

ROSSI WINS CITY HALL

Capping off a run thought impossible only two months ago, Democratic candidate Nancy Rossi held off a write-in challenge from the incumbent and a strong Republican to win Tuesday's mayoral race. In official figures released Wednesday, Rossi took 45.28 percent of the vote or 4,825 votes, while Mayor Edward M. O'Brien pulled 3,265 or 30.64 percent, while Republican Councilman-at-Large David Riccio came in third with 24.5 percent or 2,563.

The Democratic line swept into office as well with Republicans taking only the charter-required seats in the City Council and on the Board of Education.

For Rossi, the win ended a long campaign to unseat O'Brien, whom she supported four years ago when he first won the mayoralty. Continuing a mantra that has been hers for several years, she decried O'Brien's handling of city finances and used it as the cornerstone of her campaign.

That focal point gave her the nomination during a contentious primary in September, and was the issue that was continued throughout the campaign. Rossi, who promoted her bona fides as a certified public accountant, hammered O'Brien for his handling of city funds, and the city's 12-year-old operating deficit that ballooned to more than \$16 million after budgets put together by the O'Brien administration fell short of revenue goals.

Their contentious relationship got even more personal when, after losing in September and promising to work for the Democratic slate, O'Brien backtracked and decided to mount a write-in candidacy in hopes of gaining a third term.

The numbers came in quickly with Rossi able to declare victory by 8:30 Tuesday night in her headquarters at the Savin Rock Parkade. O'Brien conceded shortly thereafter.



Photo by Russ McCreven

Mayor-Elect Nancy Rossi was all smiles during Tuesday's final campaigning, but the smiles continued later as she topped a three-way field to win the mayoralty.

Boguniecki listened to his mother

By Mike Madera
Special to the Voice

It is said mothers know best. West Haven's Eric Boguniecki can attest to that.

At an early age, playing in the West Haven Youth Hockey league, Boguniecki was something special on the ice. And don't for a minute think his mother, Marylou, failed to tell him that.

In fact, Marylou Boguniecki made her feelings known quite often, stating Eric had all the talent in the world and would one day be playing in the National Hockey League. Mom knew best.

When Eric Boguniecki stepped foot on the ice of Madison Square Garden for the Florida Panthers in 1999, he became the first player ever from the West Haven Youth Hockey program to play in the NHL.

"I remember getting called into the office and told I was being called up," Boguniecki said. "I was in shock. I thought they were joking. Even now

(as an assistant coach for the Bridgeport Sound Tigers), there is no greater feeling than calling in a player and telling them they are going to the NHL. You see the shock in their faces. You give a big hug and you make your phone calls.

"The team figures out how they are getting your mom and dad to the game and for me, to play my first NHL game at Madison Square Garden was nuts. You lie in bed at night and you think of the journey, and what it took to get here. No doubt, you think of where it started. You go through every step and every level starting in West Haven Youth Hockey and skating there and just progressing forward. There are so many emotions."

Boguniecki will be honored with a banner and jersey ceremony, Sunday, Nov. 12 at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven, immediately following the West Haven Peewee youth hockey game which begins at 9:15 a.m.



ERIC BOGUNIECKI

"Eric had a very accomplished hockey career, both at the collegiate and professional level," legendary goaltender and four-time Stanley Cup champion Billy Smith of the Islanders said. "He is hard working and very deserving of this acknowledgement."

Marylou Boguniecki recalled the ride her son took to the NHL.

"Most of the people around me told me he could play there (NHL)," Marylou Bo-

guniecki said. "He had that ability to score at an early age. He actually got yelled at because he always wanted to score, and he scored into the wrong net at an early age. But, he also understood the game. He had an older brother (Billy) who played. He would sit and watch the game whether his brother was out there or not."

Part of those emotions of going to the NHL took Eric Boguniecki back to an early age as he tried to do everything his older brother Billy did. That included hockey, where the elder Boguniecki was a standout player himself.

"I probably annoyed him, but he always welcomed me," Boguniecki said of Billy. "He always protected me and helped me. Even in college and when I was in the pros, he was always there to talk to and support me. He helped me any way he possibly could. I could not ask for anything better as far as an older brother. He was so happy and proud."

