

## Festival 36 brings out thousands

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

The 36th annual Savin Rock Festival paid homage to the legacy of “the Rock” with an exciting lineup of musical groups and a mouthwatering row of food vendors, linking the past with the present through old-fashioned, family-friendly fun.

Presented by the Savin Rock Festival Committee, the 2017 edition, held in Old Grove Park, once again used the recipe that made West Haven’s 20th-century amusement park so successful: concerts, rides, games and good food — and ice-cold beer.

For the second time since the event’s debut on July 24, 1982, organizers offered alcoholic beverages, pouring three craft, domestic and imported draft beers in the partially tented beer garden on Palace Street.

As an added treat this year, local musicians, bolstered by an infectious band led by Living Colour bassist Doug Wimbish, serenaded the many partakers of libation with intimate sets of rock ‘n’ roll euphoria inside the paradise of suds, which also served a hard cider and a wine.

On Saturday night, festival headliner Elements, featuring a 12-piece band, played a showstopping concert of rhythm and blues, soul, funk, disco, pop and rock gems from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame canon of Earth, Wind & Fire, setting the Grove ablaze with more than 90 minutes of hits as the all-ages crowd of 10,000 turned the park into a giant dance floor.

This year’s spectacular stage was made possible by the generosity of Wheelabrator of Bridgeport.

Before his band’s “backyard party” performance in the beer garden leading up to Elements, Wimbish, founder of the WimBash Beach Festival, and Mayor Edward M. O’Brien presented a \$5,000 check for the school district’s music program to Board of Education member Patrick R. Leigh on behalf of the district.

For the second year, organizers of the benefit music  
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Photos by Michael P. Walsh and Russ McCreven

Top -- There were rides galore to thrill a young heart during the weekend Savin Rock Festival. Left -- And, there were games. Festival master of ceremonies Brian Smith battles Abbey Lonergan, 15, of Milford, and Mayor Edward M. O’Brien in Marena Amusements’ “Rock Around the Clock” Water Gun Fun game Sunday afternoon. Below -- From left, Shane-O, Pauly, Joey and Reese of Pauly and the Goodfellas perform a high-energy, wise-cracking mix of music and humor, including Jerry Lee Lewis’ 1957 hit “Great Balls of Fire,” during “the ultimate show from the gangstas of soul” before a crowd of 5,000 happy faces Friday night.

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

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# Festival: *Thousands turn out for event*

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 festival, held last August in the Grove, gave all event proceeds — beer, merchandise and raffle sales — to the music program. The 2015 festival donation paid for new instruments at Carrigan Intermediate School. Wimbish's charity, the Wim-

Bash Music Festival Series, which includes the WimBash Beach Festival and related fundraising events, has collected \$15,000 to date for West Haven music education.

The city's flagship Savin Rock Festival, sponsored by the University of New Ha-

ven and TD Bank, kicked off Thursday evening with welcoming remarks from O'Brien and followed with a stellar rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Caitlin Morrissey.

Sacred Fire was faithful in its tribute to Santana and was followed by party rock band The RumRunners.

On Friday night, the History of Rock & Soul Starring Pauly and the Goodfellas, billed as "the ultimate show from the gangstas of soul," played the songs that defined a generation, entertaining concertgoers with a high-energy, wisecracking mix of music and humor.

Turbulence, anchored by city native Bill Downes on drums, warmed up the throng with a slew of Top 40 anthems.

For most of the weekend, the

sun-drenched Grove, fanned by a cool summer breeze, provided a backdrop for the numerous quality performers that set up residence in the 147-year-old park, including alternative rock group Clockwork, country cover band Boondocks, Rubber City, which was powered by a horn section that rivaled such bands as Chicago and Tower of Power, and Boston a cappella group Ball in the House.

They were complemented by Milford's Brian Smith, former co-host of WPLR's "Smith and Barber the Morning Show," who, as the "ringmaster" of ceremonies for the third time, segued the bands with hysterical bursts of comic relief.

For the 23rd year, Marenda Amusements supplied the midway of rides and games,

which evoked memories of the bygone era of Savin Rock Park.

The food court along Palace Street housed a smorgasbord of area food trucks and vendors, which served up eggplant Parmesan subs, fried dough, lobster rolls, split hot dogs and roast beef sandwiches, as well as anginetti cookies, candy apples and frozen custard.

Demonstrating the Jaws of Life tool, members of the West Haven Fire Department, led by Capt. Mike Buonasora, pried open parts of a vehicle to free those trapped inside.

A short distance away, members of the West Shore Fire Department, led by Capt. Frank Rasile, demonstrated their amphibious rescue boat.

Veteran crafter Rich Evans was joined by crafters Barbara J. Allen, owner of And Beyond LLC, and Laura Webb, owner of Crystal Webb Jewelry Design, to sell their wares.

Evans, in his 27th year as a festival vendor, displayed his collection of vintage baseball cards and other memorabilia, while Allen spotlighted her handcrafted milk soaps and soy wax candles and Webb showed her handmade jewelry bedecked with semiprecious and healing stones.

Crafters John and Suzanne Patry sold paper bead handbags and jewelry made in Nairobi, Kenya, where their daughter Janet Patry now lives.

Janet Patry is the founder and executive director of New York City-based Right 2 Thrive. Her nonprofit organization's mission is aimed at gathering resources and establishing locally based programs in Nairobi that empower people living in disadvantaged areas to improve living conditions and develop self-sustaining communities.

## Special needs support groups

The West Haven Interagency Network for Children will hold an open house from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 11 in the basement conference room of City Hall, 355 Main St., for its Parent Support Group, Autism Parent Support Group, Spanish-speaking Autism Support Group and Adolescent Support Group.

Meet other parents of children with special needs and learn about the agency's monthly meetings, workshops and activities for families. Free child care is provided if requested.

To register for the open house, contact Robert S. Morton, director of West Haven Youth and Family Services, at (203) 937-3633 or [morton@westhaven-ct](mailto:morton@westhaven-ct).

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

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

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

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

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

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# Dear Felicia

Howdy do honey bunch. Here we are in Awgus already. Can yew believe it? Like I keep saying, I thought I was jest celebrating that it was June 1. Yew know the summer is getting on a bit when the Savin Rock Festival comes and goes. It came and went this past weekend.

Yup. Cobina didn't hafta get anywhere near all the crowds that were down there. See sat in her very parlor and was able to listen to all that was going on as, yew know, she lives jest a few hundred yards from the Old Grove.

Tennyrate, it seems a good time was had by all. There was music, fun and this year, it seems some brewed spirits were allowed. According to Mikey Walsh it is only the second time in the festival's history spirits were about – at least those found in a still or brewery.

That must've made the place a bit more fun for a certain sort, I guess. Thankfully,

there was nothing untoward happening. One must uphold the social fabric of the community, yew know.

