this is absolutely correct.

First, there's the question of basic sovereignty. If we are going to welcome a large number of migrants from three or four

foreign countries, we should make that decision as a conscious policy, rather than slipping into it unawares.

Then there's the matter of assimilation and legality. Poorly educated immigrants, like the ones coming from Central America, have the hardest time assimilating, and they will lack legal status on top of it.

Finally, there's the humanitarian question. Migrant families show up needing medical attention that we aren't well-prepared to provide. We'd be much better positioned to tend to the migrants under our care if the numbers weren't overwhelming.

But we are at a stalemate. The New York Times editorialized the other day that Trump declared "that there's a crisis at the border, contrary to all evidence."

Then, the paper ran a news story headlined, "Border at 'Breaking Point' as More than 76,000 Migrants Cross in a Month."

Both of those pieces can't be right. There's manufacturing a crisis, then there's ignoring one for fear of conceding anything to Trump.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I know it has been quite some time since the cancelled big rubbish pick up and piles of trash remain at curbside all over town. Is anyone cruising around giving out those \$100 per day fines? I don't think so. If they are giving out fines, how about publishing a list of the offenders? I'll bet there is no list.

JP Washington Manor

Dear JP Washington Manor:

I have made attempts to receive a reply from city officials for quite some time, however, as my readers have learned, city representatives have ignored my requests. As many of you are aware, I periodically publish a list of West Haven's Councilmen's email addresses and phone numbers for my readers to contact for help.

However, I have decided to contact these Councilmen directly and promise to place their replies to your complaints in Gripe Vine. If these Councilmen decide NOT to provide replies to my readers' issues, I will publish that information, enabling my readers the opportunity to see who cares and who does not.

So, I have a reply from the Councilman in your area, District 4, Mitchell L. Gallignano: "I will look into this and do my best to get an answer ASAP, but that citizen is correct.

The city does not pick up grass clippings as they do not have a permit to do so."

Gripe Vine also received the following reply from Councilman Aaron Charney, "The city has one full time Property Maintenance/Zoning Enforcement Officer and another who does it for ten hours a week. The city lost its second full

time officer last year when the mayor laid off staff. The part time officer has to split time with another department. These officers do cruise around, but the public can also call 203-937-3590, extension 3005. As a councilperson, I forward any complaints to the proper person. I do drive around my district and will note areas of concern. I don't know how many people fined, but I'll ask. I'll also check to see if there is a list of offenders."

Can any of my readers tell me what they do with grass clippings? I have contacted Public Works for additional information and as soon as they respond I will let you know!

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Will you please look into the numerous holes from the bridge to West Spring Street and Stevens Street?

Neighbor on Spring Street

Dear Neighbor on Spring Street:

I contacted the Councilman in your district, 4, Mitchell Callignano who indicated he would look into your complaint. According to Councilman Callignano, "I will look into this street as I know it is horrible as I live right near there."

I feel confident Councilman Callignano will investigate your gripe and will keep my readers informed as quickly as possible.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Highland Street is a two-lane street with cars parked on both sides. Cars drive up and down Highland Street at speeds way over 30MPH. Speed bumps are needed at Highland Court and Greta Street. It is a very dangerous street with speeding.

CC Highland Street



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

Dear CC Highland Street:

Your District (4) Councilman is Mitchell Gallignano. I con-

tacted him and described your complaint and your hopes for improving the area and making your neighborhood safer. He replied, "I will look into this as I live on Highland Street."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

This letter (that appeared in an earlier Gripe Vine) is for ZP from Lester Street. I live on Second Avenue. During a parking ban you can't park on either side of the street. In my 19 years of living here, I have only seen it enforced about three times. You will just have to live with it. The parking ban rule is just one of those

laws that West Haven doesn't enforce.

JC Lester Street

Dear JC:

You don't have to live with it. I will reach out to your Councilman, Bridgette Hoskie District 1 and see if this situation can be investigated.

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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

The Irish in America Part II

"Give me your tired,
your poor,
Your huddled masses
yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your
teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless,
tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the
golden door!"

Emma Lazarus, *The New
Colossus*, 1883

The protracted starvation brought about by the Irish Potato Famine caused the slow and suffering deaths of over one million Irish, and led to the Irish Diaspora, a massive migration of Irish citizens from their homeland to more promising shores.