Boguniecki started playing

organized hockey at a very young age, coming out of the West Haven Youth Hockey program, "pushing a chair around the ice before everything snowballed" according to Boguniecki.

"My mom always said she always knew I was going to make it," Boguniecki said of the NHL. "I had the ability to score and the hands. The skating was not always the best as opposed to my brother who could always skate well. It was something noticeable early on."

Boguniecki's performances at the youth levels turned heads quickly as he was the player to watch in the rink, seemingly always the best player on the ice.

"We won the state championship as Squirts," West Haven youth hockey coach Bill Austin said. "I saw him at nine (years old), and I can tell you at nine, when things were not going well, he took things over. That was not just in prac-

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Kaleb Feliciano, age 3, a student at West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., sees sunny weather in the forecast.



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The former Captain's Galley restaurant at 15 Beach St. is demolished by an excavator from RWM Excavating LLC of Thill Street on Friday to rid the neighborhood — and a prime stretch of the city's shoreline — of a long-standing eyesore.

Captain's Galley is now a memory

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The former Captain's Galley restaurant at 15 Beach St. was demolished on Friday to rid the neighborhood — and a prime stretch of the city's shoreline — of a long-standing eyesore.

The one-story building, leveled by an excavator from contractor RWM Excavating LLC of Thill Street, had fallen into disrepair after the popular seafood eatery closed its doors in 2010.

The .30-acre property is owned by brothers Paul and Jim Gagliardi, whose family has owned and operated Jimmies of Savin Rock restaurant

at 5 Rock St. since 1925.

The Gagliardis, who paid for the demolition, said the site had been inactive because of its current nonconforming use, meaning that if there had ever been a fire or major flood, any current or future owner would not have been able to rebuild the Galley.

Those restrictions were relaxed on June 9, however, when Section 8-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes, "Nonconforming Uses, Buildings or Structures," was amended and adopted by the state to protect owners of nonconforming properties. The law took effect July 1.

To mirror the state law, the city amended and adopted Section 81 of the West Haven Zoning Regulations, "Nonconforming Uses, Lots or Structures," on Oct. 10, opening up negotiations between the Gagliardis and the city to raze the Galley, said Mayor Edward M. O'Brien, adding that the law took effect Oct. 30.

"I am happy to see progress on this property, and I know the residents of West Haven will be happy to see it as well," O'Brien said. "Our focus now has to be ensuring that the property is utilized in the best possible way for West Haven and is consistent with our Plan of Conservation and Development."

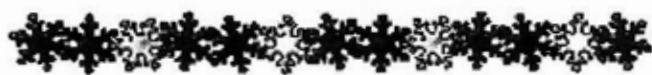
"This was an important step forward for revitalizing the Beach Street area," he said.

City officials, meantime, are working to change the Galley's zone from a nonconforming use in an R-2 residential zone to a Shoreline Residential Retail District, said Joseph A. Riccio Jr., commissioner of planning and development.

Riccio said the latter would allow a restaurant as of right. It would also permit three stories under current regulations, but the city's newly adopted Plan of Conservation and Development recommends modifying that to four stories, he said.

The Galley property flanks the Old Field Creek salt marsh and sits across the street from the Sandy Point Beach & Bird Sanctuary, a site listed on the Connecticut Coastal Birding Trail.

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Dear Felicia

As I write this week's mis-sive, honeybunch, the boys and girls of the three campaigns for mayor are wrapping up their work in anticipation for the vote, which, by the time yew git this, will be decided – we hope. In this berg, when it comes to politics, one never knows for sure what's going to happen next. The word amongst the political know-it-alls is that they know nothing this time 'round.

With three candidates, a rather static campaign where nobody said anything that ain't been heard before, no one knows what to expect. The candidates that (at least in the case of O'Brien and Rossi) were more interested in playing "Can You Top the Insult," and one that made sure he didn't say much, except to pooh-pooh what the others were doing has made this campaign season a mystery. Nobody know what the voters are thinking.

The wag was on the wire

'other afternoon, and believes that the turnout ain't exactly gonna break records. In fact, the insiders in all three campaigns were expecting that the turnout might be the lowest in history. Remember, only about 4,000-plus voted in the Demmie primary in September, and the weather was good for that one.