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*Sammy Bluejay made mention of the fack that the festival did provide a coming together pernt for the various candidates that are running for office come November. Of course, with the primary set for next month, both the candidates in the majority party seemed to make their way down there.*

*Nancy Rossi didn't hafta go too far as her campaign office is in the Savin Rock Parkade. Sammy sez he didn't hear any nasty comints or complaints about campaigning. Remember one year when one or t'other candidate was criticized for having people sign petitions down there. Yew'd have thought that somebody committed some kind of breach of etiquette.*

*The sum and total is that the campaign season is underway. Everyone expects that Nancy is gonna get the requisite signa-*

*tories on her petitions and we'll have a full-blown primary. What happens after the primary is anybody's guess. Cobina's money is still on the proposition that whatever the outcome in September, there will be a three-way race come November. I may be wrong, but then again, I may not be.*

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 Whilst all that is going on, GOP candidate Dave Riccio is letting the factions of the Demmies fight it out. He is going another route, it would seem, and question the policies of the current and former leaders who have put our financial futures behind the political eight-ball.

Riccio this week came up with an interesting nugget about our esteemed Governor Dannel Malloy putting a halt to state fund sharing with cities. The query before the house is whether the Actors Colony was caught unawares by this move – witch could put things in a tizzy around here – or effen they have a contingency plan on how to proceed?

Remember, this possibility was mentioned during the Municipal Finance Assistance Committee (MFAC) two or so weeks ago. And there is talk that there won't be any real budget agreement in the next few weeks even if concessions are got from the unions. Soooo, a city that depends on a goodly portion of its revenues from the state might be in deep trouble effen that

money stays north.

From Malloy's standpoint what does he have to lose? The state is on the verge of fiscal insolvency and he's gotta count as many pennies where he can.

Seems to me yew and I have been talking about what a mess politicos have made state spending – and city spending – for many a moon. People scoffed at us 30 years ago and even 20. We said this reckoning was going to come, but no one wanted to listen.

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*Nelly Nuthatch came to tea and said that she was buzzing about the berg and happened to be buzzing past the high school on Educational Way when what to her wondering eyes should appear but lotsa piping and equipment. She's wondering effen there's gonna be some digging around the back lot of the high school. That's what it looked like and effen it's got something to do with the building rehab? There's lots and lots of stuff back there, and it looks like some digging is gonna take place. She chortled a little bit.*

*Effen they try to build a drainage ditch or something it would be rather silly. It is a swamp after all. The high school was built on a swamp. Remmeber those pilings they had to drive down to hit bedrock so many years ago?*

*Effen mem'ry serves the pilings went down about 70 feet before they hit solid ground. Wonder what the plan is for the new building and effen the kiddies*

*are gonna hear the Ka-choom, Ka-choom, Ka-choom" of a pile-driver during school hours? Jest wondering.*

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 Madame Olga sez that the school system did itself a not-so-proud moment last week when it held an arbitration hearing for Vic Hogfeldt despite the fack he wanted a public meeting before the Bored of Ed. Funny, he sent letters and heard nary a word, but he refuses an arbitration hearing months ago, and it goes through. Uncle Joe Stalin would have been very proud. A show trial in absentia, he couldn't have done it better.

Madame told me there were letters back and forth in the form of emails, and Vic told them he wasn't showing because the law sez he can have a public hearing before the board. In fack, Cobina has a copy of said law on her desk, and it seems he might be right, though I'll bet the mortgage the paid barrister for the bored will have a different way of looking at it.

Whatever the outcome, the board, the super, the assistant super, the system and the union should hang their heads in shame for what was not only wrong, it was un-American. But, I don't think they care about that. Things could come out in the public hearing that maybe they're willing to take the heat to keep in the dark.

Shame on 'em all!  
 And effen they think this is over. No matter whot the outcome – and I think we all know what that is – the thing goes to the Superior Court as part of Hogfeldt's suit against the Board and the city. Effen the city settles or loses this case, there better be some tidy resignations and firings coming down the pike – politicos and hired help.

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*Finally, the Planning & Zoning Commish didn't take up the matter of Captain's Galley last week because its meeting clashed with the caucuses of the two parties. But, Iva Lootey tells me that there will be a plan for the property on which the Galley now sits that will be two or three stories, with a new restaurant on the ground floor.*

*The building is supposed to be pushed back a bit from the street, and then it will be two stories I think he told me, but it might be three, the mind does wander at times.*

*Stay tuned on this one, it could be a very interesting development.*

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

*Cobina*

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### Mock Trial MVPs

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At a recent Mock Trial Team luncheon, three WHHS seniors were honored as most valuable persons. Pictured in the front row are: Front row -- Andrew Gordon, who will attend Cornell University; Evelyn Fabian, who will attend the University of Pennsylvania; and Paige Sheridan, who will be attending the UConn Honors Program. Second row - Keynote speaker Khari Raynado, UConn Honors Program '19 and next year's Mock Trial Team captain Bobbie James. West Haven's Mock Trial team has reached the quarterfinals more than any other team in the state, and holds the most state championships (5).

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Keelin Herbst '17, the president of the University of New Haven Class of 2017, completed a double major in national security studies and legal studies.

A member of our Honors Program, she worked in the University's Center for Analytics and interned in the United States Attorney's Office in New Haven. In the fall, she will begin her studies at the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University.

Herbst was among more than 1,400 students who accepted their undergraduate and graduate degrees during two ceremonies in May.



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# State's fiscal problems need more than stop-gap deals

All eyes in the state are focused on Hartford. Can the General Assembly get concessions from state unions in order to forestall a financial collapse for a state that is edging toward \$3 billion in revenue shortfalls over the next two years? We say "forestall" because the movements now taking place in Hartford are a dance of financial death for the state. The only question to be answered is it now or later.

State unions are poised to give the Malloy Administration another \$270 million in givebacks from its benefits and pension packages. While those givebacks are helpful, they are an adhesive bandage for a state treasury that is in need of suturing the wounds gushing billions of dollars. While this incrementalism is necessary for the present, it does not address the structural problems that have what some call the "Richest State in the Union" owing more than \$75 billion in unpaid expenditures.

While this is a mountain of debt, it only tells half the story. Over the last several decades the state has bonded itself into the next two generations as the State Bonding Commission approves project after project with seemingly no realization that we are talking about real money.

At the heart of the problem are the lucrative and generous benefits that state employees, teachers and others have at the expense of the taxpayers. Given by the General Assembly during the boom years following World War II and up to the energy crisis of 1973, there was no thought that the great employment and backbone manufacturing base would ever leave the state. But it has, and now that the manufacturing base has left, we are seeing the white-collar sector begin an exodus as well.

Despite the signs that the state needed to do business in a different way as far back as the mid-1970s, when businesses started to look elsewhere for cheaper labor and costs, the General Assembly and successive governors continued to add programs and spending at rates two- and three-times the rate of inflation.

Indeed, when the state seemed to be recovering in the 1990s, instead of learning a lesson about spending and curbing the desire to create more programs, the state saw the spree continue. The income tax was supposed to give the state a better means of anticipating revenue, while a spending cap was supposed to help curb the urge to spend by legislators.