The Irish who arrived in America brought along with them their lilting brogues, their customs, their songs, their dances, their superstitions, and most of them brought a religion that was as yet fairly foreign to America: Roman Catholicism. And they also brought with them a strong dislike for anything English.

From the start, the Irish were regarded as inferior by those who were already estab-

lished here, and found it hard to find work at the factories which hung signs in their windows saying "N.I.N.A." (No Irish Need Apply). But there was something else the Irish had brought with them, and it served them well:

They brought their strong Irish will. They were a stubborn and tenacious lot, who had survived starvation, misery, despair and cruelty. They came here under the most strenuous conditions and made this country their own.

Many of them, upon arriving here, would find work building the nation's roads and railroads, and would learn the skills that would make them useful to the construction trades; and many others would become farmers.

When West Haven's sewer lines were laid in 1914, the process was fulfilled by the sweat of hundreds of Irish laborers, armed with picks and shovels, who served as "ditch diggers" and helped our community to move forward.

In addition, many Irish became involved in the American political process, and advanced themselves through their association with it.

It should be noted that when it comes to gallantry and valor

in battle, few groups have distinguished themselves like the Irish have.

Even before the War Between the States was concluded, the Irish had earned the grudging respect of established Americans on both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Perhaps this was their first step in becoming respected and accepted in their new country.

As the years passed, the

Irish in America grew in esteem and influence, and today, this group that once was downtrodden, has set an excellent example of how an ethnic group can assimilate and succeed and rise in their new American surroundings.

And finally, there is the story of one Irish immigrant, a master stonemason named John Patrick Shine, who came to West Haven from County Cork in Ireland in 1898, along

with his wife, Mary Roddy Shine.

They settled on Peck Avenue and had ten children. John Shine distinguished himself in the community by his leadership in the building of the "new" Christ Church on Church Street, which was completed in 1907. Interestingly enough, one cannot help but note that the lettering on the church's corner stone is cut in an Irish script!



Many ethnicities came to the United States during the middle and late 19th Century, but none more so than the Irish fleeing the potato famines begun in the 1840s.

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Cinderella (Grace Novak) and Prince Charming (Daniel Galipoli) rehearse a scene in preparation for this weekend's production at the WHHS auditorium.

'Cinderella' last show at old HS

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

Next week the high school will put on the last musical, Cinderella, in the auditorium of what will become the old high school building. The show will be on March 28, 29 and 30 at 7 p.m. with a matinee on March 30 at 2, which will be free for senior citizens.

Tickets can be purchased from any cast or crew member between 7:30 and 1:00 on school days or from Margaret Maher, director of the theatre workshop. She said tickets cost \$12 dollars in advanced and \$15 at the door. West Haven students and doctoral students only need to pay \$5.

See Cinderella, page 18

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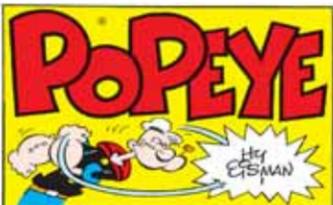
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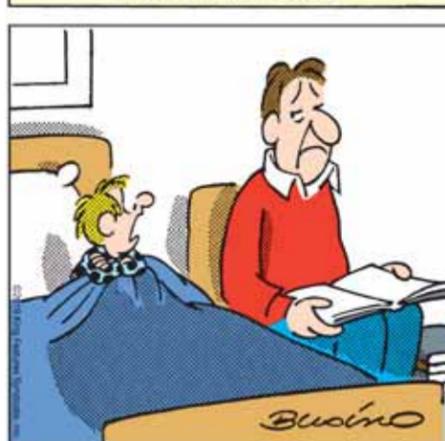


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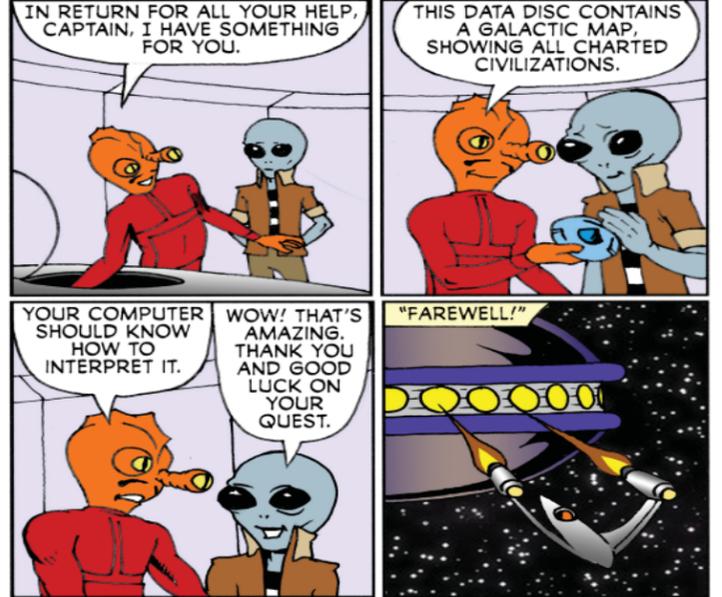


