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Mother Nature threatened, but the parade went on Sunday up Campbell Avenue. The city hosted the annual Columbus Day Parade over the weekend, and despite on-and-off rain, hundreds showed up to see and hear the bands, floats and special guests.

Rain doesn't stop parade

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The 2017 edition of the Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade celebrated the Italian explorer in grand style Sunday.

Over the course of 90 minutes of festivity, the largest procession of its kind in New England sailed up Campbell Avenue and featured 80 marching units and 25 bands from across the region.

The city took over the Columbus Day Committee of Greater New Haven's rotating parade from last year's host, Hamden, assuming site duties for the annual procession that commemorates the adventurous spirit of Christopher Columbus, a son of Genoa who discovered the New World 525 years ago and charted a route for millions of Italian sons and daughters who followed his crossing to America.

Italian-American West Haveners Natalie Guiliano DeRosa and Grace Iannucci Hendricks guided the afternoon parade as grand marshals. A third marshal, city resident Marie D. Lacobelle, was unable to attend.

The procession stepped from Captain Thomas Boulevard north to Center Street, where revelers, many of them donning red, white and green and waving Italian flags, lined the 1.5-mile course.

The event was also held in the city in 2006.

The parade began with an escort division led by the West Haven Police Color Guard, followed by the grand marshals with the West Haven High School Band, committee members and the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard.

The procession, composed of five divisions, included just about every kind of group, marching unit, float and vehicle imaginable, such as police and fire departments, Italian-American societies, drill teams, drum and bugle and fife and drum

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Teen rehabs Center for Eagle rank

When Nathanael "Nate" Bloom turned 17 in May, he knew he would need to work aggressively to meet his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout before his 18th birthday.

By August, Bloom, a city resident, had selected his service project: the revitalization of the Hubbard Nature Center.

At the time, he noticed some of the walkways and decks had fallen into disrepair and many of the railings were covered with graffiti. There was also a lot of overgrowth, and the trail had not been cleaned up in a while.

As he looked closer, Bloom learned something else about the trail. Some of the graffiti was actually carefully painted artwork, something he started calling "uncredited artwork."

Bloom decided he wanted to preserve the artwork as part of his service project and to design it in two phases.

The first phase would be the revitalization of the park's infrastructure, which would require clearing overgrowth, retrieving trash, and repairing

and painting the graffiti parts of the walkway, he said.

"The Hubbard Nature Center is an educational resource in our city," said Bloom, a member of Boy Scout Troop 899 in West Haven. "Removing offensive and profane graffiti will make it an appropriate place for young children to learn. I believe that people will be less likely to vandalize artwork than freshly painted boards and that the beauty of nature and art will combine to make this a unique and wonderful space."

After the Parks and Recreation Commission approved his project in August, Bloom initiated the planning process and organized a group of about 20 fellow Scouts, Scout leaders, parents and volunteers from the community to complete the first phase, which involved replacing missing or broken boards, cleaning up the trails, improving handicapped accessibility, removing debris, and selectively painting over the graffiti.

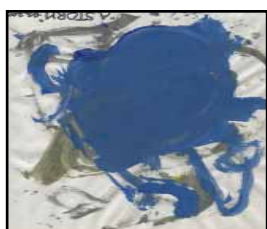
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Volunteers organized by Eagle Scout candidate Nathanael "Nate" Bloom, not pictured, make necessary repairs Sept. 23 to the decks and trails at the 7.6-acre Hubbard Nature Center on Hubbard Road.

Giancarlo Suraci, age 3, a preschool student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. sees a storm brewing in today's forecast.



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Candidates battle over S&P listing

News the leading municipal credit agency in the country has put the city on a "watch list" has provided the latest battle between Mayor Edward M. O'Brien and endorsed Democrat-endorsed candidate Nancy Rossi. Rossi said O'Brien was "solely responsible for the downgrade, and said the news only points to the need for a change in City Hall. The mayor, meanwhile accuses his opponent of fear-mongering.

West Haven was one of nine Connecticut municipalities across the state that was warned and put on a "Credit Watch List" resulting in an outlook downgrade by Standard & Poors (S&P) last week. West Haven was rated BBB stable and is now downgraded to BBB watch negative. West Haven's bond rating is the second lowest in the state behind Hartford. In a press release this week, Rossi put the blame squarely on O'Brien.

"Mayor Ed O'Brien is solely responsible for this negative outlook because he inflated the budget numbers for state revenue by \$8 million and spent it recklessly," said Rossi. "He was warned by me and others and he ignored us. His actions were inexcusable and it proves again that he is unfit to manage West Haven and

does not understand budgeting and finance. This budget went in by default, some of his allies didn't vote for this budget."

She said the recent approval by the City Council and mayor of \$150 million in new borrowing for the West Haven High School rebuild and paying down the city's estimated \$16 million deficit are jeopardized because of the new designation.

"West Haven has the only negative budget reserve in the state (-\$16 Million), the second-lowest bond rating, more projected budget deficits, a governor that declared West Haven nearly insolvent and now a negative financial outlook from S&P, which may cripple future borrowing or at the very minimum will significantly increase the cost to taxpayers because of higher interest rates," she said. "We cannot continue operating and conducting business in this manner. We all deserve better."

O'Brien meanwhile, said his opponent's fear-mongering is just part of a pattern.

"On Dec. 23, 2016, The New Haven Register wrote an article entitled "Moody's Says Rossi's Bond Rating Claim About West Haven a Little Off". It feels like that cri-

tique can be applied to everything that Nancy Rossi says," O'Brien responded.

"First of all, West Haven's bond rating has not changed. Multiple cities and towns were placed on a watch list due to the uncertainty of the state budget, not because of actions on the municipal level. We are fighting every single day to make sure West Haven is made whole in the final state budget," he said. "Additionally, the original estimate for increased state funding in the new budget was nearly \$14 million. To be conservative, we only included about \$5 million of that in our budget this year. This was the same action taken by many cities and towns. There is an unfortunate and unavoidable amount of risk that comes with having to pass a city budget before a state budget is in place."

The mayor said his opponent need only look at her own decisions of the past to understand why the city is in the financial straits it is.

"Thanks to Nancy's failure to take sound advice, we are now deficit bonding to eliminate the city's long-standing deficit when we could have refunded the bonds and used cash flow to eliminate the deficit in 2014. Nancy has long been part of the problem in

this city. She has never been part of a solution," he said.

The mayor said the steps to eliminate the deficit and finance the high school will have a longterm positive impact on the city's credit rating.

"These are steps recommended to us by auditors and various municipal finance experts, all of whom are more qualified to deal with these issues than Nancy Rossi," O'Brien said. "These experts also look favorably upon the fact that my administration has paid off nearly \$30 million

in long-term debt."

He said the statements made by his opponent are more of the same.

"Once again, Nancy Rossi is resorting to scare tactics and misleading statements to cover for the fact that she has no plan for West Haven. Where are her solutions to the issues she raises? Where would she cut millions of dollars from our budget? Would she raise taxes to make up any change in state aid? She has yet to answer a single one of these questions," he said.

City accepts energy assistance requests

The city will begin accepting applications Oct. 17 for the federally financed Connecticut Energy Assistance Program in the human resources office on the second floor of City Hall, 355 Main St.

Appointments for all heating sources can be made by calling (203) 937-3572.

The city will process applications by appointment Mondays through Thursdays. No walk-ins will be accepted.

Applicants who have difficulty speaking English are asked to bring a translator.

Eligibility for assistance is based on the income and assets of an applicant's household. To qualify, applicants must provide pay stubs, including monthly Social Security benefits and pension checks, for the last four weeks for all household members 18 and older.

Applicants must also provide documentation of assets — recent bank account statements for all accounts for all household members — along with a current electric bill for all heating sources and a current gas bill for those who heat with gas, as well as Social Security numbers and birthdates for all household members.

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Hendricks feted as city's Italian of the Year

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Mayor Edward M. O'Brien presented Grace Iannucci Hendricks with a jacket embroidered with her new title, Italian-American of the Year, as part of festivities observing West Haven's 19th annual Columbus Day Celebration on the steps of City Hall Friday.

