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## Voice Feature

*An in-depth feature*

Carrigan students  
showcase musical  
talents

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### *QU students help out!*

Students from Quinnipiac University's Big Event help spruce up West Haven Community House on Saturday. Working with Peter Marinelli, Director of Operations and Facilities, the students planted flowers in the front and landscaped around the parking lot.



## Spring bulk trash pickups set, April 24-28

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

The next bulk trash pickup week is April 24-28.

West Haven residents are reminded to separate metals, recyclables and regular trash from bulk trash and put them out no more than 24 hours before pickup. Violations carry a \$100 fine per daily offense, Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy said.

Residents are also reminded to "Put a Lid on It!" and use lids on all trash cans. Rain-soaked trash costs West Haven 10 times more at the dump, said McCarthy, adding that using trash can lids will save

the city money by reducing the weight of trash and cost of tipping fees.

Bulk items include couches, chairs, tables, carpeting, padding and fencing, 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 and mattresses are not considered bulk trash and will not be collected.

Tires can be brought to Town Fair Tire, 63 Boston

Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$2.75 per tire.

Mattress drop-off has resumed and will take place at the city garage, 1 Collis St., from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. When bringing mattresses — a maximum of two per drop-off — for disposal, people must show proof of residence, including a driver's license. The drop-off is a free service for residents only.

Hazardous waste can be dropped off for free at HazWaste Central, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven. HazWaste is open Saturday mornings from mid-May through October.

Propane tanks can be brought to Taylor Rental, 304 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$10.60 per tank.

The amount of bulk trash per collection is limited to 6 cubic yards, which is equal to a pile of trash about 6 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4.5 feet high.

Homeowners are required to rent a dumpster or hire a junk removal service at their expense if trash exceeds 6 cubic yards. Otherwise, trash exceeding 6 cubic yards will be left at the curb, and a \$100 fine per daily offense will be imposed, McCarthy said.

To prevent a potential fine,

property owners should familiarize themselves with the city's trash guidelines at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/260/Bulk-Trash-Pickup>.

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

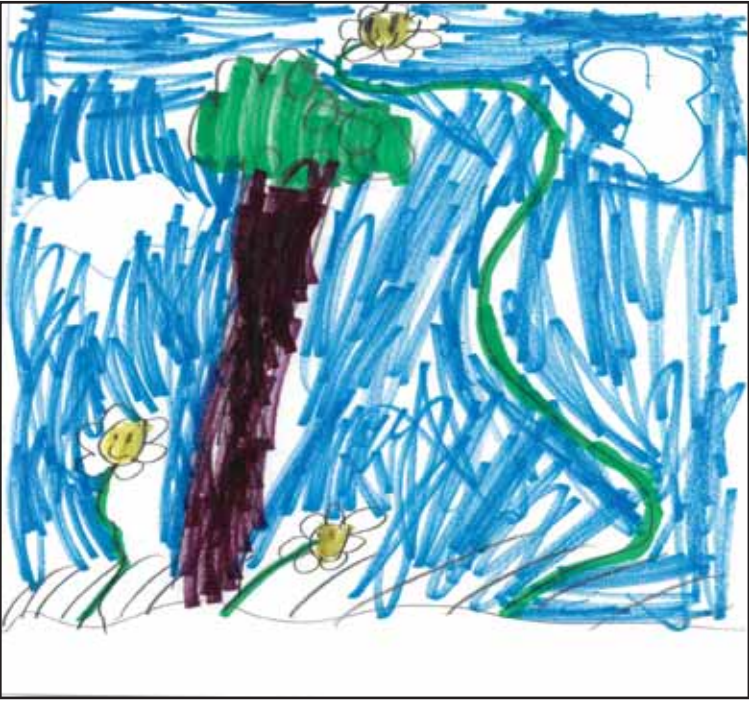
Bulk items must be separated and orderly. Do not place them next to a mailbox or utility pole or close to a fence, McCarthy said.

Also, do not place bulk

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The artists named Amario, a second-grade student at the West Haven Community House CYS Molloy program, sees trees budding and blue skies ahead.

## On this Date

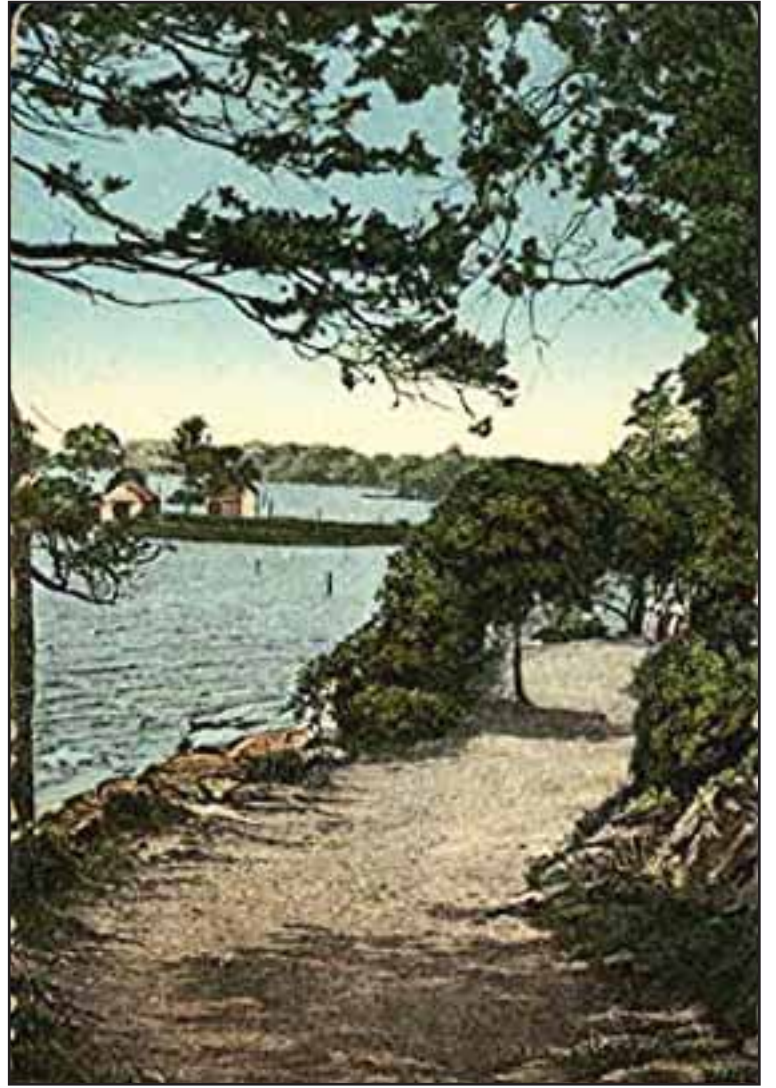
**2010 -- The Deepwater Horizon oil rig explodes.** The explosion of the British Petroleum (BP) platform operated by Transocean killed 11 workers and led to the largest accidental marine oil spill in history.

**1999 -- Fifteen die in the Columbine High School massacre.** A further 24 victims were injured when two teenagers opened fire on students and teachers in the high school south of Denver.

**1978 -- Soviet air defense shoots down Korean Air Lines Flight 902.** The Boeing 707's crew had miscalculated their route, taking them into Soviet airspace at the height of the Cold War. The jet made an emergency landing on a frozen lake. Two passengers were killed in the incident.

**1951 -- A human organ is surgically replaced for the first time.** Romanian surgeon Dan Gavrilu used a section of the stomach to bypass the esophagus.

**1902 -- Pierre and Marie Curie discover the radioactive element radium.** In 1903, the French couple received the Nobel Prize in Physics for their pioneering research.



## Lovers' Lane, 1913

This 1913 postcard of Savin Rock, shows the area known as "Lovers' Lane." Secluded by trees, and seeming to wind along the contours of Long Island Sound, the spot was a favorite walking spot for couples and those who rested along our shoreline a century ago.

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## 95 years young

Millicent Huff Corbett, West Haven's first elected Black City Councilor celebrated her 95th birthday with a backyard gala at her home in the 5th district. Corbett, who was elected to represent the district on the West Haven City Council in 1989 is also the first female motorcycle traffic police officer in the City of New Haven. Celebrating with Corbett (sitting) are former New Haven Mayor Toni Harp, State Rep. Treené McGee and Steven R. Mullins.

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# Dear Felicia

As Iyam scribing this week's missive to yew, hon, we are getting a lit'le tetch of late spring with temperatures around the berg topping out around 80 degrees. It really is nice after the weeks of cold, windy, rainy weather we've had - and will be back by the time yew git this.

Tennyrate, Cobina was out in the gassamobuggy along the shore roads, and yew'd have thought it was mid-June the way the beaches were packed with sun worshippers. Of course, the kiddies were off for the week with spring break, and that aided some, but a lotta the usuals seemed parked in their usual spots along various beaches in town. It was quite something seeing all those cars and all those people. It was a good break from all the cares of the world, I guess.

Here in the Asylum by the Sea, we're in the final stages of

putting the budget finalization together. And, things have been awfully quiet concerning what's going on. I told yew last time that a few of the members of the City Council are looking at this year's review as a bit of a waste of time, and who can blame 'em.