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Skeens ready to take over May opus

By Josh LaBella
Voice Reporter

While students from the high school prepare for the debut of *Cinderella* next week, another show is in the works, and this one is a bit different.

Courtney Skeens, a senior at WHHS, was chosen as the director of the senior show, and the details of that production excite the young performer/director, who has definitely caught the theater bug.

Skeens said she is in process of getting the show together, and the task has many components. Her jobs include producing and directing the play, casting it, and designing the costumes. Skeens said she has wanted to direct the senior show since she was a sophomore.

"It wasn't until sophomore year where people started writing their own shows," said Skeens. "My friend Tyler Newkirk - that was when he wrote it. It was his senior year. I was like 'That is so cool.'"

At the end of last year, Skeens said she asked Margaret Maher, the director of the Theatre Workshop, if she could run this year's show and got the OK.

While Skeens said she did not want to give much away about her show, called *The Valley*, she did say it was about a

house party where everything isn't as it seems.

"It's about this one woman who is absolutely nuts," said Skeens. "She wants to invite friends and family over for this party. But she really just tricks them into refurbishing her house. She's also having an affair with one of her guests. So much stuff just spills out and it ends in chaos."

The production will premiere on May 17 and Skeens said they will begin casting two weeks after *Cinderella* closes.

She said her friend Mya Ginsberg is helping her write the script and they are having a fun time with it, especially coming up with jokes.

"I think I want my audience to take it lightly," said Skeens. "It's just about going to a show and having a laugh."

According to Skeens, her favorite part of doing theater is making the costumes.

Skeens said she has been sewing since she was 9 and while acting and writing are hobbies, costume design is her passion.

"I've been doing theater in school since fifth grade," said Skeens. "I don't think I really started getting into it [costume design] until eighth grade. At Bailey, they brought in costumes from here [WHHS] to



WHHS senior Courtney Skeens shows off some of the costumes she helped design and make for this year's *Cinderella* performances. She will take on more tasks as the West Haven High School Theater Workshop gears up for a May production of..., where she will be student director.

let us borrow and I just wanted to look at everything. I was just so drawn to it."

Skeens said she plans on going to SUNY Purchase to study costume design. She said she

wants to work in film after she graduates because she has a love for movies and travelling.

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Knights make it to finals

The winter season is still alive thanks to the hockey team, who played for a state title this past Tuesday night. Basketball and swimming saw their seasons come to a close in a loss to Immaculate and at the Class M Finals.

Hockey -- West Haven native Mike Card took all of five seconds to turn the Green Knights fortune around. Scoring twice in a five-second span in the third period, Card's goals erased a 2-1 lead in Notre Dame's eventual 3-2 win.

Those goals held up over the final nine minutes courtesy some strong defense and an outstanding effort in goal from Connor Smith. The Lions took an early lead on a break-away goal just 1:29 into the game. Brandon Waitt sent a flying Brennan Horn in alone on Smith with a tape-to-tape, two-line pass. Horn shot from up close and Smith got a piece of the shot with his glove but not enough as the puck trickled over the goal line for a 1-0 lead.

That goal held up most of the period until the birthday boy tied the game. Ian Hayden scored on a rebound goal with 1:15 left in the first period, setting off a serenade from the Green Machine. The second period only saw one goal and that came from the stick of Nathan Loitz on the power play with just 1:29 left in the second period and the Lions took a 2-1 lead into the third period. That's when Card took his turn wearing Superman's cape.



Photo courtesy of NDWH

Notre Dame's hockey team advanced to the CIAC Division I state championship game by virtue of its come-from-behind 3-2 win over NW Catholic on March 13. Mike Card scored two goals in five seconds midway through the third period.