Iannucci Hendricks, a second-generation Italian-American, was showered with words of praise from O'Brien for "her dedication to her ancestry and community."

At the 40-minute ceremony, Iannucci Hendricks received a General Assembly citation from state Reps. Michael A. DiMassa and Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven, on behalf of the city's delegation and an Italian flag from Paul M. Frosolone, president of the West Haven Italian-American Civic Association, and Josephine Matera, former president of the West Haven Italian-American Ladies Auxiliary.

The West Haven Columbus Day Committee recognizes an Italian resident, or couple, each year who epitomizes service in the city's vibrant Italian-American community.

"I am very proud of my heritage from Italy," said Iannucci Hendricks, a long-standing member of the Italian-Ameri-

can Ladies Auxiliary.

As the sound of Italian music filled the air during the late morning cultural event in honor of the Italian explorer, Iannucci Hendricks saluted her heritage with about 100 of her closest friends and relatives, along with a sea of dignitaries and descendants of folks from the old country clad in red, white and green.

"I want to thank everybody," she told the crowd. "Thank you very much for this (award)."

Iannucci Hendricks, a long-time Westie with a passion for Italian music and opera, is the granddaughter of immigrant grandparents from the Campania capital of Naples, Italy.

In the late 1800s, her grandparents left their homes in southern Italy seeking a brighter day in the U.S., with her paternal grandparents eventually settling in West Haven.

O'Brien also presented a citation to Iannucci Hendricks, who was accompanied by her daughters Kathleen Hendricks and Rosemary Turcotte and her sisters Leonora Raccio, Annabelle D'Amicis and Elizabeth Allspaugh.

She was also joined by several nephews and a niece.

O'Brien then delivered heartfelt remarks about Iannucci

Hendricks, a parishioner of St. Lawrence Church and former president of its Mother's Club and St. Theresa Ladies Guild.

"Grace Iannucci Hendricks' inspiring good works have helped shape the character and life of our city and its deep-rooted Italian-American

community," said O'Brien, whose Italian lineage runs on his mother's side of the family.

Iannucci Hendricks' propensity for community service includes sitting on the board of directors of the West Haven Community House and the board's Fundraising and

Head Start committees. She is also a member of the agency's Head Start Policy Council and Personnel and Fund Development committees. Her dedication to the Community House was rewarded in 2011 with the Pauline Lang Exceptional Board Member award.



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Dear Felicia

Well sweetie, whilst Iyam scribing this week's missive to you, it still feels like the tropics hereabouts. Hurricane Nate is traveling this away with its rain and wind – though not the same as everyone else go earlier in the week. That drought they were talking about will probably git erased cuz the guy on the boob tube said we can git a lotta the wet stuff.

Needless to say, the rain ain't the only thing that the area is dealing with. The parade dodged a bullet and went off despite some threatening skies and on-and-off showers. Still the crowd wasn't what was expected. Nobody wants to go out, no matter how warm, and get soaked. That's what happened in the morning with downpours so people stayed home. Still it was a grand parade.

Here in the Asylum by the Sea, hizzoner must be talking to himself. Effen things could go more haywire for a campaign, I can't see how. Hiz-

zoner, as yew remember, was supposed to win last month's primary in a walk. Everyone, including his challenging opponent Nancy Rossi, expected him to win with a few council seats picked off in the process.

Well, the voters – those that showed up – had different ideas and gave Rossi a narrow win. That has kind o' put the entire political class in reset mode. The mayor has decided as yew know to launch a write-in campaign, wherein his name is writ on the ballot. He hopes to do what his predecessor didn't do and git enuff votes that way to continue his tenure. Nobody is giving him much of a chance, but in this topsy-turvy political world who knows what'll happen.

Whilst that is going on, the slings and arrows of each campaign are trained directly on the other camp. There ain't been much in the way of the policy department, but a whole lotta slinging at each

other. Effen it ain't one calling t'other a spend-thrift or a tight wad, it's something else.

Effen yew want negative, this campaign thus far has been very negative.

Sammy Bluejay was here t'other afternoon and he made the observation that one party that ain't been heard from much is Dave Riccio. So, he means "party" in the personal and group sense. Whilst the two Demmies are hurling as much muck at each other as they possibly can, the GOP candidate hasn't really done much in the PR department and is little heard from regarding much.

Now would be the time to set his little self apart from t'others and show how a change of personnel in the Actors Colony is much needed. Ain't it time – with three-plus weeks left in the campaign – to start telling everyone what a great mayor you'll be and how yore gonna change things? Jest asking.

Davey and his campaign are kind of hugging the sidelines watching the mud get chucked from one side of the Democratic Party to the other. It might be fun, but it won't win elections.

But getting back to how thing haven't quite gone the way everyone expected in this go-round. Hizzoner had two nasty pieces of news in the past week or so. One had to do with the \$8 million payout the state is offering the city

regardless of how the budget battle turns out. Hizzoner is mulling that one over and will make a decision. It has been a bone of contention betwixt himself and his opponent.

But the kicker came late last week when Standard & Poors, the people who are responsible for credit rating cities and towns, put our city on a "watch list." The fack that the city has bonded to git rid of the debt, and the fack that it's hoping to put the high school renovation on the front burner, mixed with the budget battle and the possibility of an \$8 million hole in spending, all jumbled together to help the decision.

That's a decision O'Brien and his team didn't need at this particular juncture and it was an announcement that saw candidates pounce on the issue. Meanwhile, John and Jane Q are trying to make heads or tails outta the entire matter, and aren't sure effen they are being told the entire story by anyone anywhere.

S&P putting the city on a watch list is yet one more hurdle the O'Brien team is gonna hafta maneuver effen they wanna win in November. Right now, they hafta be asking themselves effen the elections fates are toying with them. It certainly seems like it.

My query is this: the City Council approved the sale of bonds for the city's debt and the

high school renovation months ago. Yet, except for the news that the city is taking out Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) we ain't heard much about the sale of said bonds.

Yew know as well as I do that effen the bonds were a done deal the administration would be trumpeting it from the stoop at City Hall. Soooo, what are the details of said sale? Inquiring minds and taxpayers wanna know. It ain't like the taxpayers have been much in the loop, but they should be.

Nelly Nuthatch happened to be traversing the berg a few days ago, and now she sees that "Coming Soon: the Haven" banners are now canvassed over the fencing that was put up a month or so ago around the block from Main-First-Richards Place and Water Street. Hmmm. Is this a low-ball visual aid to remind people that the city administration was working on this project?

I told yew a couple weeks ago, one candidate told me that the questions concerning the Haven weren't posed: How are things going with the Haven? They were posed: "The Haven isn't going to happen, is it?" Call it what yew will but one wonders effen the candidates getting the queries and the appearance of the banners are related.

When we were talking about the Haven developments – or lack thereof – Iva Lookey happened to be in the room and mentioned that jest before school opened there was some excavating around the building and into the student parking lot to the Cove River.

At the time the rumor was the work had to do with the high school reconstruction, but some are having second thoughts. Y'see there is work going on in the city for gas line revamping, and the people might've been jumping the gun a big.

Yeah, there are Gilbane signs regarding the high school, and some work is happening to move the shop area to the former "girls" gym. It is expected, even, that the G-wing of the school will tumble down like the walls of Jericho, but there's still a nagging feeling amongst many that the full revamp project – like the Haven – is a mirage and sooner or later the entire episode will end. We shall see.

The wag came in and told Cobina that things are starting to nettle at the high school, and they wouldn't be surprised effen there is a full-on revolt of the professional staff. That's what he sez, and I believe it. More later.

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The Second Company Governor's Foot Guard leads the 2017 edition of the Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade Sunday on Campbell Avenue

Parade: *The show goes on*

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corps, fraternal organizations and service clubs, school bands and nonmilitary color guards.

Among the dignitaries who marched were Mayor Edward M. O'Brien, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, U.S. Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro, D-3, Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman and state Rep. Charles J. Ferraro, R-West Haven, along with radio personalities.