While the income tax brought in revenue, the cap never materialized as an effective means of curbing spending. In fact, it has never been implemented, with legislators using loopholes to make it a dead letter. Money that should have been shuttled into pension line-items and stashed away for bad times was used to fund another program or another expansion of spending.

Meanwhile, in the intervening years the state has recouped millions in payments from both state casinos in the eastern part of the state, yet that money was never used to help balance the books as much as fund more spending.

In the last 20 years the increases of medical coverage costs and other benefits prompted the private sector to trim its programs and gave employees more financial responsibilities. Public sector employees were not subject to such revisions, with politicians unable to take on the public unions and the bad press that would come with any attempt to trim benefits.

So, we have this emergency measure to cut some benefits. This is the second time Malloy has had to do it in the last three years. But, it is trimming the edges.

What is needed is an entire overhaul of the state's benefits plans and packages as well as pensions. Connecticut is bleeding dollars and it is bleeding people. The costs of living in the state have increased while jobs and wages have remained stagnant for more than a decade. High taxes and high costs prompt the young to leave. They are followed not too far behind by older state residents, who cannot afford the state.

Until the General Assembly and the governor – whoever they are and in whatever year – decide to address the structural spending problems in the budget and work to overhaul them, the state will play this game of stalling the inevitable. Eventually, we take on spending and benefits in a meaningful way or we follow the likes of Illinois or Puerto Rico and wait for the situation to get so bad collapse is imminent.



# GOP still the 'Stupid Party'

**By Rich Lowry**  
*Syndicated Columnist*

The ascension of Donald Trump was supposed to change everything in the GOP. As it happens, perhaps one very important thing hasn't: The Republicans may well still be The Stupid Party.

That Obamacare repeal has one or maybe two feet in the grave, depending on how you're counting, is testament to jaw-dropping disarray and bad faith.

On the cusp of a historic failure, the party has begun the finger-pointing, and it's hard to argue with any of it. The establishment is right that Trump is incapable of true legislative leadership. The Trumpists are right that the establishment is ineffectual. Conservatives are right that moderates don't really want to repeal Obamacare. And pragmatists are right that a few conservatives are beholden to a self-defeating purity.

The Republican members of the world's greatest deliberative body aren't covering themselves in glory. Susan Collins of Maine and Rand Paul of Kentucky have always been noes, leaving no margin for error. Mike Lee of Utah and Jerry Moran of Kansas are additional noes on the current repeal-and-replace bill, while Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska have joined Collins as noes on repeal-only.

Then there is another tranche of Republicans, like Rob Portman, who are nervous fence-sitters. The Ohio senator doesn't have to appear on a ballot again until 2022,

yet gives every indication of quailing at taking a tough vote.

For Rand Paul, clearly, a perhaps once-in-a-generation opportunity to significantly reform two entitlement programs isn't as important as scoring cheap points against his colleagues in the cause of getting as many cable hits as possible.

Lee is a thoughtful, public-interested conservative who isn't a showboater. He has an outsize influence on the prospects of the bill because he is one of the few Republicans willing to be the decisive vote against it.

It's not just senators who are falling down. President Trump has very little idea what is in the health care bill, and doesn't particularly care.

This prevents him from helpfully engaging in detailed negotiations, and he hasn't made a public case for the bill except in tweets and at the highest level of generality.

Repealing Obamacare was never going to be easy. The law has created facts on the ground that are inherently difficult to undo. Mitch McConnell has 52 Republican senators, whereas Harry Reid had 60 senators. But Reid held all his members.

At the end of the day, the most important difference between the parties on health care may be that the Democrats had a vision that they were thoroughly committed to and were astonishingly courageous in effecting. No one had more to lose on Obamacare

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## Letters

### O'Brien tells a fib

Mayor Edward O'Brien has touted on his recent campaign literature that, through his efforts, West Haven has added \$150 million to the taxable Grand List. In response to my Press Release questioning his numbers, Mayor O'Brien said, "Anyone can add the private investments projects initiated under the O'Brien Administration." What Mayor O'Brien is doing is including some projects that have not even been requested for approval, and therefore are not yet added to the tax rolls. The Havens was initiated under Mayor John Picard's term, so by Mayor O'Brien's own words, which mayor would get credit for the Havens?

My understanding is that the Mayor is allowed to include up to 10 percent of current pending projects to his Grand List projections. The fact that under his administration, the Grand List has decreased by \$172,588,106.00, and he is boasting a \$150 million increase, and his explanation above, means he is adding the total projected value of those projects that have not even been requested for approval to his Grand List numbers to incorrectly inflate the Grand List...

Look at it this way – you are presently in a job where your salary is \$50,000 per year. You recently accepted a new position, with a salary of \$150,000, but the new job does not start for six months. You are now applying for a mortgage; do you put down a salary of \$50,000, or \$150,000? I would put down the lower salary, as that is my current income. That is not what the mayor is doing here.

What's worse is that the mayor is neglecting to mention that with the Atwood, in order to secure the project, the city had to agree on a 70 percent tax deferral, which will incrementally go down over the course of several years. So, even if the mayor's \$150 million increase is to be believed (which it is not), the city is not receiving the benefit of taxing the entire amount! No matter how you look at it, the mayor is misleading the taxpayers with these statements.

Now, what will I do different? First and foremost, I will not tell the taxpayers something that can be easily disproven by my own budget documents. Transparency and honesty will be a cornerstone of my administration, because I need you to trust me in order to work with me. Tough decisions need to be made, and you need to know that I have your best interests in mind at all times. West Haven needs smart development. The Atwood is a good start, but will not be enough to turn the tide on its own. We must forge forward together to revitalize Alingtown, the Center, and the Shore by adding to our commercial base and not to our residential.

Nancy Rossi  
Democratic Candidate  
Cut spending

In my last letter to the editor I talked about the irresponsible decision to bond \$133 million before understanding what the impact that the State's failure to pass a budget would have. Now the chickens are, as predicted, coming home to roost.

Gov. Dannel Malloy has announced that he will not release the \$78 million in sales tax receipts due to communities as part of the state revenue-sharing program. The cuts are already beginning and may continue!

So voters want to know and rightly so, what would I have done as mayor?

We need to be realistic about revenue projections and act accordingly when budgeting. I would take whatever income we expect and cut that estimate by 10-15 percent.

I would then budget based upon that lower revenue number. We have to learn how to do more with less to make West Haven Municipal government operate much more efficiently. The budget must be gone over line item by line item to reach a more realistic level, one that we can afford.

Scaling back may at first be painful, but it must be done. Then maybe we can start to attract new businesses with their jobs and tax revenues to our city. More housing projects certainly aren't the answer but that's for a future letter.

We can no longer rely on the

state to bail us out because the state is broke. And we can no longer bond (borrow) to pay off a deficit.

Anyone you ask who has a background in municipal finances will question the sanity of that move. Our credit is just above junk status now.

One last thought. If I were your mayor you would not need a balanced budget ordinance. I understand that our municipal budget must be balanced. I understand that taxpayers are already paying too much.