Basketball --The Notre Dame basketball team's dream of reaching the semifinals of the CIAC Division I tournament came to an abrupt end in a 53-46 loss to defending Division 2 champion Immaculate on March 11 at Crosby High School in Waterbury. A back-and-forth affair, where each team made runs, came down to the final minute before the Mustangs pulled away. A close game throughout, Notre Dame led 14-11 after one quarter while the game was tied at halftime and at the end of the

third quarter.

Notre Dame' largest lead was eight, while the final score was the biggest lead Immaculate had all game. Notre Dame, which ended its season with a 22-3 mark, took its last lead on a Trevon Setzer-Smith three-pointer to give the Green Knights a 43-42 lead with under three minutes to play. However, Immaculate scored the game's next six points to take a 48-43 lead with just over a minute left.

Connor Raines ended the game with six points, the

fourth of which moved him into second place on the school's all-time career scoring list. He passed Peter Santos '98 with a driving layup in the third quarter. Raines, who is headed to Texas Rio Grande Valley next year, ends his career with 1347 points.

Swimming -- Bill Hinckley and Alex Ozonoff were the top Notre Dame swimmers as the Green Knights finished 12th at the CIAC Division I Class M Championship Meet at Wesleyan University.

Hinckley placed seventh in

the 200 yard freestyle event touching the wall in 1:51.15. Ozonoff was also a seventh-place finisher in his marquee event, the 500 yard freestyle. Ozonoff finished in 5:05.85. Another top 10 finish came from Jonathan Farricielli, who placed 10th in the 100 backstroke in 59.56.

You can get all the latest athletic news, scores, and more by following @NDWHathletics on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and Periscope while friending the @NDWHathletics Facebook group.

Photo by Russ McCreven



Changing lanes

Lucas Aronson of the Suns cuts off a passing lane in Youth Basketball action Saturday as the circuit's playoffs got underway.

Torrington ousts Blue Devils

The West Haven boys' basketball team headed to Torrington on Monday evening to battle the five-seeded Red Raiders in the CIAC Division III quarterfinals. The Westies controlled the opening tip and when Tyrese Hargrove drained a three-pointer just four seconds into the game, the Blue Devils were off to the start they needed.

After a couple nice defensive stops, Malcolm Duncanson pulled down a rebound and put it up and in to make it 5-0 1:37 into the first quarter. The Red Raiders battled back and took the lead after seven, unanswered points to lead 7-5 with 3:34 left in the quarter. Hargrove was at it again when he pulled up and hit another three-pointer 20 seconds later to put the boys back in the lead 8-7. The teams continued to battle with Torrington opening up a five-point lead before Mufee Cooper hit a layup with 44 seconds left in the quarter to cut the lead to 15-14. The Raiders hit one, more basket to close the quarter with a 17-14 lead.

Malcolm Duncanson hit a three-pointer with 6:24 left in the second quarter to knot the game at 18-18 but, the Red Raiders drained a three of

their own with 5:05 left in the half to go back up 21-18. The Westies tried to keep it close and when Laron Holmes laid it up and in with 3:39 left in the half the deficit was only three at 23-20. Torrington took a 25-21 lead into the locker room.

The Red Raiders came out flying in the third quarter and increased their lead to a game high 19 points at 52-33 with 1:12 left in the quarter. Torrington held a 54-35 lead at the end of the quarter. The Blue Devils would not give in though and when Shea Sheffield hit two, consecutive three-pointers and then Mufee Cooper's layup with 3:30 left in the game cut the lead to ten at 62-52, giving the Westies' hopes of a comeback a boost.

Unfortunately for Westies that would be as close as they would get as the Red Raiders started to pull away again and went on to defeat the Blue Devils, 73-58. Malcolm Duncanson led West Haven with 14 points, Tyrese Hargrove had 13 points and Mufee Cooper contributed with 10 points. The Westies finished their season with a 14-10 record, making it to the state quarterfinals.



Photo by Todd Dandelske

West Haven's Malcolm Duncanson tries to block a shot attempt during last week's CIAC game with Torrington. The Red Raiders ousted the Westies in the quarter-finals, 73-58.