Some were predicting a high mark of about 8,000 coming out to vote. But, again, we've been wrong before. When you read this and know what the outcome is, you'll either say we were on the mark, or way, way off. The bottom line is, for the foist time in quite some time, there is no feeling that any campaign has the momentum going into Election Day. We shall see.

At least a few voters think the vibes are similar to 1989, and that was the last time this berg elected a Republican to the thoid floor of the Actors Colony. Effen that happens, Dave Riccio will have been

elected and the political scene in town will really have altered. Of course, maybe that is what this town needs, a bit of a mix up.

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*Nelly Nuthatch came in and had a few items of her own concerning the election. Again, this is all writ prior to the voting. It seems that people are rather astounded by the number of absentee ballots that are out this time. Nelly sez that the campaigns are putting the number at about 1100. Now, effen that is the case and only about 8,000 vote, that's a lotta people outta town. What are they doing, running a casino trip or something?*

*Tennyrate, more than 800 are linked with the O'Brien campaign, Iyam told with the rest linked to those in the Rossi campaign. Now, absentee ballots have always been a bit of a mystery hereabouts, and have caused more than a little bit o' trouble. One wonders effen what will happen this time around.*

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Sammy Bluejay, who fluttered in after Nelly left, sez that prognosticators aren't looking soooo much at the turnout or the outcome so much as what the winner will hafta face after the ballots are counted. All things being equal two things can happen that will hamper the winner:

The foist is that hizzoner can determine to take the \$8 million with the review bored, which up to this pernt no-

body has said he would, but most people think he will. That means for the next three years at least outsiders will (depending on how you define the board) have control over our budget similar to the 1990s, or just be silent partners giving us guidance – with the carrot and stick no doubt.

The second thing that might be a problem is the mix on the City Council. The winners in the primary may be what happens on the council. In this Democratic town, even if Riccio wins, there is a probability he didn't coattail the rest of his ticket into the mix. City Council elections are mostly popularity contests.

That being said, effen the Demmies take the majority of seats, most of those who have watched politics in these parts over decades are, again, likening it to 1989. It took weeks before the factions were able to come up with a chairman cuz they just couldn't agree on anything. We shall see what transpires. It's gonna be a tough road to hoe, no matter who wins.

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*Meanwhile, Iva Lootey is more interested in the bonds the city was supposed to sell for the deficit and the high school He is wondering effen that sale ever was completed. One would think not cuz effen it was, the administration would have trumpeted that fack during the campaign. With our bond rating who knows who will*

*be interested in this investment.*

*Tennyrate, the consensus is that some of what is going on is part of a bigger charade. I've been tellin' yew for weeks and weeks that there are more than a few local yokels who believe the high school reconstruction ain't gonna happen as advertised. Yeah, the former girls gym was converted into a shop area, and the G-wing is supposed to be torn down so a new cafeteria can go there or something.*

*Word is the staff has been told that – once again – the G-wing is supposed to be vacated this week, and that would mean that the expected December demolition will take place. What happens after that is anyone's guess. There is smart money betting that that's where the entire thing kind of halts and things go kaput after that. In fact, people who're in the know are hinting along those lines.*

*It's interesting, the high school was in the process of getting re-accredited a few weeks back. The reconstruction didn't play a big part in the whole process, according to Iva. That means either the high school revamp is a given or, as some suspeck, they don't really think it's gonna happen. Those matters are so hush-hush even my birdies weren't able to find out very much. It's just a "wait and see." The big money is on no reconstruction, but the dastardly G-wing becoming history – making at least a few higher-ups sleep a bit more soundly.*

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T'other big news here was concerning the Captain's Galley building. It is now history. It was met with the wrecker's ball last week. A new building is supposed to go there. The timing is suspeck in some people's minds. Like the crashing down of two buildings on the corner of Main and First, this is seen as a bit of a pre-election ploy similar to the days when back-hoes were stationed in strategic areas for great visibility.

At least that eyesore is gone and construction can take place on something else. Meanwhile at the other end of Beach Street we still have the former Debonair Motel and the former Chicks' Restaurant that are lying fallow. One wonders effen those things are gonna ever git taken care of. With the proposed raising of Beach Street to curb flooding in big storms, it would be nice to have two more vacant buildings either occupied or replaced before that projeck happens.