Y'see the MARB - Municipal Accountability Review Board - is really the group in charge of what goes in and what doesn't, and therein is the problem for some members. Why take it all so seriously effen the work they do is for naught.

Tennyrate, whether they do anything or not, there are two weeks left in the "process" and then the council will pass the budget one way or t'other. Remember they can't reject it, it'll go into effect as writ by Herroner effen that happens. And my gurl, that has happened twice. Still, whatever they pass, the MARB gets the

final say.

As I told yew last time this new normal the council is going through - even though the talk of the state takeover of the city has died down - has made decisions on whether people will seek re-election somewhat up in the air, according to Sammy Bluejay. With no real power, and no real say with the MARB doing all the heavy lifting, people are questioning why they would spend so much time in meetings, caucuses, and handling constituents.

'Tis a fair query when you think about it. So, what happens going forward as to who will or won't run is gonna be an interesting thing to watch. And, with so many variables come the November election as to who is running, how many primaries there will be (both parties so far) and the like, the balance of power could shift from one party to another (slim possibility that) to one Democratic faction or other (bigger possibility).

Sammy sez that the factions are gearing up on one side of the aisle, and after being somewhat behind the scenes, don't think machinations of a political sort haven't taken place. There's gonna be a lot going on this spring.

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And it's been a few weeks since

anyone has announced his or her candidacy for mayor and that has let everyone understand that the field for the time being is wide open...again, for the time being. Whether Herroner is gonna seek another term is the question before the house, and will be a bit part of what goes on this summer. But the biggest variable ain't spelt ROSSI, it's spelt BORER.

Nelly Nuthatch has indicated the word on the street is at least one Demmie candidate has let it be know effen Dorinda decides to take a bit o' the apple, he will pull out. Dorinda is, really, the only candidate with the name recognition and gravitas that might be needed this go-round, should Mrs. Rossi determine she's had enuff.

And on that score, whilst people around her are saying she hasn't made a decision, others are saying she don't have the support. The last two years ain't exactly been stellar for the third floor of the Actors Colony.

Soooo, the long and short of it is, the two biggest players in this mayoral contest so far are Rossi and Borer. Whatever way this goes, it could be a head-on-head between the two. Odds are, that ain't a good thing for the incumbent. Cobina is a bit skeptical, however, that Borer will run. Why in Heaven's name would she leave the very nice position she's got in Hartford and come back to this heap of problems? Solve that riddle, an yew'll know how things will pan out.

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I can't leave without giving yew an update on the GOP. There ain't been another candidate for mayor - still two with Barry Cohen pondering according to Iva Lootey. Effen he decides to run, it could be a three-way donnybrook for the GOP nomination. And, effen yew think it's gonna be a civil one, yew are mistaken. There's a lotta angst in the ranks in the minority party. But that ain't where a new candidate was announced. We hear-tell that Patricia Bollettieri has put her name in nomination for the City Clerk position. Mizz Bollettieri is involved in various things about the berg, and has some name recognition. So, things are moving along as expected.

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Of course, the red meat in this election cycle was provided by Herroner. This kerfuffle concerning the purchase of a new car for the mayor seems, in the view of more than a few, to be a small inkling into the way the chaos in City Hall is going. Effen yew ain't heard about it, the mayor got a new gassamobuggy at the cost of about \$51K, and who signed off on it is quite the exercise in finger-pointing. In fack, when yew read about it the famous cartoon of Tom Nast and Tammany Hall

comes to mind...look it up.

Herroner sez that she has nothing to do with purchases, and passed it off as a decision of her Executive Assistant Louey Esposito (who was showing signs of tire marks on his persona after being thrown under a bus or two), or the Finance Department or some low-level flunky. Either way, Mrs. Rossi is saying, "I had nothing to do with it."

Needless to say, that answer held very little H2O with the MARB, who wanted to know how in blazes setch a purchase was made. Granted, the city buys vehicles and replaces vehicles, but didn't anyone - anyone - think the optics on this, let along the fack the city is being operated on a shoestring see this was not a great idea? Obviously, no.

The Wag was in t'other afternoon and said they entire affair reminds him of the national scene. The White House takes no responsibility in anything it does, whether in Afghanistan or with the border, blaming everyone else, and setch is the case in our little corner of the universe. The third floor takes no blame, and palms it off on other people. The buck never stops on the third floor. Not a good look. Sometimes you hafta "take the L" as the sportswriters say and move on. Not here in God's Li'l Acre.

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Meanwhile, yew ain't gonna believe this. Cuz of all this recent commotion, some stalwarts in the political class are beginning to wonder effen we should go through another Charter Revision merry-go-round. No remember, we just got through with one two years ago, and it went down by a close vote, mostly cuz the political class didn't like the way things were gonna shape out.

Soooo, some of the things in the failed revision are looking a bit more attractive with the new realities, and some are talking about starting the whole process again. Don't ask the people who took part the last time. After the nonsense they were put through, they might offer you a trip to a fiery place for the rest of eternity.

The last committee put three years of work into the project and came out with, admittedly, a total revamp of the way the city operates. But there were some good things in there concerning an overhaul of business practices, etc.

In fact, Cobina would say the MARB might like some o'them. But, as usual, the politicians got their desires, and the thing went down in falmes.

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With that bit o' chatter, I'll close this time till next, mitt luff und kizzez,

*Cobina*

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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I have lived in the same area since I was born near Rockdale Road. There is this house, on Rockdale Road, that has been being built since the 90's. It has yet to be finished and the city doesn't do anything. They are scared of the owner. Last year she cut down city trees to try and make a driveway leading up the backyard of the unfinished home using a paper road that I Chauncey Street. The city officials didn't do much other than put a chain up, blocking the paper road. City Councilman Peter Massaro knows about the situation, which has done nothing. Someone definitely needs to get Councilman Massaro to help. I mean come on, since the 90's we complained to him (and others) and he hasn't helped us.

In this unfinished home, there is trash and furniture being placed inside. If you look on google maps it only shows

you the street views since 2011 and you can see it's still not finished. Where are the fines? There should have been fines since the 90's. It's disgusting and the outside is never kept clean. Neighbors complain that her trash goes into their yards all the time.

We the people from Rockdale Road and Chauncey Street are tired of our voices going unheard by the City of West Haven and Councilman Massaro.

Hopefully this time my voice can finally get something done.

*Ashamed To Be A Westie*

Dear Ashamed:

I forwarded a copy of your letter to Councilman Peter Massaro. He replied, "I am not going to comment on this letter. This person, if she lived in that area for a long time, then she knows the history about that address. Tell her to go to the Building Department and she will get all the information



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

at that address. This has been going on for many years and the city was involved and the

fire service. The City Council is not the Building Department. We so not interfere with department city codes."

*Councilman Peter Massaro*

**Dear Gripe Vine Readers:**

A reader has written and complained to Gripe Vine about the "mess at 307 Washington Ave." There is an empty lot at this location with dumped trash, high weeds, broken fences, and uncut grass.

I have forwarded this complaint to District Councilwoman Sarah J. Ackbarali, who has indicated she will follow up

on this issue.

**Coming up...**potholes on Fairfax Street and Arsdale Street...endless tv commercials...more on Robo Cals and Ward Heitman House ..down-town appearance and much more.

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## Around Town

### Trip to The Brownstone offered

The West Haven Senior Center is offering a bus trip July 19 to see a Tina Turner tribute at The Brownstone in Paterson, New Jersey.

The trip includes a family-style lunch with two complimentary drinks and dessert, along with door prizes and a 50-50 drawing.

The cost is \$145 and includes transportation, driver gratuity, lunch and the show, starring Latrice Cherry. Payment is due June 9.

The bus departs at 8:30 a.m. from the Veterans Memorial Park parking lot at 91 Bull Hill Lane, the former Nike site, and leaves at 4 p.m. from New Jersey.

Senior center membership is not required to attend. To make a reservation, call the center at (203) 937-3507.

### VA retirees luncheon, May 10

The VA Medical Center's annual Retirees Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, at 11:30 at Lorenzo's, 39 Elm St. The cost is \$39 per person with a cash bar. Reservations must be paid by April 26.

Contact Kathy Blakeslee at [Kblake2259@comcast.net](mailto:Kblake2259@comcast.net), or (203) 215-5762 or Elaine Schempp at [Elaine.schempp@gmail.com](mailto:Elaine.schempp@gmail.com)

### Review celebrates 40th

The 40th anniversary of the Golden Oldies Review (50's 60's 70's DooWop) is scheduled for April 29 at the Cielo Ballroom, 85 Chase Lane, from 7:30-Midnight. Music by DJ Charles Rosenay!! of Liverpool Productions

Michael Hoover will present "Memories of Elvis" at 9. Cash Bar Smoke Free Door Prizes Raffle and Proceeds to benefit MDA Tickets are \$40 per person

For ticket information please Geri Caccavale at (203) 795-5473 or Lucy Prokop, (203) 468-2528

### Raffle for Swift concert tix

St. Lawrence School will hold a Taylor Swift Tix raffle, with the winner receiving two tickets to the sold-out Taylor Swift concert on Friday May 19 at Gillette Stadium.