Submitted Photo

Cops two crowns

The West Haven Youth Basketball 4th Grade travel team had a busy weekend with two tournament titles. On Friday night, they upended Guilford, 16-14, to win the Branford Tournament Championship. On Sunday, they dominated Fairfield in a 21-7 win to capture the Connecticut Hoopfest championship in Milford. Members of the team are: Camilla Murphy, Jacianna Mitchell, Finley Gunning, Jada Turner, Matea Dottori, Sophie Bullock, Taryn Walker, Emily Velasquez, and Terrianna Rodgers.



Photos by Russ McCreven

Hoop action

Right --The Wildcats' Gavin Miller and teammate Monte Woods join forces in quest of a loose ball in the Washington School gym

Left -- Jomar Vazquez of the Running Rebels heads up-court during his team's contest last weekend.



Photo by Kristen Teshoney

Girl Scout Day

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, back center, recognizes Girl Scouts of the West Haven Service Unit in an event coordinated by, from back left, Troop 60330 leader Heather Buccheri, Troop 60351 leader Katie Koontz, Troop 60351 co-leader Kara Nieves, Troop 60298 leader Carrie Malangone, Troop 67020 leader Kerry Kennedy and Troop 67020 co-leader Jackie Thompson on March 11 at City Hall. During the ceremony, Rossi, a former Girl Scout and troop leader, answered questions and read a mayoral proclamation declaring Girl Scout Day in the city. The observance marked the 107th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the United States of America, a national organization founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Ga.



Bulk trash week slated April 8-12

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The city will hold a public workshop focusing on the future of Allingtown and how it can reach the goals of the recently adopted Plan of Conservation and Development.

The workshop is set for 6 p.m. April 1 in the Notre Dame High School auditorium, 1 Notre Dame Way. It is sponsored by the city Planning and Zoning Commission and the Allingtown Steering Committee, an ad hoc committee formed by the commission to help develop a plan for the Allingtown neighborhood.

P&Z Chairwoman Kathleen Hendricks said the commission hopes to attract a wide range of participants for the workshop, including neighborhood residents, area businesses, University of New

Haven students, community leaders, church groups and representatives of school organizations.

The commission also hopes that Allingtown's young people will attend to provide fresh ideas for the plan, Hendricks said.

According to Assistant City Planner David W. Killeen, the workshop will include a presentation highlighting items of the POCD vision as well as general areas the committee plans to address, such as making Allingtown more pedestrian- and bike-friendly; promoting the redevelopment of underutilized and vacant commercial properties; improving community facilities, parks and open space; enhancing connections between UNH and the neighborhood; and improving housing and prop-

erty maintenance.

The workshop will include opportunities for participants to share ideas in small group sessions. The information gathered will help the committee identify issues for consideration in the Allingtown plan, Killeen said.

"There is strength in group-think," Hendricks said. "This was a very effective approach when we updated the Plan of Conservation and Development in 2017, and it gave the commission the confidence that we were making decisions based on direct input from the community."

Killeen said the commission

will schedule an additional workshop to cover the draft recommendations under consideration for the plan.

The concept for the Allingtown plan was first envisioned in the POCD, which was adopted by the commission in June 2017.

See the POCD at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/827/Plan-of-Conservation-and-Development-Final-PDF>.

For more information, call the Department of Planning and Development at (203) 937-3580.

Fundraiser benefits special needs

The West Haven Interagency Network for Children will hold a flapjack fundraiser from 8-10 a.m. April 27 at Applebee's restaurant, 526 Boston Post Road, Orange.

The cost is \$6 and includes pancakes, bacon and a drink. Proceeds will support activities for children with special needs.

Tickets are available at West Haven Youth and Family Services on the second floor of City Hall, 355 Main St. The agency's goal is to sell at least 200 tickets.

For information or to buy tickets, contact WHINC Director Robert S. Morton at 203-937-3633 ormorton@westhaven-ct.gov.

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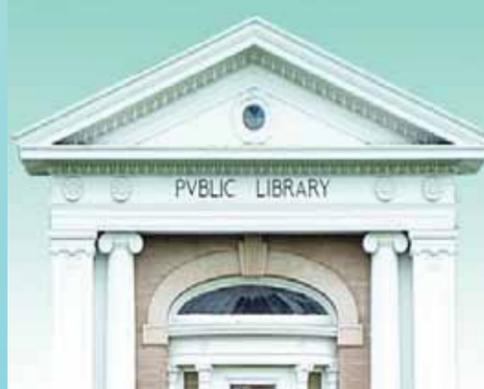
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WHCH kids have 'Fun with STEAM'

The West Haven Community House Children and Youth Services Program held a 'Fun with STEAM' (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Family Night. Parents and students participated in hands-on learning activities that provided a fun way to learn, practice, utilize and strengthen essential STEAM skills.