Guiliano DeRosa and Lacobelle, who are sec-

ond- and first-generation Italian-Americans, respectively, are former recipients of the West Haven Columbus Day Committee's Italian-American of the Year award, with Guiliano DeRosa receiving the civic honor in 2014 and Lacobelle in 2015. Iannucci Hendricks, a second-generation Italian-American, was the recipient of this year's award recently.

All three are longtime members of the West Haven Italian-American Ladies Auxiliary.



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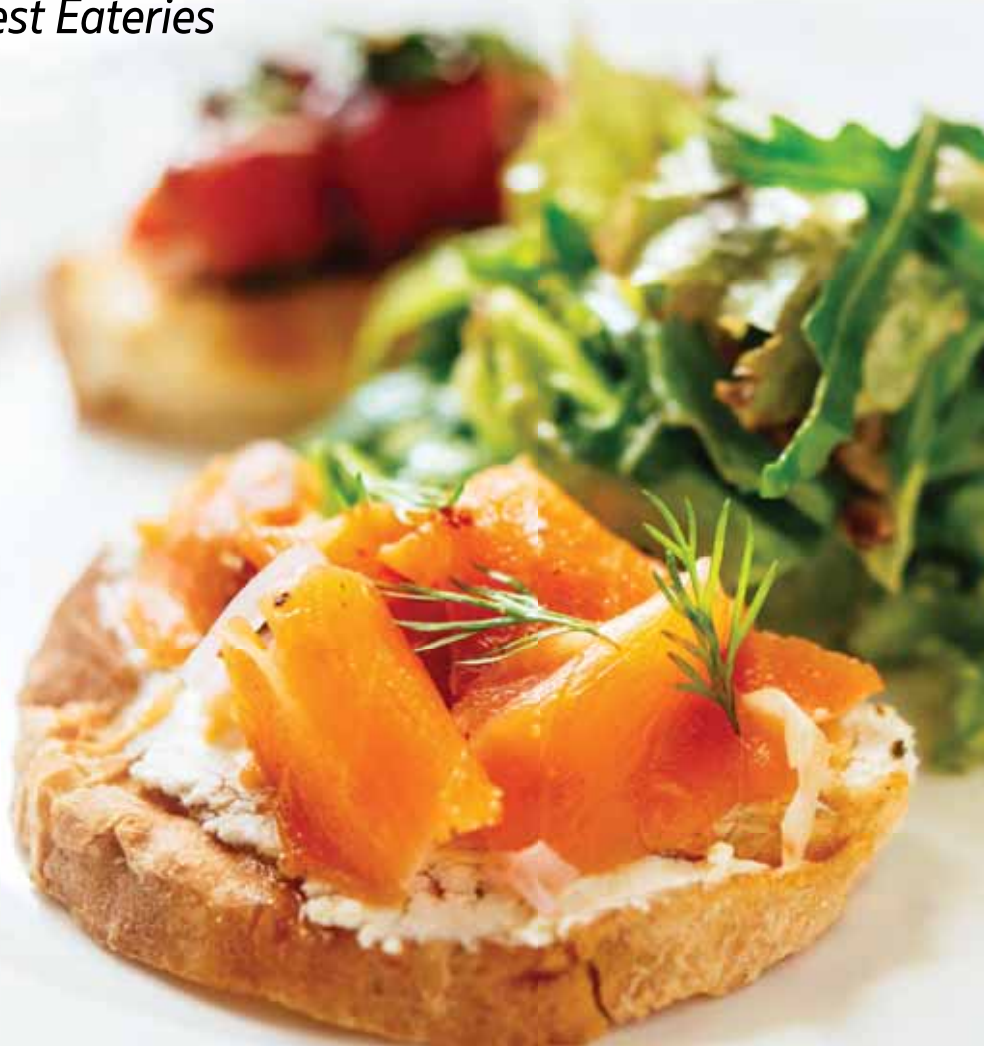
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O'Brien has tough road; must explain decisions

Mayor Edward M. O'Brien has had two unfortunate revelations in the last few days, and he must explain – very clearly and concisely – why voters in next month's mayoral elections should not be concerned. A story in the local daily about a special deal for the city to avert default to the tune of \$8 million, and the placing of the city on a "watch list" by the bonding agency Standard & Poors, have created an atmosphere not conducive to an incumbent.

O'Brien, who lost a September Democratic primary to challenger Nancy Rossi, is hoping to salvage his administration by means of a write-in campaign in the November 7 general election. He has an uphill battle as was exhibited by his predecessor, John M. Picard, who lost a similar primary to O'Brien and hoped for a write-in victory. He fell short of the goal, but not by much.

Administration officials and supporters are trying to soft-sell the deal that has been worked out by the city's delegation to the General Assembly as a "guarantee" with a few strings attached. Under the terms, the city would receive the \$8 million in state funding the current city budget has on the revenue side. That money has been held up, and was somewhat jeopardized by the continuing stalemate in Hartford concerning the state's budget. As of this writing, Gov. Dannel Malloy is seeking a deal by the end of this week. Administration officials are saying, also, the deal is one that has been in the works for weeks and is "old news."

Should the city opt to take the \$8 million, a review board would be established to consult with administration officials on budget matters. The review board, according to the mayor, would be similar to the Municipal Finance Advisory Committee (MFAC) and offer suggestions and guidance while reviewing the budget on a regular basis.

The deal, which is similar to one worked out for the City of Hartford, is not like the Oversight Board the city had in the 1990s, when the state bailed the city out of financial ruin. According to administration officials it would not have veto powers over spending the same way the panel did 25 years ago. However, it would review city finances for a three-year period, looking for three consecutive balanced budgets, similar to the Oversight Board.

Rossi and Republican candidate David Riccio are concerned about the terms of the agreement, and would be stuck with the results if O'Brien opts into the pact. Regardless of who is elected next month, a decision to take the money would bind any future administration. They see the board, whatever one calls it, as having control over the city and its apparatus. Calling it an "oversight board" or "advisor board" is a distinction without a difference.

Meanwhile, the city is among several Connecticut municipalities that were put on a "watch list" by Standard & Poors. The bonding agency sees the current stalemate in Hartford among other things detrimental to the city's financial future. With the city looking to bond \$150 million for the new West Haven High School and for elimination of the 12-year-old operating deficit (now at more than \$16 million), a downgrade in our rating would put the city in the "junk bond" category.

Rossi has been particularly hard on the administration, saying City Hall saw all the danger signs early in its tenure and still did not come up with budgets that honestly reflect the city's money woes. Indeed, Rossi has accused the administration of overestimating revenues in order to balance out three budgets that added to the operating deficit.

Riccio, meanwhile, is calling for a total housecleaning in City Hall so that new ideas and new people can take a fresh look at the city's financial condition and forge a new pathway.

As far as the deal with the state, Mayor O'Brien and his administration may be right in that the offer was made several weeks ago. However, most voters are not inside the political game and can only react to those things that come out in the media and elsewhere in the real time they appear. Mayor O'Brien needs to explain clearly why voters should not be alarmed at these revelations. He needs to allay fears.

His opponents' reactions are reflections of those of the voters and cannot be dismissed as the hysteria of the ill-informed. O'Brien must take those fears seriously and calm them effectively if he expects to win. Rossi and Riccio, meanwhile, must be enunciating their own visions for the city.



Letters

O'Brien asks voters for support, Nov. 7

First and foremost, I would like to thank the people of West Haven for their support throughout my tenure as your Mayor. I truly love working every single day to improve the city that I call home. As many of you know, I have decided to run as a write-in candidate in the General Election this November. I wanted to take this opportunity to explain how I arrived at this decision and what I think this election is truly about.

The results of the primary last week were humbling to say the least. After reflecting for a few days, I recognized the mistakes I made by not communicating with our community more often about what we were doing to improve their lives and what issues were important to them. Then I thought about the choices we have in November and I realized how worried I was for the future of our city.