By the way, the ordinance that they seem to be so proud of, that forces O'Brien to balance the budget doesn't stop him from raising taxes. The ordinance allows the mayor to raise revenue (taxes) to bring the budget into balance. So when it comes to crunch time what do you think O'Brien will do? Will it be time to open your wallets even wider?

David Riccio  
Candidate for Mayor

### Good Samaritan

My name is Richard Williams. On July 10, I was at the church luncheon at West Haven Green. I was choking on some chicken and could not breathe. A man named Jim Dixon came to my rescue and

gave me the Heimlich maneuver and saved my life.

I would like to give him my sincere thanks and appreciation by way of this letter. I have incredible gratitude for his swift action in saving me that day. I'm crying now thinking of how incredible it was he was there at that time to save me. I would love for the mayor to give him some sort of medal or key to the city. He was very smart and fast in his knowledge of the situation. I was dying and he saved my. My sincerest thanks to Jim Dixon. God Bless you.

Richard Williams

### Advice not taken

At the end of November 2013, then-Mayor John Picard wrote an open letter to the West Haven Voice asking the public to give the new mayor a chance and he also gave Mayor Edward O'Brien a little advice: 1) resist the urge to borrow money; 2) surround yourself with the best people; and 3) have fun.

Well, from my point of view, O'Brien has failed miserably on the first two. 1) They just borrowed \$170 million, which will lead to a \$5-6 million increase for taxpayers because they will pay back \$300 million over 20 years. That is a

\$15 million per years increase for residents. 2) A lot of political cronies have been hired in the last few years by the city or one of its agencies as directed by the mayor, including close family members of the mayor, town chairman, city clerk, and a lot of their friends. The problem with hiring family and friends is most of the time, they are not the most qualified, which means the best and brightest are not being hired. West Haven has gone back to the worst times of its past with excessive political patronage, corruption, excessive debt, and an abundance of apartments. This is a direct result of not surrounding yourself with the most qualified people. 3) I do believe O'Brien is having fun. Having fun collecting a check, having fun borrowing and spending your dollars, and having fun giving family and friends jobs.

Lastly, I have not always been a supporter of Nancy Rossi. She has been a pain in my backside for years. However, I do know she will do a much better job as mayor than O'Brien for these reasons: 1) she has integrity; 2) she has intelligence; and 3) she has a backbone. Three things O'Brien is severely lacking.

Thomas McCarthy

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### Lowry: *Still stupid*

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than Nancy Pelosi, and yet no one was as devoted to the cause. If she becomes speaker again in 2019 after Republicans -- disunited, selfish and fearful -- have whiffed on repealing her handiwork, it will be the sweetest revenge. Like the Democrats in 2009, Republicans have a historic opportunity that will quickly vanish unless it is seized. A majority is a terrible thing to waste. Six months in, Republicans are giving every indication that is exactly what they might do, to their everlasting disgrace.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Photo by Chris Randall

### 'Nora and Friends'

Nora Mullins, 13 recently organized a benefit concert for the West Haven Emergency Assistant Task Force (WHEAT). The concert, billed as "Nora and Friends," featured singers Piper Birney, 14 of Wallingford, Jenna Earl, 13 of Hamden, Caitlin Gallagher, 13 of Hamden, Lexi Davidson, 13 of Hamden and Nora's little brother, Christian Mullins, 10 of West Haven. The concert, which took place at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit raised around \$400. Shown are: Nora Mullins, the Rev. Dr. Lisa D. Hahneman, rector of Holy Spirit, Christian Mullins, Jenna Earl, Lexi Davidson, Rose Majestic, executive director of WHEAT, Caitlin Gallagher and Piper Birney.



## Ferraro calls for the privatization of DMV

The Department of Motor Vehicles recently announced its decision to temporarily close both the Derby and Milford DMV service centers due to long wait times. State Rep. Charles Ferraro released the following statement regarding the DMV's decision to close the Milford service center location today.

"DMV has been unable to provide adequate services to Connecticut resi-

dents for years," said Ferraro. "Their decision to abruptly stop services at the Milford DMV branch will cause greater problems, and the quality of service will continue to decrease. I have been vocal about the substandard service at the DMV and the need to look at privatizing the department. We should start moving in that direction as soon as possible."

Both branch offices closed on July

24. DMV is directing customers who use the Milford and Derby branches to other nearby full-service offices in Hamden, Bridgeport, and Waterbury.

Staff in these small centers is pulled from main branch offices to run them. With lines and wait times growing in the small offices, DMV plans to reassess how to use them.

For instance, a recent study showed that over 90 percent of visitors to these

offices will wait in line for registration transactions when they could go online to do the transaction from the convenience of their home, smartphone or tablet. Also, licensing customers will soon have an online option. DMV is working to enhance its licensing to include "skip-a-trip," in which would mean customers do one six-year license renewal online before needing to visit an office.

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# Upgrades at Sandy Point get A-OK

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

Mayor Edward M. O'Brien and Councilman Nicholas W. Ruickoldt praised city officials and West Haven Watershed Restoration Committee members July 26 for the recent improvements in the Sandy Point municipal parking lot on Beach Street.

With nearly two dozen people gathered in the beach-front parking lot, O'Brien applauded Ruickoldt, D-2, for obtaining \$15,000 from the city to help beautify the lot, while Ruickoldt commended O'Brien — as well as Human Resources Commissioner Beth A. Sabo, Assistant City Planner David W. Killeen and Mark E. Paine Jr., assistant to the public works commissioner — for overseeing the undertaking.

The upgrades financed by the Department of Public Works included the installation of a flagpole, three wooden planters and a guardrail, along with a butterfly garden and a sign containing an informational kiosk.

Thanks to a grant from Audubon Connecticut, the restora-

tion project included plantings of "bird-friendly" flowers, shrubs and trees indigenous to the Sandy Point salt marsh by members of the Watershed Restoration Committee, whom O'Brien called "selfless and tireless" for "volunteering their time, talents and energy to preserving the area."

The project, accomplished through a collaboration of the city and the committee, also included the construction of an observation deck where bird lovers can watch piping plovers and other shorebirds. The handicapped-accessible deck was paid for by Local Capital Improvement Program funds from the state Office of Policy and Management.

The Sandy Point Beach & Bird Sanctuary, a site listed on the Connecticut Coastal Birding Trail, has been designated an "Important Bird Area" by Audubon Connecticut, a state office of the National Audubon Society.

Sandy Point, which serves as a migratory route for some of the most endangered bird species, is now supervised by trained volunteer bird moni-



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Mayor Edward M. O'Brien praises city officials and West Haven Watershed Restoration Committee members July 26 for the recent improvements in the Sandy Point municipal parking lot on Beach Street as Councilman Nicholas W. Ruickoldt, D-2, looks on.

tors, known as Audubon Wildlife Guards, from Audubon Connecticut.

## 6th Walk, Fair, scheduled Sept. 24

The West Haven Community House will hold its 6th annual "Family Fun Walk & Wellness Fair" on Sunday morning, Sept. 24, at the Savin Rock Conference Center and Boardwalk. Registration is at 9:30am followed by a Zumba warm-up and a 10:30am kick-off.