Tickets are now on sale for a drawing to be held on Monday, May 1. The proceeds of this raffle will benefit St. Lawrence School, West Haven.

Tickets can be purchased until May 1, either in-person at the school office or by calling (203) 933-2518.

The cost of each raffle ticket is \$50, or 3 for \$100. The drawing A limited number of raffle tickets will be sold. Seats are located in Section 205, Row 4.

### Stamp Club meetings

The New Haven Stamp Club meets every Tuesday evening at 82 Clark Road in North Haven at 7:30 p.m.

New members are welcome. The club holds a stamp and coin show the fourth Sunday of the month 9-2:30 p.m. at the Annex Club, 554 Woodward Ave. East Haven.

## GRIPEVINE

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## Time for annual clean-up

With the coming of spring, it is time for our annual reminder for home and business owners to do a bit of seasonal cleaning and sprucing up of their properties. The spate of warmer weather we are having should give us all the incentive to make our surroundings – both at home and in the many businesses in the city – more attractive, and clean.

Cleaning our sidewalks, curbs, and areas in front of our properties is not the job of the city. It is the task of every one of us. Too often, those who do not reside in the city – and that includes property and business owners – believe it is not their responsibility. Wrong! Part of owning a business or a property is keeping the surrounding areas attractive.

Those same absentee landlords, who own rental properties in town, are not stringent enough in keeping their lots attractive, well-kept up, or just presentable. The number of complaints we get in this office, both in the Gripe Vine column of Eleanore Turkington, and to the editorial desk, have to do with owners allowing their property to become blighted: failing to mow lawns, remove debris, have several cars in various states of disassembly, and the like.

One of the biggest gripes in the city is the number of residents who insist on parking vehicles on front lawns. Most places offer off-street parking, and those that do not have ample street locations. Still, there is a growing tendency among some residents to casually park their automobiles on the front lawn. This harms the look of the neighborhood, brings property values down and gives the city a black eye.

Further, owning property or a business means the facades and buildings should be well kept, painted when necessary, and repaired where needed. Businesses, too, must be cognizant that sweeping sidewalks and keeping areas attractive help draw customers.

With the coming of spring, let us all put in the effort to get rid of the excesses that have built up over the winter, and spruce up our neighborhoods and businesses.

## Library plan needs push

In our last issue, we reported on the progress of getting a branch library back into the Borough of Allingtown. The Louis Piantino Library, which for more than 40 years was located at the former Forest School Building, was forced to move when the property was sold to developer David Beckerman. That was three years ago.

Since then, the issue has been on the back burners of some city officials, while the Village Improvement Association, the committee that operates the city's library system, has been trying to purchase a new location. In fact, a Post Road site was purchased, and an adjoining lot is in the process of foreclosure and is expected to be ceded to the group.

The most promising outcome brought out in the story was a joint venture between the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown and the VIA. The department is looking for a new headquarters, and a collaboration between the two entities is one that is being explored.

Since the closure of the Piantino Library, other possibilities have been floated regarding a new location, but the best possible scenario might be the collaborative effort. Either way it is time for the project to go forward.

Allingtown is experiencing a resurgence. Adding the library aids that rebirth.



## Bragg is already losing

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

You don't know what's in the indictment.

That was the line that progressives repeatedly threw at conservatives dubious about Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's case over the last couple of weeks.

Well, we've seen the unsealed indictment, and we still don't know the other crime besides falsifying business records that's being alleged, because Bragg didn't specify it in a shocking prosecutorial failure and abuse of the process.

What will be the new talking point? You don't know what Bragg might come up with between now and the next hearing on Dec. 4?

To review, Donald Trump paid off porn star Stormy Daniels, with whom he had an alleged affair, prior to the 2016 election. Such hush payments may be sleazy, but they aren't illegal.

Still, the reimbursements from the Trump Organization to Trump fixer Michael Cohen, who paid off Daniels, were logged as legal expenses. This was deceptive and potentially a misdemeanor. Dragging a former president through the criminal justice process just to get him on such a minor offense, though, was unappealing even to Bragg.

How to make the misdemeanors into felonies? Well, if the misleading bookkeep-

ing entries were in the service of another crime, then, presto, they become alleged felonies. Bragg, through the process known as stacking, or amassing counts through sheer repetition, claims to have 34 of them.

That's a lot. But the linchpin of the whole endeavor is the other crime, and Bragg still won't tell us, or the accused, what it is.

He's writing an Agatha Christie mystery, except the unknown isn't who committed the crime but what law he or she might have violated. It's "Something or Other, We'll Let You Know as Soon as We Figure It Out, on the Orient Express."

This is a flaw, not in the handling of some low stakes case no one will ever know about, but an unprecedented, historic case. This prosecution has drawn massive media attention, has rocketed Trump back to a large lead in the polls for the Republican nomination, and will surely further derange our politics, with unforeseeable consequences.

And Bragg couldn't even dot his i's. Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of this sorry episode so far is that Bragg has demonstrated that it's possible to behave so egregiously in the pursuit of Donald Trump that even left-of-center pundits won't line up in support.

This might not be enormously confidence-inducing,

but at a time of deep divisions, it shows that a disgracefully weak and contrived prosecution is a source of at least a measure of agreement among commentators usually wholly opposed to one another.

Who knew that Alvin Bragg would become a unifying force in the nation's political debate?

The online publication Slate, a reliable source of some of the worst legal analysis on the internet, has run two doubtful pieces about the indictment. Mark Joseph Stern notes that "Bragg's legal theory is, if not convoluted, a fairly confusing effort to patch together disparate offenses into one alleged crime, carried out over 34 illegal payments."

Over at Vox, Ian Millhiser, usually a taker on any adventurous progressive legal theory, can't get on board the Bragg Train on this one: "It is unclear that the felony statute that Trump is accused of violating actually applies to him."

Ruth Marcus of The Washington Post warned about the potential weakness of the case prior to the unsealing of the indictment and is now decidedly unimpressed. She calls it "disturbingly unilluminating, and the theory on which it rests is debatable at best, unnerveingly flimsy at worst."

Former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe, a top Trump villain, said the indictment

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# Help teach your kids financial literacy

By **Gregg Murset**  
Financial Expert

If you haven't heard the famous stand-up comedy routine of Jeff Foxworthy, I would suggest taking a few minutes to pull some one-liners up on the Internet before reading the rest of this piece.

Foxworthy has worked extremely hard over the years building a successful career by making jokes about real-life situations, as well as a particular class of people who might be "Rednecks."

As millions of YouTube videos will verify real-life can be very funny. However, it can also be very hard, especially if you aren't prepared for it. Especially when it comes to matters of money. Numerous studies support what plenty of parents already see – kids not prepared to face the thousands of financial decisions waiting for them.

Add to this a growing generation of kids with a poor work ethic and growing sense of entitlement, and many experts believe the hole we're digging could be too deep.

Right now in the U.S, kids aren't learning enough (if anything at all) about basic finance.

In fact, only 23% of high school students in the U.S. have access to guaranteed financial literacy education. Depending on where your high school kids go to school, they may be required to take a combination of foreign language, high-level math (algebra) and high-level science (anatomy) in order to graduate. Why not finance? Can you name any other subject they could take that would be used more after high school than finance? I can't.

Is learning how to speak French more important than learning about interest rates and credit cards? Is figuring out the value of X more important than knowing how to plan a monthly budget? Is dissecting a preserved animal as critical as understanding the differences between loans and how inflation affects us all?

It's time for all parents to evaluate if their children are learning the basic financial information that will help them save, share, budget and make smart money decisions as adults.

Conversations take place in almost every state over

whether a standalone finance course and a test should be required for high school graduation. I'm not sure why we're just talking about it. It's a no-brainer!

So, what if you have a child between the ages of 5 and 17 and you are concerned with what he or she knows about earning, saving, sharing, spending, and budgeting money? Is there a way for a parent to tell if there is trouble ahead?

Just watch out for these signs that your child could be heading toward financial failure and take corrective action at the first sign of trouble.

**Say That Buying a Lottery Ticket is Their Retirement Plan.**

While playing the lottery can be fun and helps many state run programs, it's a bad retirement plan. Recently, the odds of winning the Mega Millions Powerball were somewhere around 1 in 302.6 million. Enough said!

**Spend More Time Watching TV or Playing Video Games Than Helping Around the House.**

Get your children off the couch or out of their room to do their share around the house. Besides building a daily routine, they will develop a good work ethic, demonstrate responsibility, get some exercise, and make your life easier.

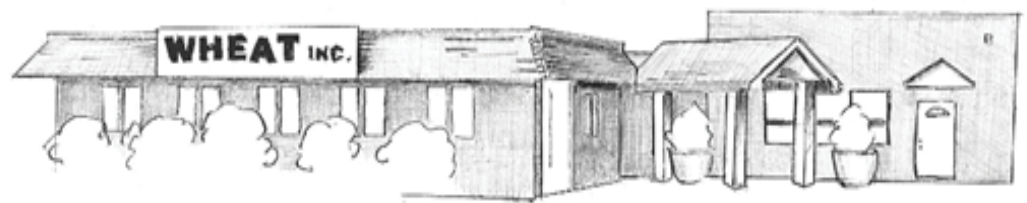
**Is Older Than 7 But Still Putting Money Into a Piggy Bank.**

While piggy banks can be a cute way for a youngster to learn about saving money, what purpose do they serve after that? Almost none! Less than 10% of the money in the world is in the form of paper and coins so start teaching them about invisible money through online banking, rechargeable debit cards and apps for managing money.