People from across our city and from all different walks of life began reaching out to me asking what happened and expressing how badly they wanted me to continue fighting for West Haven. I know that a majority of people in our city recognize that the other two candidates are not equipped to be Mayor. The outpouring of support I received made me realize that I could not just sit on the sidelines.

I will not stop fighting for West Haven. My administration has kick-started an unprecedented amount of economic development and laid

the foundation for financial recovery. Our public school's test scores are rising, we have secured all-day kindergarten, and a new high school is on the way. Our blight ordinances now have teeth, our police officers and Public Works crews have upgraded fleets, overall crime has dropped 12% in the past year, and our streets are safer and cleaner than ever before.

Now is not the time to allow our city to slip backwards. The progress we have made in the past few years must be preserved and expanded. The answers to our city's problems are not massive cuts and austere policies. I understand that sensible cuts can be made and we have made them, but we cannot cut out way too prosperity. The real answer

is economic growth, smart investments in our future, and an understanding of how people are affected by their local government.

In my next term, I promise to devote even more of our resources to attracting every single development to our city to lessen then the tax burden on our residents and create jobs. I promise to never make a single cut to our education budget and ensure the new high school is completed within budget and on time. I promise to hold at least one town hall meeting per year in each district to listen to the issues that concern our residents and be able to directly respond to their needs.

While I am staying involved myself, it is even more impor

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tant that every single West Haven resident who believes in my vision for West Haven also stays involved. We cannot take progress for granted, we cannot assume the outcome of elections, and we cannot let West Haven regress. We need everyone who believes in a strong future for West Haven to join the O'Brien Army of volunteers, speak to your friends, family, and neighbors, and get out to vote and write in Ed O'Brien on Tuesday, Nov. 7!

Edward M. O'Brien

Rossi is longtime part of city woes

Nancy Rossi is a longtime part of the problem, not a real solution. Ed O'Brien and Nancy Rossi began serving as council members together in 2005, part of a system of one-party rule that has existed in West Haven for many years.

Nancy Rossi was the Finance Chairman of the West Haven City Council from 2007-2011 and again from 2013-2015. As Finance Chairman she failed to convince the majority party controlling the City Council to slow spending and take a realistic view of expected revenues.

Having failed to lead her party to sensible spending policy, she was responsible, with the rest of the majority party, in running up large deficits. She is a long time participant of a system of one-party rule that has contributed to West Haven's current dire situation today.

The New Haven Register noted the following about Rossi, "But her (Rossi) business-like approach seems to lack the human factor needed to be mayor as quality-of-life issues beyond numbers never factored into her conversation as to why she should be mayor."

Effective change in West Haven city government will only come if we elect a person with a vision that includes all of West Haven's people, that includes all of our neighborhoods, and all of our business districts.

That man with a vision is David Riccio. Dave has been a voice, unfortunately a lone voice, for taxpayers on the City Council for over 20 years.

Voters must make a real change now. West Haven has been so mismanaged that we have to pay more than 6 percent interest on money we borrow because our bond rating is just above junk status. Now we're borrowing to pay off past deficits!

Dave Riccio understands that borrowing to pay off past deficits without controlling spending and running up new deficits is a recipe for disaster.

Effective change in West Haven City government will only come if we elect a mayor who has the guts to make the hard choices that must be made, who has a realistic view of expected tax revenues, who can curb wasteful spending. A mayor who understands that yes, while we face difficult social issues and the people of our community don't always have the easiest path at times

needing help, also understands that over-reliance on state aid grants that may not be coming because the state is broke, is not healthy.

We must get our own house in order by taking a hard line on waste and costly bloated city government.

We need an economic development plan that makes sense,

a plan that includes all of our city, not just one project that may or may not happen.

I have lived in West Haven for the past 51 years, and now more than ever West Haven needs a fresh start and the only way that will happen is to elect David Riccio as our new Mayor on Nov. 7.

Joseph Viola, Jr.

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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

Remembering Savin Rock Part I

Today, many who stroll the Savin Rock "Boardwalk," are quite unaware of the area's colorful history. Some of us, though, can close our eyes and hear the sounds and smell the smells and see the wondrous sights that used to be...

It is a pity indeed that anyone born after the mid-1950s will be unable to remember the days of old Savin Rock and all that it had to offer. The Rock, even until the early 1960s was an exciting old-time amusement park, where children and adults alike could find adventures, foods and activities of all types—enough to fill a hot summer day and evening.

Who can recall the days of White City, Peter Franke's Fun House, The Thunderbolt, The Sky Blazer, The Virginia Reel, Laff in the Dark and the Flying Horses? Who recalls the baseball field, or stock car racing at Donovan Field? Who remembers the raucous, endless laughter of the mechanized Laughing Lady?

Among notable Savin Rock lore, the split hot dog was invented at Jimmie's one summer day in 1925: a visitor, seeing his trolley car approach, told the grill man cooking his hot dog to "hurry it up", and an idea became a Savin Rock tradition. Who can remember dining on hot dogs and seafood at the old Turk's, Jimmie's, Jim's, Phyllis', or Raffelli's? And then for dessert, savoring a "brick" of Terry's Strawberry Honey-Dew popcorn?

Actually, Savin Rock's history extends way back into pre-history: long before the coming of the white settlers, the Quinnipiac Indians would summer in the area of the ancient shale monolith now known as The Rock; the climate was agreeable, the fishing and shell-fishing were good, and so there they set up their wigwams near present-day Bradley Point.

By the time of the American Revolution, Savin Rock was already an early form of resort for those few who came to enjoy the water, the scenery, the breezes, and the seafood. An inn had been established there, for those who wished to rest and dine near the beautiful shoreline.

Savin Rock's initial period of real growth came at the hand of George Kelsey, who came to West Haven from Middletown in 1855, and eventually built his home on the property now occupied by the American Legion Hall and the now-defunct Silvers Drugstore. By 1867, Kelsey owned a controlling interest in the New Haven and West Haven Horse Car