The walk will feature a variety of fun activities along the route where participants receive free chances to be entered in a raffle to be held during the Wellness Fair at the end of the walk. Fun activity stations along the walk route include: hopscotch, Simon says, bean bag toss, jump rope, spelling bee, limbo, wheelchair obstacle course, and more.

The "Fun Walk" will step off from the Conference Center with registration at 9:30 followed by a Zumba

## Midnight Rodeo lassos country hits Friday in Grove

The West Haven Summer Concert Series continues in Old Grove Park at 7 p.m. Friday with country music performed by Midnight Rodeo.

The two-hour concert is free; the rain date is Monday at 7 p.m.

For rescheduling information, go to the Department of Parks and Recreation website, [www.whparkrec.com](http://www.whparkrec.com), or call (203) 937-3677 after 4 p.m. the day of the concert.

warm-up and a 10:30 kick-off on Sept. 24. All proceeds from the event will benefit West Haven Community House and its programs including Head Start pre-school, Community Connections' day and residential programs for adults with intellectual disabilities, and Children & Youth before and after school child care programs located in the West Haven public schools.

The walk concludes with a free health and wellness fair inside the conference center

as well as raffles and prizes awarded to the largest team and the team that raised the most funds. The health and wellness fair, which is open to the public, features a variety of local organizations representing health and wellness.

Those interested in participating can register online [www.whcommunityhouse.org](http://www.whcommunityhouse.org) or contact Kathy Hart-Jones at (203) 934-5221 x 131, [kathyhartjones@whcommunityhouse.org](mailto:kathyhartjones@whcommunityhouse.org).



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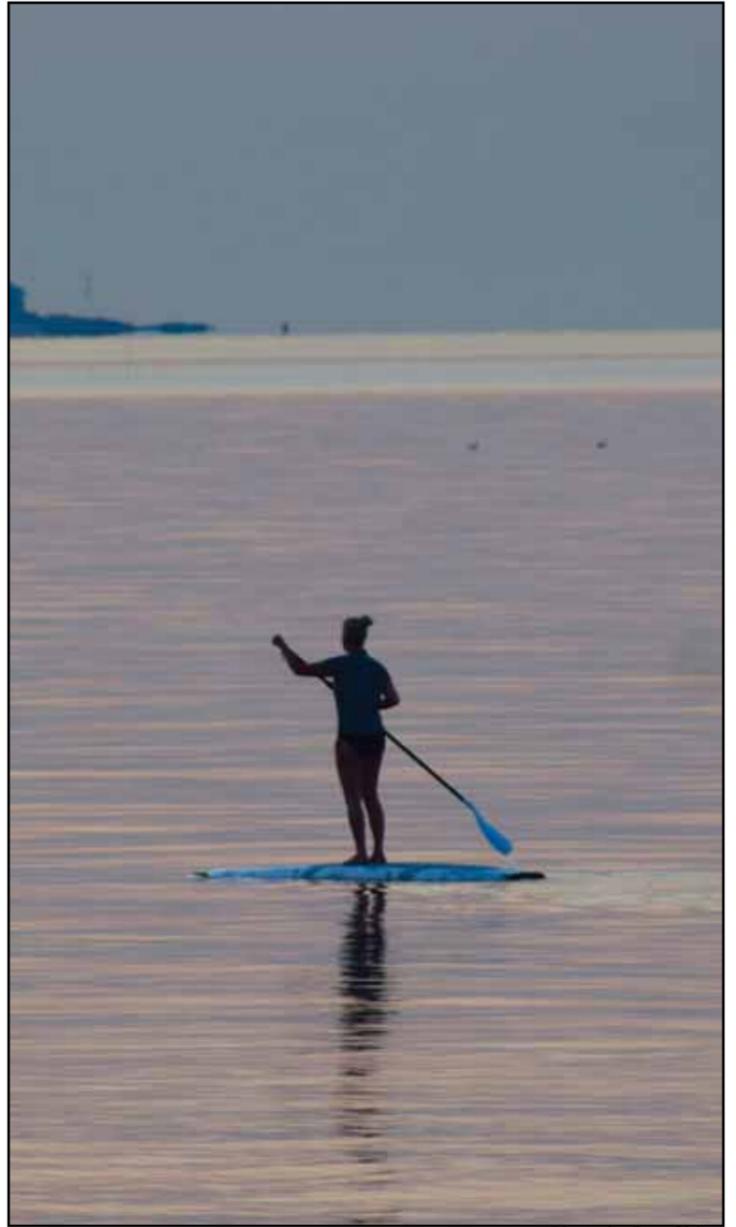


Photo by Dan Shine

**Paddlin' along**

Walking along the Arlington Street area Tuesday morning, Voice columnist Dan Shine caught this lone paddler getting in her early exercise. It was a good day to be on the water as temperatures and humidity began to soar as the fourth heat wave of the summer promised to arrive this week.



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# WHCH partners with Authority for kids

For many of today's children, summertime recreation means playing a computer game, watching television or maybe riding bikes around the neighborhood.

The folks at the Regional Water Authority (RWA) want to change that by offering more opportunities for kids to explore nature. With nine recreation areas located in 13 communities and more than 60 miles of trails through RWA watershed lands, there's plenty of opportunities to unplug from technology and explore nature's wonderland right here in West Haven.

As a result of this newly formed partnership with the RWA, children enrolled in West Haven Community House's Summer Program had the opportunity to visit Maltby Lakes where they went fishing and hiking through the woods as part of the RWA's "Opie's World: Tap Into Nature" program.

The program was developed to encourage young people to unplug and get outdoors to appreciate forests, rivers and wildlife. RWA's Kate Powell, Communications and Outreach Manager, and Shirlon Smigel, Engineering and Planning Assistant, led a group of children on a scavenger hunt in search of insects, plant life, wild flowers, birds and more.

They assisted them in turning over logs and large rocks to discover the wildlife that was hidden underneath. Meanwhile, other RWA employees including Jeff Yale, Alex Amendola, Doug Pepe and Peter Casey taught a group of children how to bait a hook and cast a line. Many of the children caught a fish on their first try.

The excitement on the children's faces said it all. They seemed to really enjoy exploring nature's wonders, and the Community House enjoys their partnership with the RWA.

Look for the RWAater To Go Water Wagon at the Community House's Family Fun Walk on Sept. 24, where they'll be giving out water along the walk route.



Photo courtesy of WHCH

Exploring nature along the Maltby Lakes was part of the day's adventure for kids from the West Haven Community House Summer Program. Aided by guides from the Regional Water Authority, the kids fished, hiked and enjoyed a day in the outdoors.

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## Smith joins UNH Journalism School

The University of New Haven today announced that well-known television anchor Diane Smith, a New York Times bestselling author, Emmy-award winning journalist, and documentary producer, has been named a distinguished lecturer in the Communication, Film and Media Studies Department.

Smith will be designing and teaching a program for the growing communication department which is quickly gaining in both momentum and recognition within the industry.