**Thinks Credit Cards are Free Money.**

Some kids think that credit cards represent free money banks give away for people to buy things. There's nothing free about credit cards once you have one. Until your children have a clear understanding of how credit cards, cash advances from cards and interest rates work, they shouldn't have a card.

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WHEAT's pantry is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:00-4:30 Residents only need to bring a photo ID and two current pieces of mail (bills, lease, official letters, etc) and two or three grocery bags. Please call or email us to find out how to get food if you cannot come in person.

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## Lowry: *Bragg losing libs*

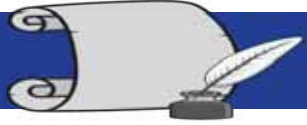
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"landed like a dud ... an unimpressive document."

Pundits won't determine the course of the Bragg prosecution, but the climate around it matters, if nothing else, as a barometer of its strength and merits. It is telling that Bragg has managed to create a loose right-left consensus about the shoddiness of his handiwork.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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## Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

### Savin Rock's Transition Part II "We Knew the Rock Was Fading"

Savin Rock brought both pleasure and pain -- Rosalie DeFeo remembers it this way:

During the 1940s, my mother and father lived in New Haven, near Wooster Square when they got married; but they were intrigued by the thought of living by this beautiful amusement park in West Haven rather than being in the city.

My little white house on Oak St was all I ever knew. My neighbors--who all spoke with different accents, French, Irish, Swedish, some didn't speak English at all--were my family. After the park closed, Lenny the Indian had left. When I was growing up, every day he would come home to his apartment next door and call me over to the fence, looking at me under the wide brimmed hat he wore. He always had a little toy or trinket in his pocket for me.

The people who lived upstairs from him barely spoke English while the couple downstairs, Knoxie and Myrtle often told me stories of when they lived in an institution and had shock treatments that were so painful. They both walked with a limp and so did their little black dog. I can still see them walking down Oak St and doing maintenance in the park and whatever they could to make a few dollars.

I often wondered what became of them afterwards, as it had to be so difficult for them to adjust to a new environment and blend in with people they didn't know--people

who couldn't understand who and what they were, just kind souls trying to survive. It was one big eclectic family. As strange as their ways were, everyone accepted everyone else without question, for it was a true melting pot, filled with unconventional people.

As I walked through the rides almost daily when the park was finally closed to the public, especially that fall when they were covered with dry leaves and I could hear them crunching under each footstep, stirred up so many memories. The acorns would drop from all of the oak trees and hit what remained of the metal structures of the rides. It seemed so eerie.

In my mind I could still hear the calliope of the Flying Horses, the sound of the motors from all of the kiddie rides that my dad would help run. The smell of the grease they used on the rides was still in the air. Total silence, everything so still--just the rustle of leaves as a fond remembrance of my growing up in this playground. That winter, just when the snowfall ended, I would walk by the beach, the sound of walking on freshly fallen snow was mesmerizing, like the rhythm of a favorite song. Before I knew it, I had walked so far it seemed like forever to get back home. Walking those streets, hearing those sounds for the last time was bitter-sweet. Childhood was gone but the memories are still so vivid. It was an unconventional place.

I remember when we moved from our house after selling it to the redevelopment in 1965. The sale fell through because the rules had changed. The

original plan was off the table for the redevelopment, but we had already purchased another house. We rented our house for two years until we could finally sell it to make way for the beautiful park that never came. The high rise for the elderly sits where my little white house sat. The apple tree in the back yard is gone, although I still look for it every time I drive through. I think in earlier times, at the turn of the century, the park must have been spectacular. A place to honeymoon, take a vacation or just enjoy a day and marvel at all of its wonders. But by mid-century, it must have become a shadow of its former elegance, still fun with lots to do but not like my mother and father remembered it when they bought this little white house in the 1940's. Not the breathtaking beauty of the White City, the hotels, the dinners at the shore in all of the restaurants, clean beaches--a lot had changed, but it was still the best place to be!

For me, walking past when the buildings started coming down--that was the toughest. The food stands, the Midway, the rides my dad would let me enjoy every single night, so many memories came flooding back until it was hard to breathe. I couldn't sleep nights without the sound of the Sky Blazer clicking its cars

to the very top of the rickety structure and the screams of delight on the way down. The sound of the stock cars on Saturday night were so loud, they would rattle our windows. Those sounds were our bedtime sounds, not the soft music other kids in other neighborhoods went to sleep to.

I think, when most families move to a new home, in a new neighborhood, it's different. The streets are the same, the houses are the same--it's just a different address. But when you move from Savin Rock, this magical place, it's like moving from another dimension. Nowhere else was like Savin Rock. The racetrack across the street, rides, amusements of all kinds--everything a kid could ever dream of. Then you move to a more typical neighborhood, with rows of homes, picket fences and flowers, garages for your car, families where moms and dads both worked and kids had nice clothes and shiny shoes.

Nowhere to go every night as families gathered around their dinner table with stories of their days. It was a culture shock to say the least. Living in Savin Rock wasn't exactly like living next door to Ozzie and Harriet. We just didn't drive there on promotion day or on weekends, we lived it every day like others could



Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice, and local history buff.

never understand.

We all mourn the loss of our coming of age at Savin Rock, nowhere to look back on to see our initials carved in a tree or where we had our first kiss. Everyone was just trying to survive among unconventional people, in an unconventional place, in an unconventional way--and we called it home.

**To Be Continued**



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Rosalie DeFeo (center) and sisters, 1951.



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# The Shops at Yale

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Photo courtesy of St. Lawrence School

### April Student Recognition

St. Lawrence School hosted a breakfast was held on April 17 to recognize those 1st- through 8th- graders selected for Student Recognition in the month of April. Students are selected based upon criteria such as achievements in school, respect for others, behavior and more. Family members were on hand to celebrate the accomplishments of their children. Sixth grade teacher, James Rulan, presented the awards to students. Pictured are our award recipients with Rulan are: 1st grade -- Jordan Vilisaint Smith; 2nd grade -- Kendall Zandri; 3rd grade -- Gabi Nelson and Anthony Milano; 4thgrade -- Krysten Keller; 5th grade -- Demari Foster and Ariel Titus; 6th grade -- Julynn Samuels; 7th grade -- Jerry Dong; 8th Grade -- Andrew Amendola



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## Washington - A Night to Reminisce

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Parking is on the black top.

### Yale Shops host 'Crawl'

The Shops at Yale is pleased to announce the 4th annual Appetizer & Dessert Crawl on Sunday, May 7 from 12-4 — a food showcasing Downtown New Haven's diverse culinary offerings, while raising money for the Robin I. Kroogman New Haven Animal Shelter.

Dog Adoption with the shelter is also scheduled for Sunday, May 7 from 12-4pm on Broadway Island at 56 Broadway, New Haven.

The event will include live jazz music, a roaming magician, face painting, free dog caricatures, prizes and of course many dogs available for adoption!

The Dog Adoption is free and open to the public, while the Appetizer & Dessert Crawl is a ticketed event. downtown New Haven has become one of the most popular foodie destinations in Connecticut, attracting some of the area's most talented chefs and restaurateurs.

The Appetizer & Dessert Crawl is a fun way to showcase the wide range of culinary offerings at The Shops at Yale while raising money for a good cause.

During the Appetizer & Dessert Crawl, guests will enjoy appetizer and dessert samples from 14 popular restaurants and eateries at The Shops at Yale for \$20, plus a \$3.18 processing fee.

Ticket purchases include free parking, exclusive one-day-only shopping offers and all participants who purchase tickets before April 28, will be automatically entered to win a \$100 gift card to lululemon or Villa Lulu.

All proceeds from the Appetizer & Dessert Crawl will be donated to the Robin I. Kroogman New Haven Tickets are available at <https://theshopsatyale.com/appcrawl/>.



Photos courtesy of Michael O'Brien

### ROV teams take home trophies

The West Haven High School Underwater ROV teams claimed second place in the obstacle course challenge and third place in the challenge course at the Connecticut Technology and Engineering Education Association's sponsored Connecticut State SeaPerch Underwater Remote Operated Vehicle Competition.

## World Tai Chi Day & Health & Wellness Fair

**Saturday, April 29  
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### Talent on display

Future instrumentalists and singers were spotlighted at Carrigan School for the annual spring concert. Beginner 6th Grade Band and 5th Grade Band performed as well as the Student Chorus.

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# McGee leads call to aid black maternity

Saying mothers in the black community are more at risk for problems during child birth, two state legislators, including a West Haven representative called for more action to aid African American moms.