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*So, by the time yew read this all will be known as far as the election. I'll close this time till next, mitt luff und kizzez,*

*Cobina*

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On the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour, four years of bloodshed ceased in a conflagration that saw many millions die. In many European nations, Nov. 11 is known as “Remembrance Day,” and is marked by the tolling of bells at 11 o’clock.

Rudyard Kipling’s “Recessional,” known popularly as “Lest We Forget,” has been associated with this day and the devastation that occurred not only from 1914-1918, but in World War II and various other battles. It stands as a stark prayer for forgiveness and mercy even in those wars considered “just.”

It is a West Haven Voice tradition to present this hymn during the week of Veterans Day as a prayer for peace and for continued hope that wherever our armed forces are sent, they be on the side of what is moral and right.

God of our fathers, known of old—  
Lord of our far-flung battle line—  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies—  
The Captains and the Kings depart—  
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far-called our navies melt away—  
On dune and headland sinks the fire—  
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday  
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!  
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose  
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe—  
Such boastings as the Gentiles use,  
Or lesser breeds without the Law—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust  
In reeking tube and iron shard—  
All valiant dust that builds on dust,  
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Thy Mercy on Thy People, Lord!  
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## Flake-Trump: No contest!

**By Rich Lowry**  
*Syndicated Columnist*

The showdown between President Donald Trump and Sen. Jeff Flake turned out to be no contest. It wasn’t Trump who was out of the GOP mainstream, but Flake.

The Arizona senator supported Gang of Eight-style immigration reform, when immigration restriction is becoming a litmus-test issue in the party. He is a Goldwaterite, libertarian-inflected conservative, when the market for libertarianism within the party is limited and diminishing by the day.

He is frankly anti-Trump, when Trump owns the party. Many Republican voters are fully aware of the president’s flaws, but they don’t want to hear about them constantly from Republican officeholders.

Flake’s criticisms of the president were honest, sincere and principled. If he’s not a finalist for a Profile in Courage Award, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation is falling down on the job.

They also were malpractice. The most likely outcome was to make it more difficult to defeat the Trumpite insurgent Kelli Ward in a primary next year, which one would have thought was a paramount political goal.

Worse, Flake apparently rendered himself unelectable. Perhaps he considered speaking out more important than serving, a personal choice that no one can gainsay. But if the party isn’t going to be overrun by Trump sycophants, it will need working politicians who

are willing and able to better navigate these waters.

There are a few, more sensible approaches in the Senate.

There’s the Ben Sasse model -- speak your mind without fear or favor, knowing that you aren’t facing a tough primary in a matter of months and, if you decide to run again, it won’t be until 2020, when the mood might have shifted.

There’s the Mitch McConnell model -- hold your cards as close to the vest as possible and try to keep things from running completely off the rails so the party’s congressional majorities aren’t destroyed.

There’s the Lindsey Graham model -- criticize Trump when he’s wrong and never abase yourself in his defense, but develop a relationship with the

president to maximize your sway.

But it’s a mistake to assume that Trump will somehow magically evaporate, leaving everything in the party as it was before he showed up. At this point, a Trump failure will take down the party, too, and may deepen and intensify the Republican civil war rather than end it.

It’s also a mistake to treat the Trump phenomenon as a fluke from which Republicans need learn no lessons. Establishment Republicans seem to believe Trump’s rise says more about the inadequacies of their voters than about the inadequacies of their own, shopworn politics.

The great advantage Trump has in Republican politics is

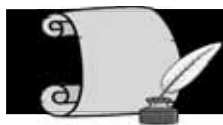
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# Letters

## DeFonce, Rotary tribute Ed Silver

Ed. Note: The following was sent to WMNR with a request it be published as a tribute to Edward Silver in the Voice:

Dear WMNR Radio staff and volunteers:

We are enclosing our donation check to WMNR Radio in memory of our longtime loyal Rotary Club of West Haven member, Edward N. Silver, who passed away Oct. 28 after a brief illness. We understand that Ed was also a loyal and devoted supporter of WMNR Radio for many years. He always enjoyed listening to fine classical music, and WMNR

provided the entertainment he so greatly enjoyed. He also enjoyed making the donations of doughnuts to your fundraising volunteers during your periodic fund drives.