The mandatory course, required of all first year students, will take a different approach from those of the

past. This curriculum will emphasize the oral and written skills needed in the workplace and rely only on experienced communication professionals -- with real world experience -- to coach students on the communication skills employers are demanding from college graduates.

"The course will not cover communication theory and abstract concepts," Lourdes Alvarez, dean of the University's College of Arts and Sciences, said. "This is communication 2.0 -- real communication for the real world taught by real communicators. The skills students will learn will focus on presentations, reports on their own work and interactive learning."

Employees have long complained that even the best new recruits are reluctant to write a report or make a presentation, both Alvarez and Smith said. Smith noted she has met with the deans of the University of New Haven colleges -- business, engineering, criminal justice and forensic sciences, and arts and sciences -- and all are agreed that communication savvy is critical to prepare graduates for the working world.

"The ability to communicate is the most fundamental skill needed to survive and thrive in our society," Smith said. "It is essential to expressing joy and sorrow, to voicing thoughts and ideas, imparting knowledge, advocating, persuading, participating in our democracy and connecting with the larger community around us. Communicating strategically and effectively is the foundation of success in life, business, the arts, politics, civil discourse and personal relationships."

Smith has been on the air in Connecticut for more than 25 years at WTNH-TV8, CPTV, and WTIC-Newstalk 1080 and is an anchor and senior producer for program development at CTN, the Connecticut version of C-SPAN. She also hosts town hall meetings on topics such as Connecticut's heroin epidemic and paid family leave on CPTV. Smith is the co-author, with MSNBC Morning Joe co-host Mika Brzezinski, of "Obsessed: America's Food Addiction and My Own," which became a national bestseller. The book was the subject of Smith's 2015 TedX talk. Smith has been honored by The Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame, Connecticut Journalism Hall of Fame and the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle for 25 years of distinguished service.

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## Music program gets boost

From left, Board of Education member Patrick R. Leigh receives a \$5,000 check on behalf of the school district for the district's music program from Mayor Edward M. O'Brien and Living Colour bassist Doug Wimbish, founder of the WimBash Beach Festival, on Saturday evening during the Savin Rock Festival. For the second year, organizers of the benefit music festival, held last August in the Grove, gave all event proceeds to the music program.



## Around Town

### 6th Walk and Fair

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### Eberle benefit

A benefit for the family of the late City Councilman Ralph

Eberle is planned for Tuesday, Aug. 8, at Cielo/IA Club, 85 Chase Lane, at 6 p.m. The price is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children and will feature food, a DJ, raffle and cash bar. For ticket information or to donate a raffle prize, call Michelle Caprio at (203) 843-3087.

### Allingtown trips

Join the Allingtown Senior Center on the following scheduled trips: All trips leave from Savin Rock Conference Center.

Tuesday, Aug. 15 -- Legends Show at Foxwoods Casino featuring Frank Sinatra, Cher, Rod Stewart, Elvis and Michael Jackson. For those who want show tickets your cost is \$47. For those who do not wish to see show your trip cost is \$25. Everyone on the bus gets free meal, \$10 slot bonus. Payment must be made to "West Haven Trip Account"

by Friday, August 4th. Bus leaves Savin Rock Conference Center at 8:15 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 21 -- "Holiday Hill" Statewide Senior Outing 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Candee Road, Prospect. Cost \$33 per person. Bus cost will be paid by our trip account. Sign up by August 7, 2017. Bus leaves Savin Rock Conference Center at 8:30 a.m.

Flyers with details for all these trips are available at the office 201 Noble St. West Haven Senior Center or call Miriam at (203) 937-3507 for more information

### F. Seniors' trips

F. Seniors and Friends offers the following trips to the public. All trips leave First Avenue commuter lot:

Quincy Market and St. Anthony's Feast - Saturday, Aug. 26. Bus leaves at 8 a.m., \$48 per person;

Big E - Sunday, Sept. 24. Leaves at 8 a.m. \$56 per person.

Atlantic City Resorts Casino - Jan 2-4, four meals, two shows, two nights' accommodation. \$219 per person, \$50 deposit. Leaves First Avenue lot Jan 2.

To book trips, call Fred Mongillo, (203) 389-5808 or (203) 927-4249.

### Harding '52

Plans are finalizing plans for the 65th Warren Harding High School Class of 1952 reunion at the Blue Goose Restaurant in Stratford, Saturday, Sept. 23, from 1-5 p.m.. Tickets for the event are \$30. Checks can be made out to Warren Harding High School Class of 52 and can be sent to Mike Moccia, 15A Heritage Crest, Southbury 06488. Call (203) 264-6838 for additional information.

### Used Book Sale

First Congregation Church, 464 Campbell Ave., will host its Used Book Sale, SERRV Shop and Clothes Closet on Saturday, Aug. 23 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. As usual there will be a large selection of gently read books available, including many children's books, clothing at very affordable prices and articles made by refugees from around the world.

### Open house slated

The Ward-Heitmann House museum, 277 Elm St., will be open on Sunday, Aug. 6 from noon until 4 for docent-guided tours. The oldest house in West Haven is decorated to show the various time periods the house lived through from 1720 to 1995.

Dioramas showing how people lived, learned, and worked in the 18th and 19th centuries are on exhibit. The blacksmith shop will also be open to show how a working blacksmith made useful household, transportation and other items from iron, using his hands, tools and a forge and anvil. Free admission (donations will be accepted).

### Foxwoods bus trip

The West Haven I-A Seniors will conduct a bus trip to Foxwoods Casino on Wednesday, Aug. 9. Casino, slots, and bingo included. Cost is \$25 per person, gratuity included. Casino vouchers are for buffet and slot plays. Bus leaves club grounds, 85 Chase Lane, at 8 a.m. and returns approximately 5:30. Call Mickey at (203) 606-8929 or Terri at (203) 934-3188.