State Reps. Robyn A. Porter (D-New Haven, Hamden), Treneé D. McGee (D-116), mothers, fathers, birthing professionals, and advocates held a press conference for Black Maternal Health Week, highlighting this year's theme, OUR BODIES BELONG TO US: Restoring Black Autonomy and Joy.

The statistics are staggering, according to the legislators, with African American women more likely to see problems when entering the delivery room.

Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than White women, and recent data shows that most pregnancy-related deaths can be prevented.

Many factors contribute to childbirth inequities, including variations in quality healthcare and underlying chronic conditions, with systemic and structural racism having the most direct impact and influence.

"In the city of New Haven where I live and represent, Black women are seven times more likely to die during childbirth than White women," said Porter. "This is a fact that gives me great angst when I think about my daughter becoming a mom. I do this work because of her and the many young Black women who have yet to experience what should be the most beautiful and joyful experience a woman can have."

McGee, has made headlines with her anti-abortion/pro birth stance, putting her at odds with the state and national Democratic establishments. She believes more is needed to help black moms.

"More than a million Millennials are becoming moms each year. As a young Black Millennial woman, it is essential to secure a stronger, holistic future for birthing moms and their babies to live and thrive," said Rep. McGee.

Black Maternal Health Week was founded by the phenomenal Black Mamas Matter Alliance to bring attention to the alarming rise of Black maternal mortality in the U.S. and to deepen the national conversation about the adverse outcomes and persistent disparities related to Black maternal health.

The voices, lived experiences, and wisdom of those closest to the problem are centered on amplifying the policy, research, and conscientious

solutions channeled in Black communities to intentionally and effectively address this global crisis.

Ultimately, Black Maternal Health Week will further inform policymakers and community leaders on policy solutions that strengthen their resolve and validate the crucial importance and necessity of Black leadership in this pressing work. Rep. Porter and Rep. McGee are championing Senate Bill 986, an act protecting maternal health, as a priority bill in this session of the General Assembly.

Photo courtesy of Taylor Fountain  
**State Rep. Treneé D. McGee (foreground) speaks to the assembly during a press conference to discuss "Black Maternal Health Week." McGee partnered with New Haven Rep. Robyn A. Porter (background left) to host the event.**



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### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FIRST FIRE TAXATION DISTRICT CITY OF WEST HAVEN

Electors of the First Fire Taxation District City of West Haven are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Meeting of said District will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Savin Rock Community School, 50 Park Street, West Haven, Connecticut.

The purpose of said meeting will be:

1. Election of a moderator.
2. To receive the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners.
3. To submit the budget for the year 2023-2024 for approval and prescribe the rate of taxation to be levied and collected in said District, based on the 2022 Grand List.
4. To nominate candidates, who are electors, for Fire Commissioner, whose names shall appear on the voting machine at the Election for Fire Commissioner, to be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023 between the hours of 12:00 Noon to 8:00 P.M. at Surfside, 200 Oak Street, West Haven, Connecticut.
5. To transact any other business properly brought before said meeting.

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## Ye Old Spirits opens on Main Street

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, holding oversized scissors, cuts the ribbon with Ye Old Spirits owner Nick Conti, center left, on April 12 to celebrate the package store's grand opening at 174 Main St. Shown with them are, from left, Ye Old Spirits manager Arie Signore and general manager Greg Purcell; Simon McDonald, the director of membership and marketing at the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce; city Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli; City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath; and City Council members Colleen O'Connor, R-at large, and Gary Donovan, D-at large. The ceremony was also attended by state Rep. Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven, not pictured. The historic package store site, remodeled by Conti and located four blocks from downtown, is the former longtime home of Ye Old Liquor Shoppe, in addition to other establishments through the years. Ye Old Spirits is open from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.



## At a Glance

### Cleanup planned for Shingle Hill

The West Haven Volunteer Tree Tenders Group is holding an Earth Day cleanup of Shingle Hill Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The cleanup, at Allings Crossing and Shingle Hill roads, will include the park's new trail system.

Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend.

Participants are asked to wear long pants and sturdy shoes and bring gloves, water and snacks.

The city will supply other

materials.

To register for the event, email [whtree@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:whtree@westhaven-ct.gov). DOT to replace signal controllers

### State DOT replacing signal controllers

The state Department of Transportation is developing plans to replace traffic signal controllers and cabinets at select state-owned traffic signals in the city, along with installing communication equipment at several of the locations.

The DOT will coordinate the project with city officials during the design phase.

"It is the department's policy to keep the public informed and involved when such projects are undertaken," said Matthew C. Blume, the division chief of traffic engineering at the DOT's Bureau of Engineering and Construction. "At this time, it is anticipated that an informational meeting or formal public hearing will not be necessary."

The following West Haven intersections are included in the state project: Ocean Avenue (Route 705) at South Street; Ocean Avenue (Route 705) at Platt Court; Derby Avenue (Route 34) at Central Avenue; and Jones Hill Road (Route 162) at South Street.

Blume said the bureau should complete the design plans in June, with a tentative advertising date for construction of August.

Anyone interested in requesting information on "Project No. 0173-0532" can contact the project manager, John W. Lockaby, at [john.lockaby@ct.gov](mailto:john.lockaby@ct.gov) or (860) 594-2719.

### Blight enforcement number published

For questions about public space or blight, contact city Code Enforcement Officer Laurie Lopez at (203) 937-3596 or [llopez@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:llopez@westhaven-ct.gov).

### Free radon test kits available

It's not too late to test your home for radon, the second-leading cause of lung cancer.

The city Health Department has a limited number of free radon test kits, Health Director Maureen B. Lillis said.

To receive a test kit, call the department at 203-937-3660.

A sanitarian from the department will deliver the kit and help place it in the home, Lillis said. Radon is a colorless, odorless and naturally occurring radioactive gas formed from the natural decay of uranium. It's found in rock, water and soil.

While radon in outdoor air poses a relatively low risk to human health, it can enter homes from the surrounding soil and become a health hazard inside buildings, Lillis said.

To learn more about radon, visit <https://portal.ct.gov/dph/Environmental-Health/Radon/Radon-Program>.

### Applications taken for senior tax relief

The assessor's office is accepting applications by ap-

pointment for tax relief programs for elderly and disabled homeowners.

West Haven residents can apply for the programs, based on their 2022 taxable and un-taxable incomes, weekdays through May 15 in the assessor's office on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St.

For an appointment, call (203) 937-3515. No walk-ins.

### Marchers sought for annual parade

The city and the West Haven Veterans Council are seeking veterans, civic groups, fraternal organizations, service clubs and marching bands to participate in the annual Memorial Day parade, which steps off at 10:30 a.m. May 29. Participants must register and list required special accommodations for the procession, which has no rain date.

The city will provide transportation for veterans who are unable to walk the 1.5-mile parade route, which follows Campbell Avenue from Captain Thomas Boulevard to Center Street. To make arrangements, call the mayor's office at (203) 937-3510.

The parade grand marshal is Mark Levine, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Download a participation form at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/4955/Memorial-Day-Parade-Reservation-Form-2023-PDF>. Forms are also available for pickup in the mayor's office at City Hall, 355 Main St., where they are due May 8. Completed forms must be faxed to (203) 937-3705 or mailed to the West Haven Memorial Day Parade, Office of the Mayor, 355 Main St., West Haven 06516.

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**& THE LIST GOES ON!**

Photo by Michael P. Walsh

## Christine's Creations opens

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, holding oversize scissors, cuts the ribbon with Christine's Creations owner Christine Gonzalez, center right, on Saturday to mark the flower shop's grand opening at 323 Captain Thomas Blvd. Shown with them are, from left, Councilwoman Meli Garthwait (R-2); Rosa Richardson of the West Haven Community Development Administration; state Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-1150); city Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli; City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath; Councilman Gary Donovan (D-at large); and Councilwoman Colleen O'Connor (R-at large).



## Bulk Trash: *Spring pickups scheduled next week*

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items in front of a vacant lot or home — they will not be collected, he said.

In addition to bulk trash, the city picks up metals, including household appliances, also known as white goods, and toilets. To schedule a pickup on their curbside collection day, residents must call the Highway Department at (203) 937-3644 or (203) 937-3585. Appliance doors must be removed.

Leaf bags are picked up until June 1 and from Oct. 1-Dec. 15. The bags are picked up on residents' weekly collection days. Leaves and grass clippings must be in separate biodegradable paper bags and will not be accepted if they are in plastic bags.

The city also picks up brush

that is cut into 3-to-6-foot lengths and tied in small bundles, no more than 70 pounds. Logs and stumps are prohibited.

Residents can bring grass clippings as well as bagged leaves and untied brush to the compost site, 1 Kimberly Ave., from 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays and, starting in June, from 6:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. The first cubic yard of compost is free with proof of residence. Additional compost costs \$25 per cubic yard. Residents must bring buckets and shovels.

For a \$50 fee, the Department of Public Works will deliver up to 2 cubic yards of compost to homes in West Haven.

For electronic items, including TVs, the next e-waste

drop-off day is April 22.

Residents can drop off electronic recyclables — typically anything that contains a circuit board or needs a battery — from 8 a.m.-noon at the city garage.