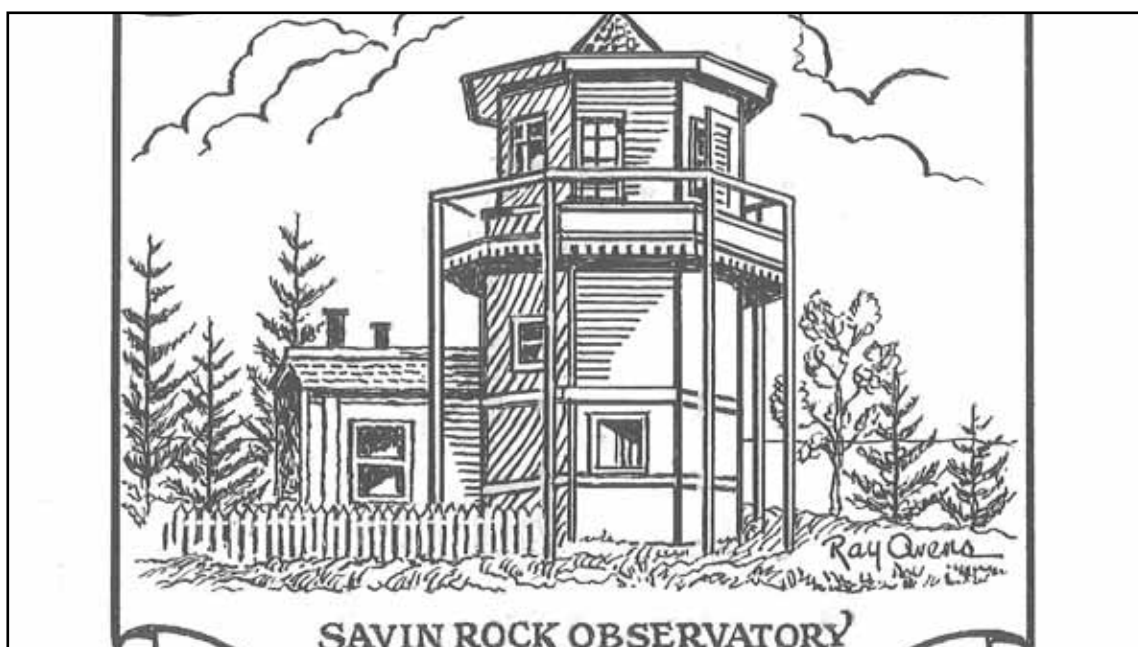
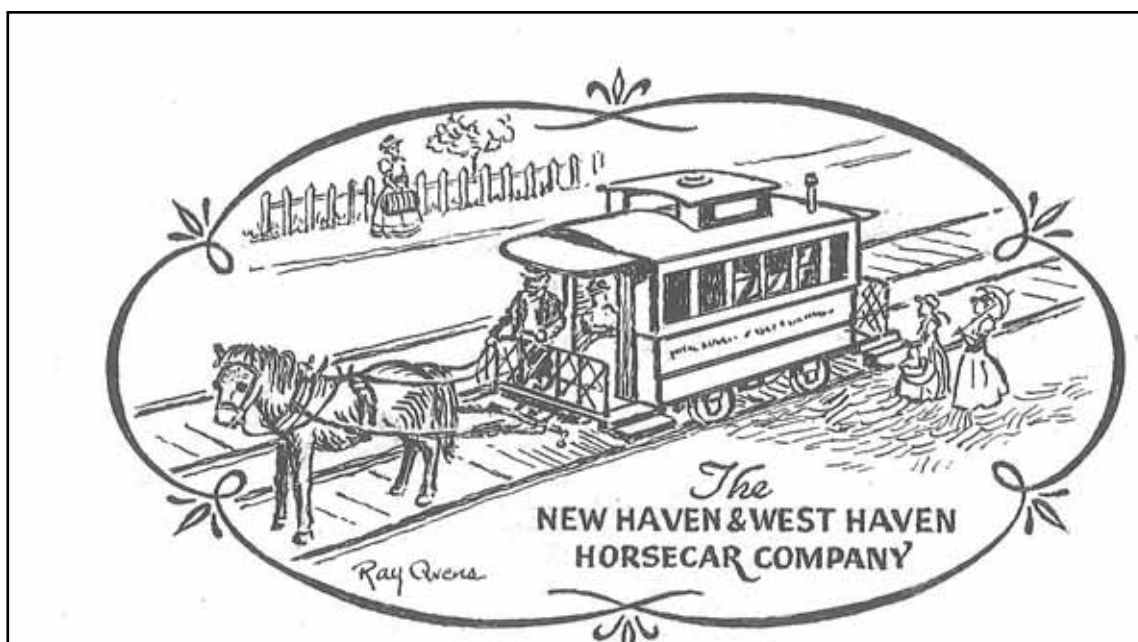
Company. Thanks to Kelsey, by that year, the centers of New Haven and West Haven as well as Savin Rock were connected by horsecar service. At that time, a trip from one town to the other took two hours, but this was still a great convenience for the average person, who had no other means of transportation.

Without a doubt, the horsecar line and the Savin Rock amusement area—both were Kelsey's endeavors—relied greatly on one another for the prosperity that they enjoyed together.

To Be Continued.

Horsecars were the best way to get to Savin Rock in the late 19th Century. Horsecar companies used attractions as terminus points for their various lines Such was the case for the New Haven & West Haven Horsecar Company.

The Savin Rock Boservatory was one of the places to see when one finally got to the resort. In later years, more attractions would be added until the amusement park became the playground of Southern New England.



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State citation

State Reps. Michael A. Di-Massa and Dorinda Borer, D-West Haven, present a General Assembly citation on behalf of the city's delegation to Grace Iannucci Hendricks. See page 3 for more details on the day's events.



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Around Town

Malia visits

Historian Peter Malia, well-known author and historian of West Haven, will be the guest speaker tonight at the regular meeting of the Historical Society.

He is the author of Invisible Saints, and is currently working on a book on Thomas Painter, West Haven's famous figure who is represented on the West Haven Flag.

The meeting will be held at the Poli House, 686 Savin Ave., and start promptly at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the talk.

Chili Cook-off

First Lutheran Church, 52 George St., will sponsor its annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 3-6:30 p.m. in the church hall. A chili-tasting kit costs \$5. The cost of entering a pot of chili is \$10. Call (203) 859-2088.

Anti-bully seminar

Protect Our Kids a free anti-bullying and awareness seminar is scheduled at the Renzo Gracie Training Center, 680 Campbell Ave., on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. Guest Speaker Mark Barden, Co-Founder of Sandy Hook Promise, will

speak at 12, 1, and 2. The Gracie Center is holding a free self-defense/anti-bullying clinics at 2:30. Raffle prizes and 50/50 raffle are featured. Call (203) 675-5976 for information.

Prayer vigil

First Congregational Church on the Green, 464 Campbell Ave., is offering a service of prayer and meditation in response to the violence and natural disasters affecting the world on Monday, Oct. 16. Led by Senior Pastor, the Rev. Kathryn King and Director of Christian Education, Jessica Lyman, the sanctuary of the church will open at 6 Director of Christian Education, the vigil begins at 6:30. The service will be one of song, prayer and worship.

Halloween Dance

The West Haven Italian-American Civic Association will host a Halloween Doo Wop Dance at 85 Chase Lane on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m. Music by DJ Dave till midnight. Free beer, wine or soda. Cash Bar for mixed drinks. BYO Snacks! Coffee And at 11.. Costumes Optional Tickets: \$20 per person. Call Lou at (203) 934-3339 or Ben at (203)

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BP Garden Club

Bradley Point Garden Club will hold a meeting, noon Oct. 17, West Haven City Hall, 355 Main St., lower level. Program will be a cooking

demonstration by ShopRite dietician. New members welcome. Call (203) 878-8428..

WH Garden Club

The West Haven Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct.

19, at St. Louis Church on Bull Hill Road at 11:30 a.m. After the meeting a luncheon will follow and our program will be on "Owls of Connecticut," presented by Julie Craver from the Denison Nature Center. Newcomers are welcome.

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Gripe Vine

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I have written to you to complain about the swings in Morse Park. They really need replacing. There are swings missing and the children enjoy them. Also, why can't a bench be installed here so we can sit and watch our grandchildren play?

Hopeful Grandma

Dear Hopeful Grandma:

Yours is not the only gripe I have received relating to the condition of the swings at Morse Park. However, thanks to Francis Withington, the city's complaint officer, I have a response for you and other complainants today.

From Withington, "We took down the rotted set. We have

one set there with four swings. I am trying to move the playground equipment from Thompson School over to Morse Park. The swing frame set will be painted within two weeks."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I realize the police have better things to do than watch for trucks coming up our street (Voss Road), but the problem is increasing. They are getting bolder by going faster and the vibrations in the house are increasing. Is there some way to report this? Can I take a video or picture of the vehicle and give it to the police and then maybe they could do something. I don't want to confront them as it might not turn out well and I don't think the police would eventually want me to.

The sign at the ends of the street don't seem to make any difference to them. We've had really large trucks cutting



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through lately. The street is taking a beating. Also, there is little regard to safety with the speed they are travelling.

Concerned

Dear Concerned:

I followed up with the city's Complaint Officer, Francis Withington, placing your truck complaint with him. Last week, I received an email from you stating, "I haven't seen a truck since I sent the email to

you. I don't know if it's because I e-mailed you or just a coincidence. I'll keep you tuned in."

No, I don't think your improved truck route complaint was a co-incidence. I believe we have to thank the city's complaint officer for following up on your gripe. Once again, keep me updated on this problem.

Gripe Vine Readers:

Several weeks ago, a number of my readers complained of the "unsightly appearance" of Colonial Park. I notified the city, through Francis Withington, complaint officer, of this condition. Withington has notified the Department of Environmental Protection about parking on the grass in this area, in lieu of the possibility of automobile liquid leaking into the brook here.

Today, I am placing the question out to the residents in this area, has this property shown an improvement? Are cars still parking here? Has the grass and overgrowth been removed? I have been assured that it would be taken care of.

Email Gripevine4wh@aol.com and let me know the progress in this area.