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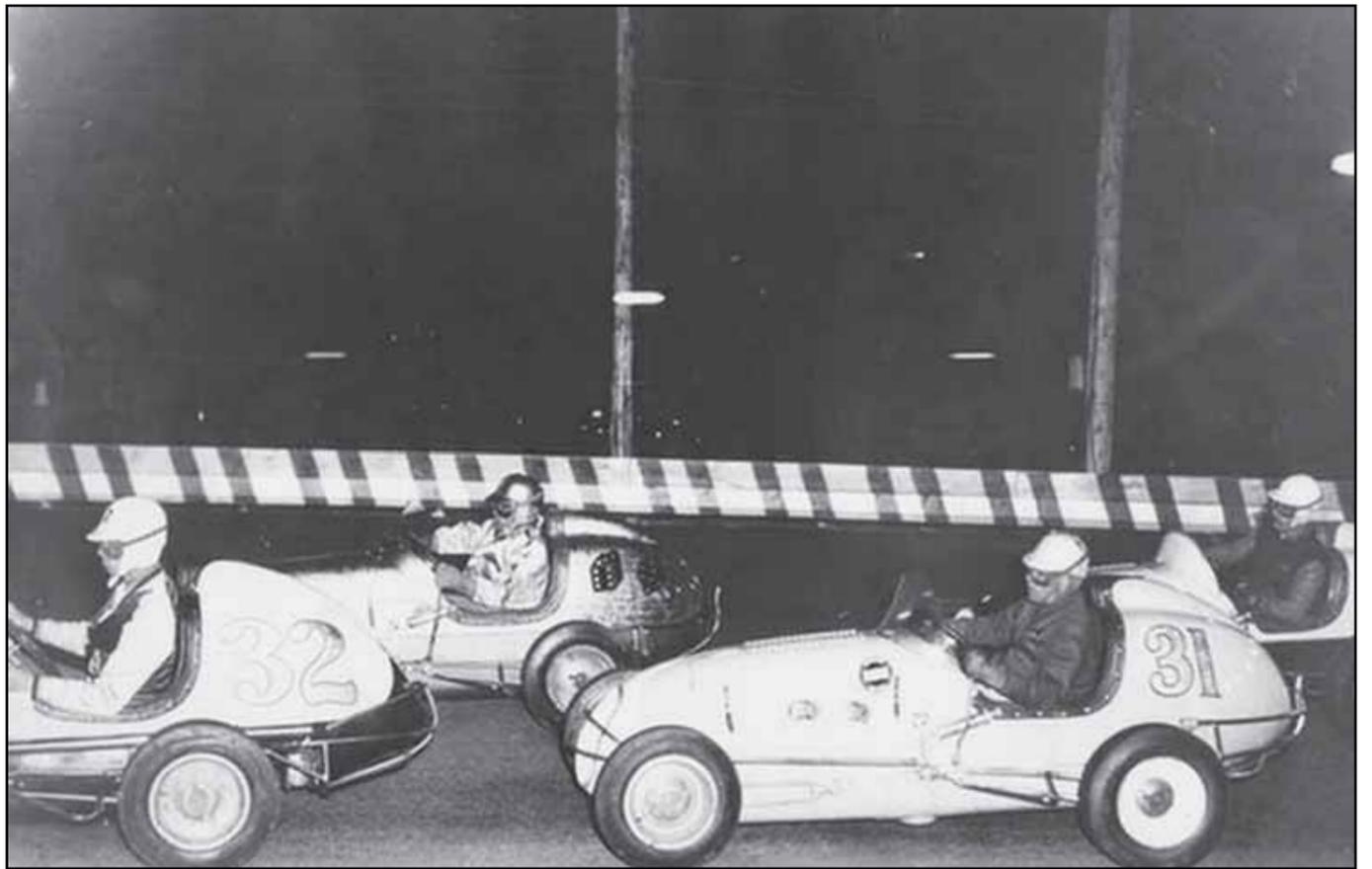
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## Sporting Life By Mark Vasto

When Conor McGregor and Floyd Mayweather square off the night of Aug. 26, it's already a foregone conclusion that they've both won. McGregor stands to make something north of \$60 million and Mayweather \$100 million. Mayweather, of course, has the most to lose -- his legacy -- but it'd be hard to shed too many tears for the guy if he were to lose.

Perhaps the biggest winner in all of the pre-fight spectacle is Paulie Malignaggi. Malignaggi, a former two-time world champion, has always been a curiosity for fight fans. He was knocked for having no power during his career, having only scored seven knockouts; however, his speed, toughness and ability to draw attention to his fights were relatively unmatched during his reign as champion and as a competitor.

His acumen inside the ring led him to effortlessly segue to the announcer's table for Showtime, but his take on boxing throughout his career has suddenly come into much sharper focus. Malignaggi, a New Yorker in every sense of the word, never backed down from a fight, and his vocal opinions about the business of boxing are even more relevant today.

When you don't knock many people out, you have to rely on the scorecards in boxing. How are the scorecards determined?

Nobody has a clue. Aside from the "10 point must system", nobody knows who the boxing judges are, nobody knows how the fight will be judged. Imagine going to any other sporting event and never knowing the score? Imagine watching four quarters of a football game, seeing seven touchdowns but when your friend asks the score you say "not a clue" every time. Or check in on the baseball game and just let random people in the stands judge whether or not runs should count that day.

It was Malignaggi's take on Conor McGregor that got the boxing world laughing along with him. His analogy was that golfers don't suddenly become hockey players because a driver looks similar to a hockey stick. While that knock earned him an invite to spar with McGregor leading up to the fight, the analogy doesn't quite work.

People like to talk about the "death of boxing" and always compare the "sweet science" to mixed martial arts, but it doesn't have to be so. They can co-exist, and to say that McGregor isn't a fighter is absolutely absurd. But as we saw from watching

**See Sporting Life, page 17**



### First Annual West Haven High School Boy Soccer Training Clinic

**When:** Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh

### A day of fun

City residents Ryan Walsh, 7, and his mother, Stacie Walsh, ride Marenna Amusements' "Up, Up and Away" Samba Balloon Saturday afternoon.

## Sporting Life

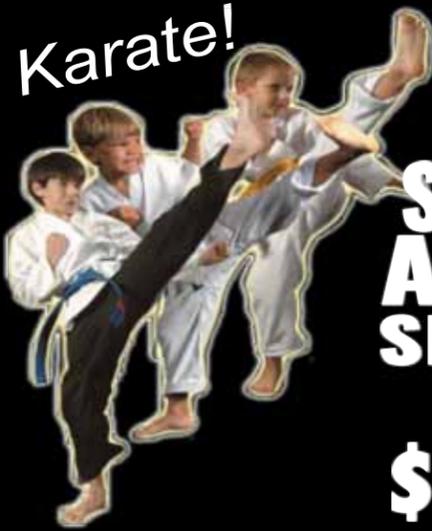
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Ronda Rousey try to outbox a boxer and lose badly, and knowing enough about Floyd Mayweather's world-class defense, McGregor is still a massive underdog with a puncher's chance. Even if he wins, it doesn't mean that boxing is a lesser sport, it just

means that Mayweather lost a fight. We're getting closer to finding out the answers, but boxing will, no matter the outcome, still have plenty to answer for. It's time to fix the scoring system or else these pay-per-view spectacles are going to be

a thing of the past, and that's something we'd all regret. As McGregor said, "We're all getting fed here." At the end of the day it's a job, and boxing still has more work to do. *Mark Vasto is a veteran sports-writer who lives in New Jersey. (c) 2017 King Features Synd.,*

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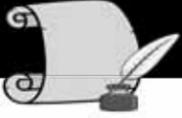
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# Historian's corner



An artist's rendering of St. Lawrence School, marking 100 years since its founding.

**By Dan Shine**  
*Voice Columnist*

In May, 1895, the Rev. Jeremiah Curtin was named the first resident pastor of St. Lawrence Church. It was his fondest desire that there be a school for the children in the Parish; in September, 1917, his desire became a reality: St. Lawrence School was opened with a staff of two sisters of St. Joseph of Chambray. The brick structure was designed to contain eight classrooms, but initially only four rooms on the first floor were ready for use. The upper floor was temporarily used as a home for the Sisters until the small house used as a Convent was moved from the site of the present convent to Union Avenue. The new convent was erected in 1920 and

additional sisters arrived each year as new classrooms were completed.