The city is partnering with Take 2 Inc. of Waterbury, a state-approved recycler and collector of universal e-waste devices, to collect residential electronic items on a quarterly basis.

The collection is free for residents who have such items as computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, modems, computer mice, tablet computers, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, photocopiers, fax machines, scanners, video game machines, digital media players, personal digital assistants, stereo equipment, telephones, cell-

phones, cameras, microwaves and other small appliances.

Anything that has refrigerant, including air conditioners and dehumidifiers, is not accepted. Those items are considered white goods, and residents are asked to schedule a pickup on their curbside collection day by calling the Highway Department.

For details, visit <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/263/E-waste-Drop-off>.

For the e-waste drop-off, residents are asked to heed the following guidelines:

- Stay in your vehicle.
- Vehicles will be spaced out. Event workers will remove electronics from your vehicle. There should be no interaction between residents and workers.
- No mattresses or box springs will be disposed of at the moment.
- No smoke detectors, ballasts or hazardous waste — lighter fluid, liquids, paint — will be accepted.
- Electronic items left curbside will be tagged with information on the e-waste.

## Finances: *Teach kids basics*

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### Learns About Finance From Comic Books.

A while back, one of the largest financial institutions in the U.S. offered a comic book where a well-known superhero fought a villain over bad financial decision. As parents, are we really that afraid of communicating with our kids about financial matters that we would rather leave it up to comic books and animated characters? If your children can't learn about this important subject in school, let them learn from your experiences. You can become the superhero.

### Has a Fall-Back Plan of Moving Back Home if the "College Thing" Doesn't Work Out.

Ok, so this is a bad news — good news situation. The bad news is that a survey revealed 50% of young Millennials plan to move back home with their parents after college and stay for at least two years. The good news is that these "boomerang" kids can lend a hand and do some chores around the house.

### They Think that Budget Refers to a Rental Car Company

According to a recent survey, 68% of U.S. households don't have a monthly budget in place. Kids learn a great deal by watching what parents do and it's important for you to set a good example for your children and budget. Depending on your situation, you may not be able to save the recommended pay each year but save something.

### Swears that the Term "Interest Rate" Means How Popular Something Is.

Definition Alert ... *An interest rate is the rate at which interest is paid by a borrower (debtor) for the use of money that they borrow from a lender (creditor).* The best way to remember how interest rates work is the rate will most likely be high when you are paying back money and low if the bank is paying you money.

### They Are Over 25 and Still Getting an Allowance From You.

Houston, we have a problem! If your child is about 25, living at home and still asking for money, something needs to change. Of course, there could always be a good reason why a grown child is at home without a job or income, but it better be a good one.

Many of these financial doom warning signs can be used to avoid a negative future if you start your children early on a routine of completing jobs around the house and rewarding them with an allowance. By starting around the age of 5, kids can learn work ethic, responsibility, accountability and how to manage money wisely. Using an educational tool like BusyKid will help parents assign tasks, motivate kids and reward kids when tasks are successfully completed.

BusyKid uses the same technology (smartphone, tablet, or laptop) kids spend hours upon now, so it's not a stretch for them.

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Gregg Murset is the co-founder & CEO of BusyKid,

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# Youth Soccer kicks off spring season

It was a little overcast on Opening Weekend for the West Haven Youth Soccer League, but they were able to get a full slate of games in that saw some back-and-forth action and solid play.

The Elite Soccer Camps U10 West Haven Boys Travel Team opened the season with two wins against tough opponents.

On Saturday, the young Westies hosted North Haven and came away with a 6-2 in. Ryan Abekah led the game in scoring, getting assists from Mason DaSilva and Gavin Lenihan. Jaxon Cruz was sensational in goal, making several key saves.

Colin Gibbons and Seth Empric were strong on defense, while Roland Green made numerous key attacking plays and created chances in front of the North Haven goal. On

Sunday, the U10 boys traveled to Clinton to play and won 4-1 in a tough and aggressive match.

Abekah opened the scoring in the first half, after he and Matteo D'Elia pressured the ball and forced a turnover. Jax Guarino worked hard up and down the flank, and Ben Trenchard and Adam Lamkantar kept Clinton from getting many shots on goal. After Clinton tied the game early in the second half, the Westies scored three quick goals to put the game away.

Abekah scored again from the penalty spot, and Jacob Rader put the game away with a well-placed shot into the corner after Joey Ruiz won the ball and got it into the offensive side of the field. Ethan

Fonseca worked hard on both sides of the ball in the win for the Westies.

The P&B Express West Haven U9 Boys Travel Team fell 1-0 to Amity in their opener. Dylan Fonseca played well on the field and in goal. Emmett Hemming and Abdul Akondo worked hard on offense and defense. Jonathan King used his foot skills to create shots on goal, while Yangel Ortiz Garzon and Luca Gagliardi played well in the midfield.

The Cappetta's Italian Imports U12 West Haven Girls Travel Team started the season on the road in North Haven where they took home a 6-0 win. Olivia Petrie had a solid performance in goal. Excellent teamwork led to goals by Chelsea Frost, Kylee McCoart, Stella Porto, Luciana Cappetta, and Celeste DiNallo. The U12 girls were back in action when they traveled to Cheshire, taking home a 7-2 win. Stella Porto, Gillian Wynus, and Luciana Cappetta controlled the midfield, while Josylyn Davila was strong on defense. The Dillman and Dillman LLC West Haven U11 Girls Travel team played their first game of the season against Madison, winning 8-4. The girls came out strong with great defense played by Amy Congacha, Klara Frost, Phoebe DiNuzzo and Kendall Gilchrist, but Madison ended up scoring the first goal.

Ariel Titus leveled for the Westies. The girls continued to play well with Titus scoring four more goals, followed by Juliana Aviles scoring off of a corner kick. Allyson Hernandez-Arce scored the last two

goals to secure the win.

In the Recreation League, Taco Town took on WH Professional Fire Fighters Saturday in their first game of the season. Taco Town put in a great effort despite losing, 8-1.

Nicholas Acampora scored the only goal for his team on a penalty kick. Tobiloba Yekinni showed great hustle, while Marvin Castillo did a great job on defense.

Leading the way on offense for the Firefighters was Rida Saanon with a hat trick, followed by Doniel Agustin, Mohamed Nasr, Mayenmen Ngoh, Muyakanwi Ngoh and Eddie Fagnani with one goal apiece. The staunch defense was led by Abraham Morales-Linares, Carlos Bazar, and in net Guillermo Gonzaga. Playing extremely well on both sides of the ball were Jacob Smalls and Llandel Moreno who led the pace early and often.

The University of New Haven Navy Blues played Mad Mike's Cheesesteaks Saturday morning, with the game ending in a 5-0 win for UNH. The Navy Blues showed excellent offense, working together and hustling to pass to Mia Montes and Nylah Arthur, who picked up two goals each. With the support of the defense Lia Powers pushed through using great foot skills to get the last goal.

Frankie's of West Haven Blue Stars took on West Shore Family Dental Gold Saturday afternoon.

The Blue Stars Meriam Bouha and Tariya Issac were able to hold the defensive line tight during the beginning of

the game. Scarlet Reyes, with the assistance of Mya Salinas and Lexi Jimenez, was able to score two goals. Janiyah Smith with her quick feet was able to score a goal at the last minute to tie the game, 3-3.

The RQ Professional Accounting & Tax Services Grey Cheetahs played against Nick's Luncheonette, and showed amazing energy and positive attitudes.

Emma Holmes scored multiple goals. Ellie Cipriano, Aneesa Kass, and Avalyn Wilder also scored for the team.

Lorenzo's Ristorante Italiano defeated the Gunning Law Firm, 7-2.

Lorenzo's was led by the strong play of Mama Kamara. Chelsea Hernandez Fortin

and Jada Avila Youstra Moussa played a good game in goal in the win. Elsie Encarnacion State Farm Insurance defeated Milano & Wanat, 5-1 in their first game of the Spring Season.

Santino Amato made some tremendous saves in the net and fine field play was on display by Dylan Ranalli, Jacob Munoz and Ziad Ramirez.

The Vio's Sportsplus Greyhounds defeated Baybrook Remodelers 6-0 in their opening game of the season. Ali Alhaddad worked hard in the midfield, and Brandon Rylski competed to win the ball. Angelo Mendieta played great on defense, and Liam Lima helped keep the shut-out in goal.

## Women's Bocce League opens season on May 17

The Savin Rock Ladies Bocce League starts Wednesday, May 17, at 5 p.m. and runs through Aug. 30.

The League is currently registering new and returning players. It is an independent league, which is non-profit and non-partisan.

It is a multi-cultural and multi-generational program that provides the opportunity to meet people and get exercise through playing bocce. Beginner to experienced players are welcome.

The bocce courts are located in the Old Grove section of Savin Rock Park. Players should commit to the season. We realize people will be on vacation or different things come up - that is why we will

have subs. Subs do not pay dues, but must complete required forms. If any lady is looking for something to do, it is a fun night.

The league meeting will be on May 17 at 5 p.m., and afterwards a practice Bocce round is scheduled. You must register through the Savin Rock Ladies Bocce League with the forms provided in the links below. Please contact Elene Hanahan at Ehanahan@aol.com, or Susan Webster at ssw49@aol.com.