Much fun was had by all as they experimented with recipes to produce polymers of different consistencies resulting in Fluffy Slime.

Straw rocket making was a blast as they tried out different fin shapes and their positions to see how it affected accuracy and range of flight. Magnetic painting allowed for creativity and discovery of how differ-

ent shaped metal objects were mobilized.

Tower construction using various sizes of cups and buckets allowed families to compete with building the highest tower thinking about stability, strength and design.

Family events are made possible by a grant that was awarded to the Children and Youth Services Program by the CT State Department of Education. The goal of the events

is to offer academic support to students and families in a fun and engaging manner.

Other events have focused on mathematics and literacy with participants taking part in active games.

Winter Olympics was the theme for mathematics and while families participated in hurling, skiing, skating, ice hockey, biathlon and luge they practiced measurement, time, estimating, money and

more.

"Who ever thought math could be so much fun?" asked one of the parents as they skated down the room on their felt skates. "Our goal is not to replicate school but to create engaging opportunities for students and parents together to discover alternative methods to support and enhance academic achievement," said Carol James, Children and Youth Services Director.



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Community House Director of Children and Youth Services Carol James directs one of the activities during last week's "Fun with STEAM" event.



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Bulk trash dates set for April 8-12 citywide

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The next bulk trash pickup week is April 8-12.

Residents are reminded to separate metals, recyclables and regular trash from bulk trash and to put them out no more than 24 hours before pickup. Violations carry a \$100

fine per daily offense, Public Works Commissioner Tom McCarthy said.

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

tanks or hazardous waste are accepted.

Options for disposing of building materials include renting a dumpster or bringing the materials to a disposal facility for a fee.

Tires can be brought to Lakin Tire East Inc., 220 Frontage Road, for a fee.

Mattresses can be disposed of for free in a container at the city's highway maintenance garage, 1 Collis St. Mattresses must be dry. Propane tanks can be brought to Taylor Rental, 304 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$10 per tank.

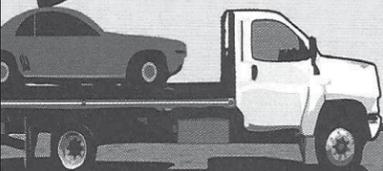
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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hindu prince
 - 5 Persian leader
 - 9 Bigshot, for short
 - 12 Verve
 - 13 Horseback game
 - 14 Tokyo's old name
 - 15 Chamber of the heart
 - 17 Born
 - 18 Good-looking guy
 - 19 Bandleader
 - 21 Lucky roll of the dice
 - 24 Arrived
 - 25 Thing
 - 26 Pots and pans and such
 - 30 Chignon
 - 31 Yours
 - 32 Neither mate
 - 33 Pavement
 - 35 Cicatrix
 - 36 Always
 - 37 Swerves
- DOWN**
- 1 Cleric's address (Abbr.)
 - 2 Brewery product
 - 3 One of the Brady Bunch
 - 4 Country song?
 - 5 Rotate
 - 6 Pawn
 - 7 Every last bit
 - 8 Cornmeal creation
 - 9 With a —
 - 10 Concept
 - 11 Bard
 - 16 Scoot
 - 20 Coal diggers' org.
 - 21 Bro and sis
 - 22 Needle case
 - 23 Feuds
 - 24 Hit on the head
 - 26 Burn somewhat
 - 27 Lubricant
 - 28 Bellow
 - 29 Blunders
 - 31 Dozens
 - 34 First lady
 - 35 Lead astray
 - 37 Namely (Abbr.)
 - 38 — over heels
 - 39 Norway's capital
 - 40 Unsigned (Abbr.)
 - 41 Leftovers
 - 44 Before
 - 45 Shade tree
 - 46 Felon's flight
 - 47 Whatever number

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

RIDDLE CARD

- How many peas in a pint?
- Why is a battleship like a star?
- What well-known animal drives a car?
- Why is a crash of thunder like a jeweler?
- Why is a hat on the head like a bucket full of water?



DON'T SCRUB OUT ON THIS ONE! In this back-to-school wardrobe problem, you must replace the letters on the board with the digits 0 through 9 so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits.