Over the years, St. Lawrence School has had an active Mothers Club (later to become Parents Club), a CYO, a Drama Group, and a Girls and Boys Brigade. As part of its ministry to the community, St. Lawrence Church has sponsored a Boy Scout troop and a Cub Scout pack for many years.

Today, Principal Paul DeFonzo guides a visitor through the school. The first floor of the front portion of the building is designated for students in grades kindergarten through grade 2, while the second floor of this section is designated for students in grades 3-5. Housed also in this section is a computer lab, meeting room, library, and an art/music room. The basement of this section has a science lab, instrumental music room, and the nurse's office. The PreK program is housed in an adjacent building, the Parish Center, which also serves for the After School Program. An addition was built at the rear of the school in 1956 for students in grades 6-8. This section also houses an additional computer lab and a regulation size gymnasium/cafeteria.

DeFonzo explains, "We offer our students a rigorous, challenging curriculum, technology of all kinds: Smart Boards in every classroom, Turning Point Technology, Chromebooks, and web-based programs such as Lexia Reading."

"The classrooms are a charming blending of old and new, with woodwork that bears the patina of 100 years, and coat hooks for today's students, which were once used by other St. Lawrence students, who are now grown to old age. Mr. DeFonzo continues, "What sets us apart from other schools is a family atmosphere."

"Many of our students are with us for 8-10 years of their young lives. They have the advantage of starting in our PreK 3 or 4 program, and staying with us right through 8th grade! The students and their families, along with the staff, grow really close during this time. In addition to teaching our students the skills of today, we don't overlook some of the more traditional things—like cursive writing, courtesy, respect, and reverence for a Higher Power. We are a Faith Based school, but we minister to the community, not just to our own parish."

St. Lawrence School turns 100 years old this September, and the people of West Haven join in celebrating a successful First Century!



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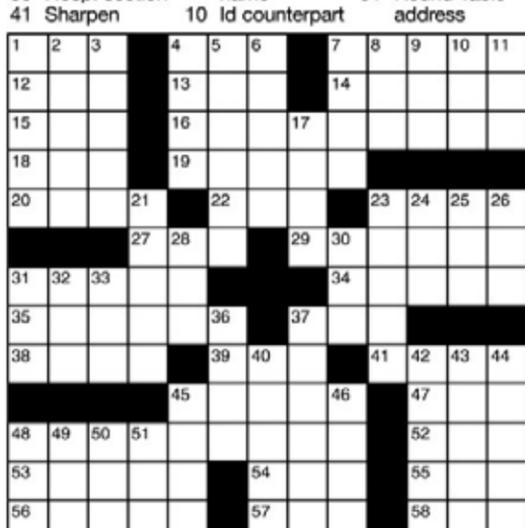
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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

|                  |                 |                  |                            |                           |                 |                       |                          |                          |                         |                       |                 |               |                       |                              |                  |                  |                  |             |                       |                   |                  |                     |                  |           |            |           |           |                         |              |                         |                |               |               |              |                   |                      |         |                |           |         |         |             |                 |                        |
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| 1 Several scenes | 4 Track circuit | 7 Root for       | 12 Feathery accessory      | 13 Actress Thurman        | 14 Sill         | 15 Branch             | 16 Joey and his parents? | 18 Hi-tech SFX           | 19 Be philanthropic     | 20 Contraband measure | 22 Author Brown | 23 Got up     | 27 Vast expanse       | 29 Successful horticulturist | 31 Upright       | 34 Pint fraction | 35 Hitting sound | 37 Plead    | 38 Gardener, at times | 39 Hosp. section  | 41 Sharpen       |                     |                  |           |            |           |           |                         |              |                         |                |               |               |              |                   |                      |         |                |           |         |         |             |                 |                        |
| 45 Poe topic     | 47 Scale member | 48 Dime portrait | 52 Mid-afternoon, in a way | 53 Trip around the world? | 54 Lawyer's due | 55 Superlative ending | 56 Dams                  | 57 Engine additive brand | 58 Alternative to white | <b>DOWN</b>           | 1 By surprise   | 2 Welsh pooch | 3 Sri Lankan language | 4 "Star Wars" hero           | 5 Blake or Bynes | 6 "Kung Fu --"   | 7 Talon          | 8 That girl | 9 Tokyo's old name    | 10 Id counterpart | 11 Scale members | 17 Talent show prop | 21 PBS cumudgeon | 23 Coarse | 24 Possess | 25 Moment | 26 Before | 28 And the like (abbr.) | 30 Fish eggs | 31 Biblical verb suffix | 32 Pi follower | 33 Lamb's dam | 36 Chicken -- | 37 Ammo unit | 40 Staff leaders? | 42 Wickerwork willow | 43 Loud | 44 Upper crust | 45 Wagers | 46 Pace | 48 Tier | 49 Raw rock | 50 Sapporo sash | 51 Round Table address |



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

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

|          |           |         |         |
|----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Condone  | Flatboat  | Hotfoot | Rattrap |
| Confront | Footnote  | Hotshot | Wedged  |
| Edged    | Fragrant  | Hotspot | Wonton  |
| Eraser   | Goldfield | Onion   |         |

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

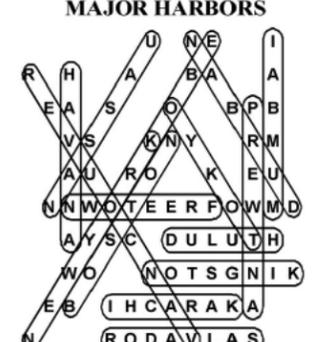
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

## Answers to last week's puzzles

— King Crossword —  
 Answers  
 Solution time: 25 mins.

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

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— Weekly SUDOKU —  
 Answer

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| 2 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| 7 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| 4 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| 5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| 3 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| 1 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
| 6 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 |
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## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

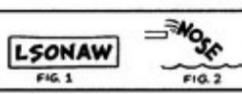
CAN YOU "RISE" TO THIS CHALLENGE?

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

Hidden in the diagram above are names and words associated with baking. They can be found by reading up or down, side to side, or even diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the words you're looking for.

|           |          |           |
|-----------|----------|-----------|
| BAKE      | CRUMPETS | NUT       |
| BANANA    | DOUGH    | RAISIN    |
| BRIOCHE   | FLOUR    | ROLLS     |
| CHEESE    | FRENCH   | SOURDOUGH |
| CORNMEAL  | ITALIAN  | STICKS    |
| CRACKED   | KNEADING | WHEAT     |
| CRESCENTS | LOAF     | ZUCCHINI  |

**DOODLE PICS!** The two pictures shown here are graphic presentations of familiar words, phrases or names. You have one minute to identify both.



**THE "G" PYRAMIDI!** As you move down the word puzzle shown here, 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.

- A movie rating.
- Symbol for silver.
- Fail to keep pace.
- A very strong wind.
- A devious scheme (sf).
- A complicated mess.
- A hybrid fruit.
- To make longer.





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