Dues are \$85, which must be paid in full by April 26th. Dues are used for prize money and end of season Awards Dinner. Checks should be made payable to: Savin Rock Ladies Bocce League (SRLBL) and mailed with Registration Form and Liability Waiver to: Susan Webster, 147 West Walk, West Haven 06516.

For more information, contact: [https://westhavenct.myrec.com/info/activities/program\\_details.aspx?ProgramID=29698](https://westhavenct.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=29698).

## SHJBL offers scholarships

Shore Haven Junior Baseball will be accepting applications from June high school seniors that are pursuing further education. The league will be awarding three scholarships in the amount of \$250 each. The league will also be awarding the Joseph Morrell, Sr. Scholarship.

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## Scholarship donation

The West Haven Veterans Council visited West Haven High School recently to make a donation to the scholarship fund. The group's representatives handed Principal Dana Paredes a check for \$2,000 for senior scholarships. The Vietnam Vets on hand for the presentation were: Dave Ricci (Veterans Council President), Steve Carney, Mark Levine, Rich Foley, and Howie Thomas.



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## Grand Lodge honoree

Annawon Lodge, 115, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of West Haven Past Worshipful Master Steven R. Mullins was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation recently by the 4th Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; for going above and beyond the call of Masonic duties. Mullins, who served as Lodge Master in 2018 is currently the Annawon Almoner. He is pictured with current Master Christopher Belous (left) and Blue Lodge Council President, Past Master Kyle Podpolucha (right).

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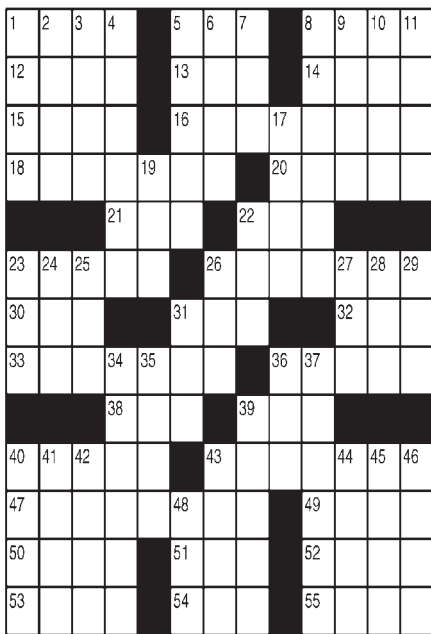
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- 16 Actuality
- 18 Prepare for printing
- 20 Staffers
- 21 Small batteries
- 22 "Today" rival, briefly
- 23 Bizarre
- 26 "The West Wing" actor
- 30 Altar constellation
- 31 Group of whales
- 32 Pledge
- 33 Was behind schedule
- 36 "Thank Me Later" rapper
- 38 - tear (raging)
- 39 Sticky stuff
- 40 Cockeyed
- 43 Worldly
- 47 Stop signal
- 49 Small iPod
- 50 Story
- 51 Calendar abbr.



- 52 Flintstones' pet
- 53 Scratched (out)
- 54 Earth (Pref.)
- 55 RBI, for one
- DOWN**
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- 3 Now, on a memo
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- 5 Taxi costs
- 6 Help a crook
- 7 Arthur of "Maude"
- 8 Re offspring
- 9 During
- 10 Sidewalk eat-ery
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- 19 Melancholy
- 22 Deity
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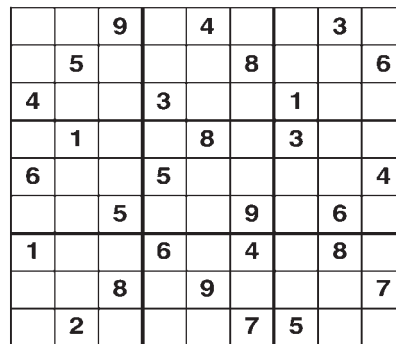
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## Weekly SUDOKU

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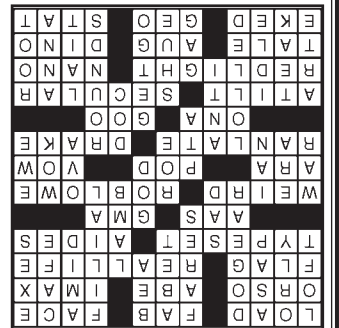
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

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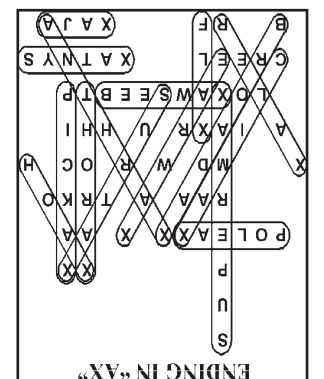
## Answers to this week's puzzles



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Answers

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Answers

Weekly SUDOKU



1. TELEVISION: Which drama focuses on the inhabitants of Wisteria Lane?
2. GEOGRAPHY: The Aswan Dam is located on which river?
3. LANGUAGE: What is the only word in the English language that ends in "mt"?
4. MOVIES: What is the name of Ryan Reynolds' Alaskan hometown in "The Proposal"?
5. U.S. CITIES: How many buildings in New York City have their own ZIP codes, including the Empire State Building?
6. SCIENCE: Entomology is the scientific study of what?
7. CHEMISTRY: Which natural element is

- the most unstable?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is the condiment tahini made of?
9. LITERATURE: What is the setting for John Kennedy Toole's novel "A Confederacy of Dunces"?
10. ANATOMY: How many lobes are in the human brain?

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1. "Desperate Housewives"
2. The Nile River
3. Dreamt
4. Sitka
5. More than 40.
6. Insects.
7. Francium, because it has 49 more neu-
8. Sesame seeds.
9. New Orleans.
10. Four.

# Westies: *Lax teams struggle, netters win*

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Torres defeated Kyle Dronery, 6-3, 7-5, second-seeded Sihaphong topped Josiah Tilghman, 6-1, 6-0, third-seeded Balakumar defeated Paul Corsine 6-2, 6-2, and fourth-seeded Chen topped Andrew Bloschichar 6-0, 6-1.

In doubles action, top-seeded Diaz and Mateo of West Haven defeated Donovan Huggett and Allan Correia, 6-2, 6-4, second-seeded Guadarrama and Huang topped Jaiden Harrison and Evan Santoro, 6-0, 6-0, and third-seeded Hamza and Khan defeated Chris Hernandez and CJ Moore 6-0, 6-0.

In a battle of unbeaten teams, Wilbur Cross topped West Haven, 4-3, at West Haven.

In singles play, top-seeded Torres of West Haven topped Joshua Ogarro, 6-4, 6-2 and West Haven's second-seeded Sihaphong defeated Kurt Boone, 7-6, 4-6, 7-5. Third seed Young In Kim of Cross defeated West Haven's Balakumar 6-1, 5-7, 6-3 as did fourth-seeded Adam Sharqawe, who topped West Haven's Chen, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

In doubles action, top-seeded Cassius Morgan-Coe and Mario Berrias of Wilbur Cross defeated Guadarrama and Huang, 6-1, 6-2. West Haven's second seed of Diaz and Mateo defeated Mateo Festa and Krish Patel 6-4, 6-2. Third-seeded Adrian Sampedro and Vikram Dalal of Wilbur Cross topped West Haven's Hamza and Khan, 6-2, 2-6, 6-1.

West Haven improved to 3-1 with a 7-0 road victory over East Haven.

In singles play, top-seeded

Torres defeated Greg Vera, 6-1, 6-1, second-seeded Sihaphong topped Victor Unabia, 6-1, 6-1, third-seeded Balakumar defeated Shir Patel, 6-1, 6-1, and fourth-seeded Chen defeated Gustavo Flores-Soto, 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles action, top-seeded Diaz and Mateo topped Mateo Ramiro and Mateo Martinez, 6-0, 6-2, second-seeded Hamza and Javon Huang defeated Jacob Ushchak and Steve Condo, 6-2, 6-1, and third-seeded John Diaz and Muhammad Tahir topped Justin Sieng and Angel Orozco, 6-0, 6-0.

After getting back on the winning track, the team knew it was in for a tough match against Shelton. The Gaels proved that to be true as they won three of four singles matches to take home a 4-3 victory over the Westies at West Haven High Monday afternoon.

In singles play, West Haven picked up its lone victory as top-seeded Torres defeated Chase Gruber, 7-6, 6-3. Shelton won the rest of the singles matches as Ben Rhodes defeated West Haven's Sihaphong, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, third-seeded Adam Klein topped West Haven's Balakumar, 6-4, 6-2, and fourth-seeded Nikhil Dagar topped Chen of West Haven, 2-6, 7-6, 6-3.

In doubles action, Shelton's top seed of Jack Mackniak and Jack Parkes defeated Diaz and Mateo, 6-1, 6-0.

West Haven's second seed of Guadarrama and Tahir topped Ryan Duloal and JP Koco, 6-1, 6-2, while West Haven's third seed of Hamza and Yousaf

Khan defeated Kevin Faley and Siham Agrawal, 6-4, 6-0.