If you have a question, comment or suggestion, write gripevine4wh@aol.com or mail to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice, 666 Savin Ave. Please include your name, address and phone number, kept strictly confidential with me.

City plans drive for Puerto Rico

The city is holding a fundraising drive for the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, Mayor Edward M. O'Brien announced.

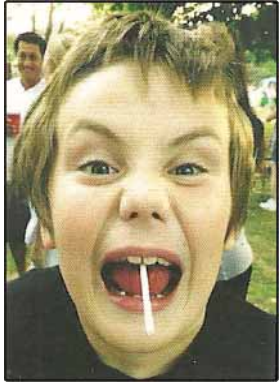
To aid the hurricane relief effort, O'Brien said the city has established a GoFundMe page that will send people's donations directly to UNICEF, an international organization focused on supporting the needs of children in disaster-stricken areas.

The city is working with the Latino Haven Committee of West Haven, the University of New Haven Mayor's Advisory Commission, and the West Haven Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club to drum up support for the hurricane benefit.

People can drop off the food at any of the city's fire stations or City Hall, 355 Main St.

They can also drop off cash or check donations in the mayor's office on the third floor of City Hall. Cash donors will receive a receipt, O'Brien said. To make an online credit card donation, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/westhaven>.

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Devils topple Rams

The West Haven Blue Devils football team continued to make a statement and prove people wrong in the state of Connecticut with a dominant 27-0 victory at the Cheshire Rams.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Westies found themselves pinned deep in their own territory after a punt. Starting on their own 1-yard line, the Blue Devils ran a couple of plays to get them away from their goal line, then Zach Conlan broke off a 57-yard run to put the Westies in

business in Cheshire territory. Several plays later, Jake Conlan pitched the ball to Chris Chance, who lofted the ball into the corner of the end zone to Jordan Wetmore. Wetmore pulled down a beautiful catch and appeared to put the boys in the lead but, it was ruled incomplete.

The Blue Devils would not be denied on this drive though. They continued to pound the ball down the field with their running game and got into the end zone with a Jake Conlan 1-yard leap into

the pile to give them a 7-0 lead with 1:17 left.

West Haven then got another opportunity when Kyle Godfrey intercepted a Cheshire pass and weaved his way all the way down to the Ram 14-yard line with six seconds left. Jake Conlan hit Godfrey with a pass in the right flat and he raced for the corner of the end zone but was tripped up at the 2-yard line as time expired in a hard-fought first half with the Westies holding a 7-0 lead.

The Blue Devils took control in the third quarter with a 23-yard Kyle Godfrey touchdown run and a 2-point conversion on a Chris Chance pass to Jordan Wetmore in the corner of the end zone to make it 15-0 with 7:19 left in the quarter. Godfrey then came up with his second interception of the game in the fourth quarter on a fourth down play at the Westies' 29-yard line to stop another Cheshire drive. Godfrey would tack on another touchdown with 6:26 left in the game on a 15-yard run and after a missed extra point it was 21-0.

The West Haven defense continued to stymie the Ram offense with a fumble recovery at midfield on the next Cheshire possession and an interception by Jordan Wetmore with 3:15 left in the game as the Rams were driving into Westie territory. Chris Chance then exploded for a 65-yard touchdown run with 2:27 left and the Blue Devils held a 27-0 lead after a blocked extra point.

Chris Chance finished



Photo by Russ McCreven

West Haven's Ian Cooke heads the ball away from a Notre Dame defender in last week's game at Veteran's Field. The Knights topped West Haven, 1-0.

with 164 yards rushing, Zach Conlan had 117 yards on the ground and Kyle Godfrey picked up 115 yards rushing to lead the offense while the defense was the story, never allowing the Rams to get into the red zone and coming up with big play after big play to preserve the victory.

This week, the Blue Devils host the Norwich Free Academy Wildcats in a rare Saturday evening contest in Ken Strong Stadium at 7.

The girls soccer team finally broke the string of four ties with a thumping of the Sacred Heart Academy Sharks 5-0 on Monday afternoon in Hamden. The Blue Devils exploded for four, first half goals over a

span of seven minutes to grab an early lead. Mackenzie Holy scored an unassisted goal at 12:15 then Kelsey Gilmore took a Megan Froehlich pass and found the back of the net to make it 2-0 at 15:09. Keegan Riccio then set up Holy for her second goal at 18:10 and Taylor Nowak capitalized on a feed from Froehlich to increase the lead to 4-0.

Megan Froehlich picked up her third assist of the game on Kelsey Gilmore's second goal of the game 14:45 into the second half for the 5-0 final. Alycia Morales was called on to make two saves in the shutout victory.

On Friday afternoon, the See Westies, page



Photo courtesy of Todd Dandelske

Player of the Week

West Haven senior football player Jordan Wetmore (6) is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. Wetmore had an interception and a fumble recovery in West Haven's 27-0 victory over Cheshire. Read about Jordan on the Player of the Week page at www.westieblue.com.

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WestieBlue in touch

By Mike Madera

It has been quite some time since the West Haven football team can say it has a defense which can decide games. That wait is now over.

Behind two interceptions from Kyle Godfrey, and a fumble recovery and interception by Jordan Wetmore, West Haven blanked Cheshire 27-0 in a Southern Connecticut Conference Division I contest at the Maclary Complex in Cheshire Friday evening.

"We keep hearing our defensive backs are inexperienced," West Haven's Zach Conlan said. "We are out to

prove people wrong."

If the West Haven defense was not enough, the offense of West Haven just wore down the Rams. West Haven had three different runners gain over 100 yards and the Westies outgained Cheshire 435-147 in the contest.

"We are getting better on offense all the time," West Haven coach Rich Boshea said. "We were able to run the ball against a very good defensive team. We broke a big one from the end zone and I think that was a big turning point of the game."

The Westies dominated time of possession and yardage (195-51) in the opening half, but could only take a 7-0 lead to the half.

That touchdown came on a drive of 99 yards in 12 plays. Conlan had the biggest run of the drive as he raced 59 yards on third-and-6 to the Cheshire 36. After a 28-yard run by Latrell Best, Jake Conlan pushed his way in from one yard out with 1:17 left in the opening half for a 7-0 lead.

"This was a big game for us," Godfrey said after rushing for 115 yards and two

touchdowns on 19 carries. "A lot of people are doubting us. We know what we have to do. It all started with a great week of practice."

West Haven (5-0), which has won 15 consecutive regular season games over the last two seasons, had another opportunity to extend the lead as Godfrey picked off a Will Graikoski pass at the West Haven 33, and returned the pick to the Rams' 14 with six seconds left in the half. Jake Conlan then hit Godfrey with a swing pass, but the Cheshire defense stopped Godfrey at the two-yard line as time expired.

The Rams (3-2) only ran 20 plays in the opening half, and had the ball for just 3:12 of the first quarter.

"Our defense was on the field a long time tonight," Cheshire coach Don Drust said. "When you make big plays, you have to capitalize. We did not do that. At the end of the day, I think we played hard, but West Haven just made the big plays and we didn't."

After a third quarter which saw West Haven take a 15-0

lead on a 23-yard run by Godfrey and a Chris Chance to Wetmore conversion with 7:19 to go, the Westies continued to make a stand.

West Haven held Cheshire to just 22 yards of total offense in the quarter, and Cheshire could not capitalize on a West Haven turnover as Godfrey picked off his second pass of the game. Ten plays and 57 yards later, West Haven led 21-0 as Godfrey scored on a 15-yard run with 6:26 to go.

"I kept telling our guys all week, if we kept our alignments and our assignments, we would win the game," Boshea said. "Coach (Tom) Unger and Coach (Mark) Ecke put a great game plan in place and we followed it. We were able to stop what they were trying to do."

After Wetmore recorded West Haven's third interception, the Westies capped the game two plays later when Chance raced in from 65 yards out with 2:27 left in the game.

Chance finished the game with 164 yards rushing on 20 carries, while Zach Conlan ran for 117 yards on 15 carries.