We members at West Haven Rotary will miss Ed's presence at our weekly luncheon meetings, which he faithfully attended for a good many years until his recent illness this past October. He was a distinguished Paul Harris Fellow and a philanthropic financial supporter of our ongoing West Haven Rotary Do-Good Fund. He usually had an interesting anecdote to share with our members for our happy fine times.

I am also enclosing a separate personal donation check of \$75 from my husband Bob and myself, as we have been friends of Ed Silver for many years, and he was my first employer. We know that Ed Silver will be missed by all of us for his pleasant manner and kind generosity. May his spirit always live on.

*Roberta DeFonce*  
**WHR Sunshine Committee**  
**Heartfelt tribute for Peter Riccio**

I'd like to thank the many who attended the recent funeral that honored my husband, Peter Riccio.

It will be remembered as a heartfelt tribute to his life. My

entire family deeply appreciated the support you gave us during this difficult time.

I'd like to especially thank Clem DeLucia at Porto Funeral Home. Clem was incredibly thoughtful and compassionate arranging every detail to provide comfort to the entire family

*Justine Riccio*

## Annual rites Saturday

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

The city and the West Haven Veterans Council will hold a Veterans Day tribute at 10:45 a.m. Saturday on the Veterans Walk of Honor in Bradley Point Park.

All veterans are invited to participate in the annual ceremony, which will feature a wreath-laying and remarks from Mayor Edward M. O'Brien and Veterans Council President Dave Ricci.

O'Brien's executive assistant, John W. Lewis, will serve as the master of ceremonies.

The event will begin with a presentation of the colors by the West Haven Police Color Guard and a flag-raising by the West Haven Fire Department Honor Guard. It will follow with the national anthem and "God Bless America" by Grace Kelly Nowak and opening and closing prayers by Sean P. Ronan, senior vice

commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9422.

The tribute will also include a bell-ringing at 11 a.m. and taps played by former West Shore Fire Department Lt. Kevin McKeon.

Veterans Day, formerly Armistice Day, is celebrated on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, marking the anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I in 1918.

To coincide with the solemn ceremony, the Veterans Council will officially launch the 11th phase of its popular Brick Campaign.

In November 2006, the council began the first of 11 campaigns selling bricks to memorialize veterans.

## Lowry

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that he's a Republican president, and partisanship is an awesome political force. So is the cult of personality that inheres in the presidency, augmented by Trump's celebrity. He has the right enemies, and his culture-war fights coupled with his traditional GOP legislative agenda offer something for everyone in the party, from the populists to the Chamber of Commerce.

All of this means that, until further notice, he occupies the commanding heights of the GOP. Full-frontal assaults may be bold and brave, but they will likely be ineffectual, if not wholly counterproductive.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WEST HAVEN ZONING REGULATIONS

Notice is hereby given that an application has been submitted to amend the West Haven Zoning Regulations.

**Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Regulations:** (a) to allow Medical Regional Operations Center (MROC) as a permitted use within the Industrial Planned Development (IPD) Zone, (b) to provide a definition of MROC and (c) to establish the parking and loading requirements for the same.

**Public Hearing:** November 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Harriet North Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT. Copies of the application are available for review at the Office of Planning & Development, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, Connecticut; 203-937-3590. Applicant: Yale New Haven Health Services Corp.; File #ZR 17-071.

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# Gripe Vine

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I am writing to you out of sheer desperation. There are sections of Richmond Avenue that have been torn up by a private contractor working on the gas lines. The manhole apron near 175 Richmond Ave. is totally obliterated. A plow if going to catch that cover and it's going to come off and hit someone in the head. The streets have been torn up and patched and torn up again and patched again. They are a war zone complete with the potholes on Chestnut Street, large bumps in the roads and on all of these streets there are seams, like large crevasses that are literally opening down the middle of the street.

I also picked up a sharp rock in one tire the first week of construction and a piece of metal in another tire the second week of construction near the corner of Richmond and Bassett Streets. It really is bad. The ghettos of New Haven have better streets than we do and we pay between 6-8 thousand dollars a year in taxes.