Junior Whirl
by Charles Barry Townsend

1	O					K
2	O					K
3		O			K	
4			O	K		
5				K	O	
6		K				O
7		K				O
8	K					O

FIND THE BIG WORDS!
It's not OK to be KO'd by this puzzle! Using the definitions and the anagrams below, find the eight, eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

- DEFINITIONS:**
- A sudden eruption.
 - Type of shared meal.
 - Incited to anger.
 - More frightening.
 - An easy win.
 - Type of tests.
 - Supporting framework.
 - North American Indian tribe
- ANAGRAM:**
- tour + beak puts + lock
 - pork + dove rock + pies
 - veal + work bolt + skin
 - elks + note
 - cock + pike

THE "G" PYRAMID! As you move down the word pyramid shown, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the G's. Here are some hints from the top down:

- Slang for \$1,000 (given).
- To fit with sails.
- What a king does.
- Inspector general.
- To get back again.
- Provoking, displeasing.
- A family member.



Answers: 1. Outbreak, 2. Potluck, 3. Provoked, 4. Speaker, 5. Walkover, 6. Invited, 7. Sneaker, 8. Kickapoo.

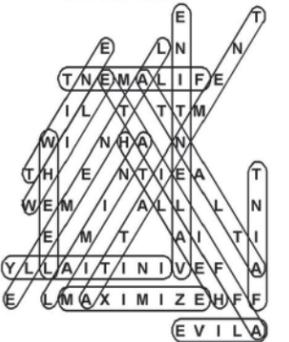
Answers to last week's puzzles

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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T	A	R	G	A	L	O	P	P	I	P	
O	C	E	A	N	V	E	T	O			
C	H	U	G	L	A	Y	O	V	E	R	
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M	E	M	E								
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WORDS WITH STRAIGHT LINES ONLY



Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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

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Cinderella: *Show last at 'old' HS*

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Maher, who is also an English teacher, said it was a magical show and a classic. She said while the show has been rewritten and changed over the years, they went with the original.

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"If anybody saw it on television in 1957, this is the one that we're doing," said Maher. "It's a sweet, innocent show."

Maher said a lot of the costumes for the production were designed and made by Courtney Skeens, who plays the stepmother, and is also in charge of the senior show hap-

pening later in the semester.

Maher said there are 38 students in the show and eight people working as back stage crew – including four alumni. She said the show is coming along beautifully and the students are working very hard. As the last show in that space, Maher said it would be special.

"It's extremely bittersweet," said Maher. "There's been so much theater here. It opened in 1963. I was a part of it from 1968 on, in the summer theatre program as a kid."

Maher said during the show there are no adults backstage at all.

The show is completely run by students. She said it has been done that way for 20 years.

Playing the title character of the production is Grace Novak; who said she played a lead in both of her middle school plays at Bailey. She said she enjoys expressing her feelings through acting.

"It's so much fun because you can grow a bond with every single person on the cast," said Novak. "Everyone is so nice in this cast. I love it."

Daniel Gallipoli, a junior playing Prince Charming in the show, said he has been involved in theatre since his freshman year and, once he started, he found his family. He said he enjoys being a different person.

"I can be whoever I want to be on that stage," said Gallipoli. "I can make people feel so many different things. It's wonderful."

Gallipoli said when he first found out they were doing Cinderella he was slightly disappointed because, as he put it, "It's a girl play."

But, as they went through rehearsals, he said he learned to not only love the musical but also the people involved with it.

Cinderella's stepsisters will be played by twins Hannah and Olivia Coppola, who are in their senior year. Hannah said she loved playing off of her sister.

"We both balance very well together as far as doing acting goes," she said. "This is the first time we've ever done a role together. So it's really exciting, especially to play stepsisters in Cinderella, which is such an iconic show."

Olivia said acting in a high school atmosphere is very fun and creative. She said it has been awesome to do theatre there.

Novak said the show is really coming along and looks like it is going to be "amazing."

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Al-Anon group

An Al-Anon meeting group invites new members to attend its weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the First Lutheran Church, 52 George St. For information and details, call (203) 506-1464.

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The West Haven Senior Center is making a trip to Mogan Sun on Wednesday, May 8. Cost is \$25 with \$15 free bet and \$15 food voucher or free

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Senior Center trips

Join the West Haven Senior Center for the following trip:

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