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Bench dedication honors Camp

Long-time youth sports coach and West Haven icon Frank Camp, who passed away recently, will be remembered and honored with a bench dedication and reception at Veterans Field on Saturday, Oct. 21, sponsored by the Ray Tellier Midget Football League, a league Camp helped found 51 years ago.

Camp was 89 and leaves his wife Joyce and daughters Karen and Kathleen. He was predeceased by his daughter Kelley.

"Franny Camp was a true gentlemen, and was respected throughout the city and the region. He was well known for his successful youth football, basketball and softball teams. He was involved with so many sports organizations in the city. Franny was one of the dedicated youth coaches responsible for creating the foundation and mission of the Ray Tellier Midget Football League which stresses fundamentals, responsibility and respect that continue to be taught today. We need to do something to thank and remember coach Frank Camp for everything he has given to our youth football and cheerleading league and so many other sports organizations in West Haven," said Mike Last, league president.

The dedication ceremony will begin on at noon and be followed by a reception at the Veterans Field complex on Bull Hill Lane. Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Dave Coyle will lead the program.

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Elias leads Knights over Amity

The football team got off to another hot start and improved the record to 2-3 with a 41-23 win over Amity on Friday. Fresh off a week where they scored on six first-half possessions, Chris Elias got the football Knights off to another hot start with touchdown runs of 85 and 80 yards on Notre Dame's first two series for a quick 14-7 lead.

Elias would finish the night with 339 yards of total offense and account for four touchdowns all by himself.

In addition to his touchdown runs, Elias would run 11 times for 176 yards on the game. He was also laser sharp in the passing game completing 15 of 18 passes for 163 yards and one touchdown.

Notre Dame then took advantage of a big fourth down stop and an Amity turnover to increase its lead to 28-7 at halftime.

Elias took a shorter route to the end zone from two yards out following the defensive stop as ND's lead grew to

21-7 with 3:06 left in the half. Amity then fumbled and Elias found Kaileb Cadet for a seven-yard scoring strike with just 53 ticks left before halftime for a 28-7 lead.

"He had his best game of the season tonight," said head coach Joe De-Caprio. "He's a great player anyways but he just played lights out and slung the ball and was on the money with everything. It's his hometown and he wanted to play well and he did. The offensive line played well and kept him upright and his receivers made some catches which helps."

Notre Dame gets a well-deserved bye this week before resuming play on Friday, Oct. 20, when they host Xavier in the start of a three-game home stand at Veterans Field.

Doyle lifts ND past West Haven -- A few weeks back following a 1-1 tie with Hamden, Notre Dame head soccer coach Rudy Raffone told Brad Doyle '18 that he would have a big goal

at some point this year.

Those words proved prophetic last Friday afternoon as a Doyle blast from 25 yards out was perfectly placed in the upper right hand corner of the net as Notre Dame beat cross town rival West Haven 1-0 at Veterans Field. The two teams had tied 1-1 in the season opener.

Doyle's shot came as a result of a great cross by Matthew Consorte. West Haven goalie Saul Novoa punched the ball away but it wound up on Doyle's foot for the game winner.

"Brad made an excellent run that started at midfield and hit a blast from 35 yards out to give us a 1-0 lead," said Raffone. "West Haven had a few counter attacks but never really challenged our goal. They finished with two shots Rory Schreck '18 did an excellent job of controlling the box and played well in goal."

Cross-Country Runs 21st at Wickham Invitational -- The cross coun-

try team participated in the Wickham Invitational this past Saturday. Tom Minar paced ND placing 96th out of 100 runners, finishing the race in a time of 19:23. Oliver Shannon '20 was four places and four seconds behind Minar taking 100th position in 19:27. As a team, ND placed 21st of 59 teams.

Harlem Wizards Coming Oct. 28 -- The Notre Dame basketball team will be hosting a benefit basketball game with the Harlem Wizards on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 pm at the University of New Haven Gymnasium. This event is a fundraiser for the Green Knights basketball team, who will play three games in Orlando, Florida during winter recess as part of a tournament at the Wide World of Sports Complex at Disney World. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults/\$10 for students if purchased in advance. For more information, visit <https://www.notredamehs.com>, or ND's social media outlets @NDWHA-athletics.

Westies: Lady booters top Cross

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Westies traveled to New Haven to face off against Wilbur Cross and saw the offense light up the Governors in a 6-1 victory. On this day, the Westies spread the offense around with six, different players finding the back of the net. Keegan Riccio got the Blue Devils going with the assist going to Erin Smith just 1:49 into the game. Kelsey Gilmore then converted a pass from Emily Merola to put West Haven up 2-0 at 15:44.

After the Governors cut the lead to 2-1, it was all Westies. The Westies scored three goals over a span of seven and a half minutes late in the first half to take command. Mackenzie Holy scored at 31:13 assisted by Riccio, Taylor Nowak added a goal at 36:04 from Riccio again and then Jessica Robinson from Erin Smith at 38:43

increased the lead to 5-1 at halftime.

Erin Smith tacked on a goal 6:03 into the second half assisted by Kelsey Gilmore and the Westies had a 6-1 triumph. Betsy Magana made three saves in goal for the Blue Devils.

This week, the girls traveled to Guilford for a contest on Tuesday with the Indians and finish their week with a home battle with the Mercy Tigers on Friday at 6:30.

The boys soccer team continued to struggle to put the ball in the net and took a 2-0 loss to the Xavier Falcons at Ken Strong Stadium on Wednesday evening. Nash Noble saw time between the pipes for the Westies and did his best to keep the boys in the game with seven saves.

On Friday afternoon, the Blue Devils headed up the

hill to Veterans Field to face cross-town rival Notre Dame. Unfortunately for the Westies, the offensive drought continued and the Green Knights capitalized on an opportunity in the second half to defeat the boys, 1-0. Saul Novoa made six saves in goal for West Haven.

This week, the boys hosted the Shelton Gaels on Tuesday and then travel to Wallingford for a game with the Sheehan Titans on Thursday at 6.

The volleyball team traveled to Milford for a match with the Jonathan Law Eagles on Monday evening. The Westies

never got going and took a 3-0 loss.

Megan Paterson had 14 assists and five digs while Nancy Tapia had nine digs to lead the Blue Devils. Veronica Lynn contributed with four kills, two digs and two blocks.

On Wednesday, the girls headed to Hamden for a battle with the rival Green Dragons. The Westies worked hard but got nothing to show for it in a 3-0 loss.

Marianne Loo (five digs), Nancy Tapia and Danna Tartal (three digs each) and Megan Paterson (three assists and two aces) all contributed in a

losing effort for West Haven.

On Friday, the Blue Devils traveled for a match at the Mercy Tigers. The Westies gave the Tigers everything they had, falling in a five-set classic.

Megan Paterson led the Blue Devils with 20 assists, six digs, two aces and two kills while Nancy Tapia had 13 digs and five kills.

West Haven also got contributions from Veronica Lynn with eight kills and three aces, Irene Ronan with seven kills and three blocks, Lexi Burzynski with five kills and Alyanah Bonilla with eight digs.

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Peewees now at 6-0

The West Haven Seahawk Peewee team (6-0) stayed unbeaten with an impressive 31-6 win over the Manchester Sentinels. Javar Smith returned a kickoff for 71 yards for one score and a punt for 42 yards for another. Running back Trysten Dos ran the ball well and had two touchdowns. Jahzire Massey added another score for the Seahawks.

The defense contained a very explosive Manchester offense and was led by Deven Robinson who recorded two timely sacks.

Jayden Robby and Cayden Drost stopped drives with interceptions.

The Mighty Mite team (fundamental level) played very well against the Trumbull Rangers. Jey Scanlon, TJ Nixon and Kieandre Lymon all recorded rushing touchdowns behind excellent blocking from Yusef Turner, Hagyn Davis, and Antony Iannotti. Defensive standouts were Shaylon Mitchel, Arthur Rossi and Kieandre Lymon.

The Junior Peewee team (4-2) lost a tough

game to the Manchester Sentinels, 6-0. The game was a classic defensive battle with Ethan Blackwell, Emory Grate, Ethan Holy and Caleb Oakes leading the Seahawk defense.