This is ridiculous. Not to mention the contractors start their machines at around 7 a.m., so if I had the day off and wanted to sleep in, it ain't going to happen.

Can we please have the city's blight office and Public Health Office look into these matters? If the storm/sewer drain covers are comprised that could release harmful methane into the neighborhood and be very costly to repair, along with other health issues of inhalation, asthma and breathing attacks.

This used to be a good neighborhood, but now the barking dogs on Kelsey Avenue at all hours of the day, barking from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., speeding traffic going through the stop signs near West Haven High School and very loud modified muffler Honda Civics have really made it clear to us it's time to move out.

*The Veteran Advocate*

**Dear Veteran Advocate:**

I referred your gripe to West

**Historical Society meeting tonight**

The November Meeting of the Historical Society will take place Thursday November 9 at 7:30 p.m.

The speaker will be William Heffernan who will speak on Nepal and Mount Everest, two places he visited recently. His remarks will be accompanied by pictures of those two remote parts of the world.

Plans for the Holiday Fair will be discussed as part of the business meeting of the society.

The public is invited.

Haven's Complaint Officer, Francis Withington who responded to your complaints with, "In reference to the repeated excavations, that complaint would go to Bob Turley, manager of construction. However, I can tell you this, all the mains in the streets needs to be run first, then after they are energized. Then, SCG (Southern Connecticut Gas Company) has to dig up each individual service and tie them onto the new main. Then, after all of the houses have been flipped on to the new mains, we can excavate to abandon the old mains and then permanently restore the roadways. It is time consuming, but must be done this way to ensure no outages and safe updated facilities."



**TURKINGTON**

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

This information just arrived from Francis Withington, West

Haven's Complaint Officer, "The paving will be done in a few weeks at Main on Richmond and Bassett."

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

Veterans Day we remember and honor servicemen and women in all wars and conflicts. We respect and honor your service to our country.

On a personal note, our grandson is a Captain in the United States Army and our great grandson is a medical corpsman in the United States Navy.

It is an honor to remember these brave men and women who have and now, proudly serve our country.

Your gripes, comments and suggestions to gripevine4wh@aol.com or mail to Gripe Vine c/o The West Haven Voice, 666

Savin Ave. Include your name, address and phone number, kept in strict confidence with me. You can fill out the coupon near my column and use an extra sheet of paper if necessary.

Coming up: Colonial Avenue Stench...more on Colonial Park...school buses blocking driveways... sidewalk repair on LakeView Avenue...mayoral debates...Lake Street pedestrian walk..Campbell Avenue, Route 1 traffic light complaint..UI multiple charges...speeding on New Street.. cars driving wrong way on Park Avenue. and Washington Streets..dead end sign requested at Atwood...1st Avenue historic house?...potholes on North Forest Circle and much more.

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## Fall Festival at 1st Lutheran

First Lutheran Church, 52 George St, will host its annual fall festival on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9-2. There will be vendors, baked goods, white elephant, raffles and refreshments.

## Used Book Sale, Nov 11

The First Congregational Church, 464 Campbell Ave., will host its monthly used book sale, SERRV Shop and Clothes Closet on Saturday, Nov. 11 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. There are always some interesting books to be found, including many children's books, gifts made by refugees from around the world and gently used clothing at very low prices.

## Trees of West Haven, Dec, 2-3

The Ward-Heitmann House Museum will hold its annual Trees of West Haven event at St. John Vianney Church Hall on Saturday Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3 from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will be many raffle prizes and we are looking for a few vendors or crafters to attend either one or two days. Please call (203) 934-6921 or e mail dgbeckwith@sbcglobal.net for more information if you are interested.

## Country Fair at Methodist Church

First and Wesley United Methodist Church, 89 Center St., is sponsoring its annual Country Fair, on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, crafts, bake sale, huge Tag Sale and much more much is featured..

## Savin Rock School Festival

Savin Rock Community School is sponsoring the Rockin' the Holidays Festival on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gym, 50 Park St. Great shopping for the holidays. Items supplied by local vendors and artists. Raffles, entertainment,

bake sale, food court, and more.