West Haven got back on the winning track with a 7-0 victory over East Haven.

In singles play, top-seeded Torres defeated Shiv Patel, 6-0, 6-0, second-seeded Sihaphong topped Victor Unabia, 6-0, 6-2, third-seeded Balakumar defeated Mateo Ramero, 6-1, 6-0, and fourth-seeded Chen won against Gustavo Flores-Soto, 6-3, 6-1.

In doubles play, West Haven's top seed of Guadarrama and Huang defeated Steve Condo and Jack Castillo, 6-2, 6-0. Second-seeded Diaz and Mateo won against Angel Va-

lazquez and Jacob Ushchak, 6-2, 6-1, and third-seeded Hamza and Khan defeated Luis Tejada-Valenzuela and Angel Orozco (EH), 6-0, 6-0.

The West Haven girls tennis team improved to 5-1 with a 6-1 victory over Foran.

The Westies won all four singles matches as senior Joyce Delgado topped Aggie Dalton, 6-3, 6-7, 10-5 in the first slot, while second-seeded Sophie Mazuroski defeated Sara Monev, 6-1, 7-6 (7-5). Third-seeded Fay Aciker defeated Rumeysa Bayram, 6-0, 6-1, and fourth-seeded Celia Williams topped Apneet Bhangoo, 6-3, 6-1.

West Haven suffered its only defeat in doubles play as top-seeded Vicalia Deida and Angie Juarez fell to Sienna Mannino and Katherne Motigue, 6-3, 2-6, 4-6.

Second-seeded Jeanette McLaughlin and Alex Capilla topped Alexa Malerba and Katelyn Vilaletti, 6-1, 6-1, and third-seeded Sophia Basaen and Yaju Pradhan topped Manva Vijay and Leighla-Marie Dantes, 6-0, 6-2.

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Melissa Tsakonias scores in the Blue Devils' 15-14 win over the Nighthawks.



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Joyce Delgado returns a volley in the Westies' 6-1 win over Lyman Hall.

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## Baseball, softball have ups and downs

Looking to pick up its first win of the season, the West Haven baseball team battled, but came up short in an 8-6 road loss against Norwalk.

The Westies trailed early, before rallying in the last three innings. West Haven had the tying run on base in the last inning, but the Westies could not complete the comeback.

Evan Jones and Ray Gilbert each drove in a pair of runs, while K.J. Harp had two hits, two walks, drove in a run, and also scored. Jose Padilla also added a pair of hits in the loss.

Connor Hume took the loss for the Westies, allowing eight runs, six earned, on seven hits in 4 1/3 innings of work. Hume walked eight and struck out three in the game. Haygen Axelrod pitched 1 2/3 innings of scoreless relief.

After two attempts, the West Haven baseball team finally gave Steve Carden his first victory as a head coach.

Behind a complete-game 5-hitter from Jones, along with a three-hit day by Jones at the plate, West Haven topped O'Brien Tech, 7-3, at Piurek Field in the home opener for the Westies. Jones struck out eight and walked three in the victory.

The Westies got off to a quick start, scoring twice in the first inning and once in the second for a 3-0 lead.

In the first, Harp led off with a single, moved to second on a passed ball and scored on a single to right by Jones. Jones stole second and scored on a double to left by Gilbert for a 2-0 advantage.

West Haven took a 3-0 lead in the second as Cruz led off with a walk, Haygen singled to right to put runners on the corners, before Cruz scored on a wild pitch.

West Haven left runners on base in each of the next three innings, before pulling away with four runs in the sixth to take a 7-1 lead.

Jones did not allow a hit until one out in the fourth.

After picking up its first win of the season, the West Haven baseball team was looking to keep the momentum going against cross-town rival Notre Dame. Unfortunately for the Westies, Notre Dame jumped out to a 4-0 lead and never looked back in a 9-4 victory over the Westies at Piurek Field.

Haygen Axelrod took the

loss for West Haven, tossing five innings and allowing six earned runs. The West Haven junior walked six and struck out two.

Hume allowed three runs on two hits in two innings of work. Hume walked two.

Padilla led the offense with three hits and a run scored, while Hudson Axelrod had two hits and three runs batted in.

Notre Dame pitcher Lucu Stavrevski pitched five innings of five-hit ball, allowing three runs, while walking three and striking out four.

West Haven looked as if it would drop its second straight c against Guilford. That all changed in an instant.

Sending 13 batters to the plate in the sixth inning, West Haven rallied and scored eight runs to defeat Guilford, 11-5, at Piurek Field. The Westies improved to 2-3 on the year.

After taking a 3-0 lead in the first inning, West Haven was dealt a tough blow when starting pitcher Supan exited the game with a leg injury. Jones picked up the Westies with five innings of relief allowing five runs on eight hits, while walking four and striking out one.

The Grizzlies scored four times in the third and another in the fourth for a 5-3 lead, but the Westies took over in the sixth.

Cruz reached on a one-out error, pinch-hitter Josh Osborne singled to right, and Harp reached on an infield single to load the bases.

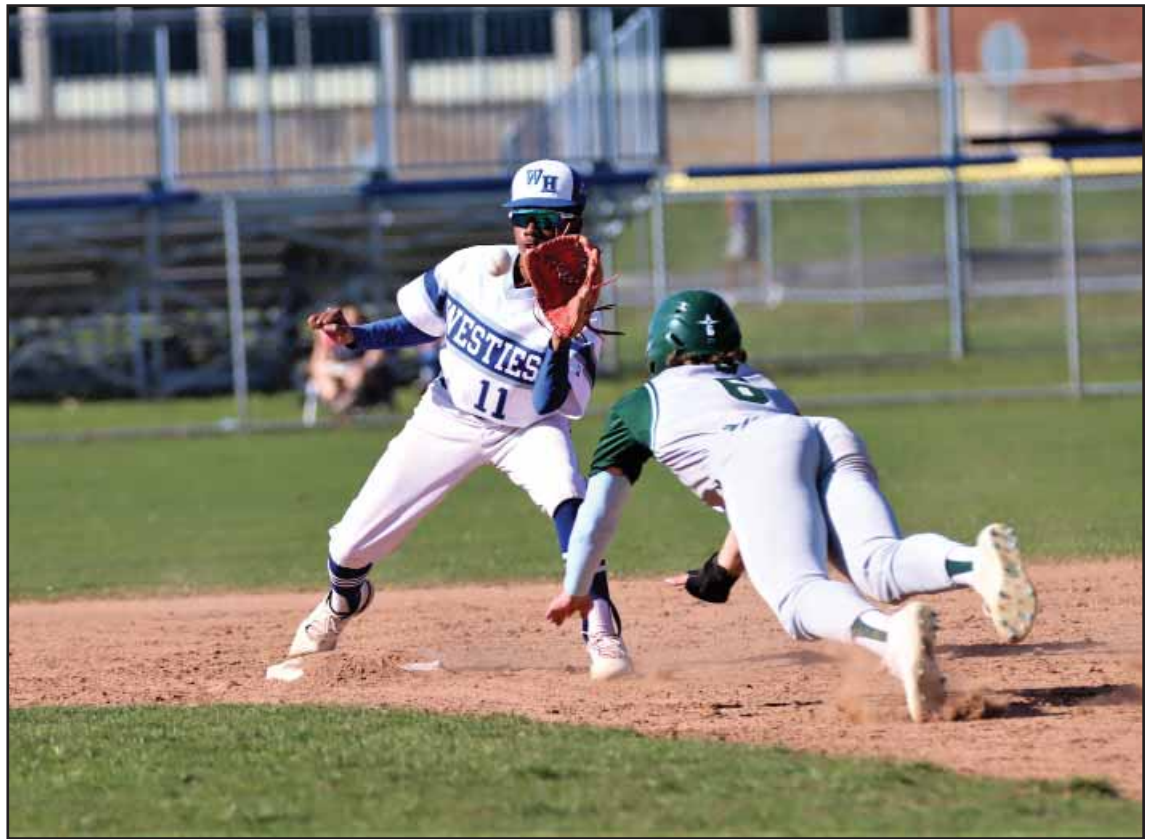
With the bases loaded and one out, Jones reached on Guilford's second error of the inning to score a pair and even the game at five. The flood gates then opened.

Gilbert singled to right to score Harp for a 6-5 lead, Brady Price tripled to right to score Jones and Gilbert, before a single by Jose Padilla increased the lead to 9-5. Padilla scored on a double by Hume, and Haygen Axelrod delivered the final run with a single to left.

West Haven took a 3-0 lead in the first inning when Gilbert's one-out single scored Harp, and Haygen Axelrod hit a two-out single to score Gilbert and Supan.

After a hard-fought victory over Guilford three days earlier, West Haven was looking to

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Top -- Jeremiah Douglass prepares for the throw to nail a Grizzly steal attempt. West Haven had a come-from-behind win over Guilford. Center - Mia Rubirosa delivers from the circle in the Westies' 21-4 win at Shelton. Bottom -- Caden Mateo waits for a volley at the net in his doubles match versus Cross. The Westies are off to a great start, but lost this one, 4-3.