The Junior Varsity team (5-1) suffered its first loss of the season to a very talented Hartford Hurricane team (6-0) by a score of 18-2. The Seahawks moved the ball well and were inside the red zone (20 yard line) several times only to be turned away with no points.

The Hawks' offense was led by Hunter Messina, Nate Osborne, Bryson Robinson, Khani Wright and Preston Denno.

Camyrán Winder, Pearson Hill, Maxwell Warren and Konye Taylor played tough defense.

The Seahawks travel to Stratford on Sunday with the exception of the Junior Varsity team who will Host West Elmford (RI) on Saturday night at 6 at Veterans Field.

For more information please visit www.westhavenseahawk.com.



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Gavin Kanlong (40) tackles a Manchester player on Sunday. The Seahawks remained unbeaten at 6-0.

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Squirt A, Peewees win Steel City

Thomas Porto and Zach Goetze each scored two goals to lead the West Haven Squirt A team to a 7-1 victory over the Jersey Colts in the Steel City Columbus Day Shootout championship on Monday at the PPL Center in Allentown, PA.

West Haven went 4-0 overall in the Shootout. The Westies also outscored their opponents 41-2 and never trailed at any point in the four games.

In the championship game, defenseman Dylan Link opened the scoring 1:28 into the game with a laser from the point after Ethan Kelly fed Link with a faceoff win. Porto knocked home a nice feed from Goetze at 3:52, before Ryan Pniewski gave the Blue Devils a 3-0 lead at 6:40 with Sean Studley and Ethan Kelly assisting.

The Colts converted a penalty shot with just under five minutes remaining in the period, before a breakaway and nifty move by Goetze gave the Westies a 4-1 lead at the first intermission.

Both teams went scoreless in the second period as the West Haven defense, consisting of the pairings of Matthew Kelly with Link, and Dylan Bosworth with Connor Moriarty, clamped down on the Colts.

In the third, Porto made it 5-1 by depositing Goetze's pass at 4:21. Two minutes later, Brady Price made a nice move at the blue line and roofed his breakaway for a 6-1 lead.

Goetze finished off Porto's assist to cap the scoring with 1:49 left in the game.

West Haven goaltender Jacob Silva made five saves in the game and was mobbed by his teammates as the final

horn sounded.

In pool play, the Westies defeated the Hershey (PA) Jr. Bears, 10-0, on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday, they beat the Long Island (NY) Icecats, 15-0, and the Jersey (NJ) Colts, 9-1.

All ten skaters for West Haven scored at least one goal in the tournament. Goetze led the team with 21 points (8 goals, 13 assists), Porto had 16 points (13 goals, 3 assists), Price had 13 points (4 goals, 9 assists), and Ethan Kelly had 12 points (3 goals, 9 assists). Sean Studley had seven points (2 goals, 5 assists), Dylan Link had six points (5 goals, 1 assist), Ryan Pniewski had three points (3 goals), while Matthew Kelly, Connor Moriarty, and Dylan Bosworth each had two points with one goal and one assist each.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team won the Steel City Columbus Day Shootout with a 4-0-1 record this past weekend in Pennsylvania.

The Westies entered Monday needing a win over Dix Hills, NY to reach the championship contest. Trailing by two goals, the Westies scored five unanswered goals to win, 5-2.

Mickey Dowd cut the deficit in half off an assist from Cade Simone with 1:34 left in the first, Jayden Spreyer evened the game off an assist from Colin Deane 44 seconds into the second, and Dante Hardt scored a shorthanded goal with five minutes left in the second. Shane Repetto scored for a 4-2 lead with 8.5 seconds left in the second.

Michael Madera capped the scoring 1:16 into the third

period when he scored off an assist from Simone. Brenda Smith made 19 saves in the win.

The Westies never trailed in winning the title game 4-2 over the same Dix Hills, NY team later in the afternoon at the PPL Center in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Nolan Cole scored three times in the win, giving West Haven a 1-0 lead 47 seconds into the game off an assist from Deane, and a 2-1 lead off an assist from Spreyer with 6:05 left in the second.

Cole's unassisted tally put the Westies on top 3-2 two minutes into the third, before Dave Brown sealed the win with an empty net goal. Smith made 17 saves in the win.

West Haven opened the tournament with a 5-3 win over the Jersey Shore Wildcats. Dante Hardt and Cole led the offense with two goals apiece, while Kyle Droney also scored. Brown and Bruno Martone each had two assists, while Repetto and Madera picked up one assist apiece.

West Haven won its second game 8-1 over the Pottstown Penguins.

Cole led the way with two goals and two assists, Madera scored twice, and Sean Bos-

worth, Spreyer, Repetto, and Simone each scored once. Dowd, Spreyer, and Deane each had two assists, while Bosworth, Hardt, and Jason Alling each picked up an as-

assist. West Haven also tied the Jersey Colts, 4-4, with Deane, Bosworth, Brown and Simone scoring, and Simone also grabbing an assist.



The West Haven Squirt A team (above) and the Peewee squad relish their wins in last week's Steel City Classic.

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Society plans 3rd 'Walking Tour'

The third annual Historical Society Walking Tour will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14. This year the focus will be on the mid-central area of Campbell Avenue beginning at the Green down to Brown

Street. The tour will step off at 10 A.M. and will include the center area and will go as far as Brown Street then up to Washington Avenue from there to New Street and end with Johnny's Grille for lunch.

"This is our third year sponsoring this event,"

explained Jon Purmont, President of the Society. "Each year the enthusiasm of the participants encourages us to focus on a different section of the city which brings back memories of the past," he said.

Cost of the Tour is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children

12 and under. Walkers on the tour will be given a packet of old pictures of the area which will include a picture of employees of the old piano factory, and the first Washington School among other vintage photos.

People interested in

participating are asked to call Purmont at (203) 933-0081 to reserve a place on the tour and also a place at the post-tour lunch at Johnny's Grille. They will host the participants after the walk for a Burger and Brew at the Campbell Avenue restaurant.

Senior Center plans fall trips

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

Foxwoods Casino -- Tuesday, Oct. 17, \$25 per person. Bonus: Buffet meal and \$10 slot play. Bus leaves from Savin Rock Conference Center at 8:00a.m. Pay by check to "West Haven Senior Center Trip Account".

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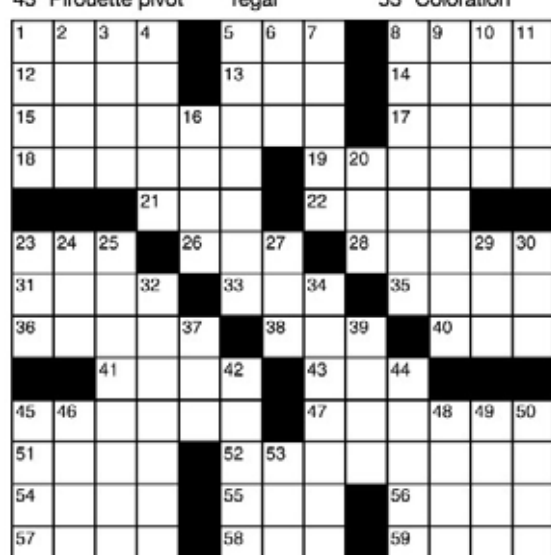
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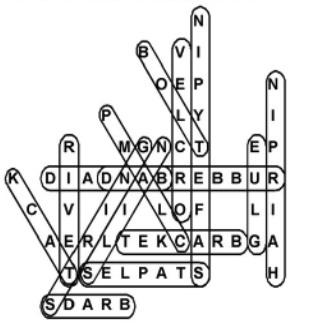
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7	3	9	6	4	5	2	1	8
1	7	2	5	9	6	3	8	4
6	8	4	1	3	7	9	5	2
3	9	5	4	8	2	1	7	6
9	2	1	7	5	4	8	6	3
8	4	7	2	6	3	5	9	1
5	6	3	8	1	9	4	2	7



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