## OLOV School promotion

Our Lady of Victory School is participating in an incredible program that allows it to earn free classroom equipment and supplies. The community is asked to help: Sign up your ShopRite Price Plus Club card to our school code (17958) by visiting [www.shopriteforeducation.com](http://www.shopriteforeducation.com); or call the school at (203) 932-6457 and you will be enrolled. Shop at a participating ShopRite from today through April 26 with your enrolled card and OLOV School will earn points towards free classroom equipment, all donated by the store. Cards must be re-enrolled every school year.

## NARFE confab Nov. 6

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, November 6, 1 p.m., at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Debbie Herget from Blue Cross/Blue Shield Federal Employees Program, who will discuss the 2018 health benefits plan and provide 2018 brochures. The meeting will include the nomination and election of Chapter Officers for 2018.

## 'Back to the Oldies,' Nov. 11

"Back to the Oldies" makes a return to Cielo, 85 Chase Lane, on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Charles F. Rosenay the "Original Boppers DJ is set to spin the discs, while Carla Gemma Caccavale performs. Tickets are \$20 per person and include door prizes, coffee and dessert. The raffle benefits the MDA. For tickets, call (203) 795-5473 or (203) 468-2528.

## Vendors sought at OLOV

Our Lady of Victory School is looking for crafters for our annual OLOV Christmas Fair. It will be held

Nov. 18 and 19. If you are interested in obtaining an application please call the school at (203) 932-6457 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., or you can e-mail Cecelia Castillon at [ccastillon@olovk8.org](mailto:ccastillon@olovk8.org).

## Senior trips by city group

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

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.

## 3rd Sunday Coin Show

The Liberty Coin Show is back at the Elks Club, 265 Main St., on the third Sunday of the month. Buy and sell your coins.

The organizers invite hobbyists to be part of the many displays. Food and beverages are on the menu. For more information, call Parry Carpinella, (203) 248-1053.

## Loans offered city students

The Seth Haley Memorial Loan Fund of West Haven provides eligible college students with loans of up to \$2500 to help students finish their post high school education.

Applicants must be West Haven residents who have completed two or more years of college or post-secondary work or be in their final two years of advanced work. Any West Haven resident attending college or a post high school professional, technical or trade school can be eligible for a loan. Repayments do not begin, and no interest will be charged until one year after graduation.

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# Teacher wins finance contest

Local teacher, and mother of two, Brittany Corey was awarded the \$3,000 grand prize during a special ceremony Wednesday, Oct. 25, honoring the winners and participants of the fourth annual ConneXfactor financial fitness competition. Sponsored by Connex Credit Union through its ConnexCares philanthropic program, ConneXfactor challenged four individuals to spend six months competing to see who could improve their financial situation the most. Each participant was paired with a Connex Financial Advocate who acted as a coach, providing them with tips and guidance. A panel of judges reviewed each contestant's total progress to determine the winners.

Giving birth to her second daughter just one day before the competition began, Brittany Corey was dedicated to freeing herself from debt so she could continue to grow her family with her husband and eventually live off one income. Corey worked closely with her coach,

Connex Financial Advocate Mike Nowicky, to reduce her debt by more than \$5,000, pay off her husband's car loan, open college savings accounts for her daughters and still exceed her emergency fund deposit goal.

"My whole concept of managing money changed forever throughout ConneXfactor," said Corey. "I've realized what our true 'needs' are, and my overall spending habits have changed for the better."

Corey embraced an entirely new financial lifestyle which included budgeting paychecks two months in advance and planning two-week's worth of family meals at a time. She sold excess items and found gently-used, hand-me-down clothing for her children to wear. Corey also implemented creative saving measures such as planting a large vegetable garden and adopting seven ducks to harvest eggs.

"This contest helped me become financially accountable and responsible," added Corey.



Connex Credit Union President and Chief Executive Officer Frank Mancini (right) presents a check worth \$3,000 to Brittany Corey (left), the Grand Prize Winner of the 2017 ConneXfactor financial fitness competition sponsored by Connex

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**Historian's corner** **By Dan Shine**

*Saluting Our Defenders of Freedom*

I looked up to them all; and most of them are gone now.

There were two of my Sunday School teachers: Mr. Muirhead, who had served in World War II and when asked about it, told a group of seven year olds, "Well, they pushed us, and we pushed them back." And Fred Howard, who served in the same conflict in the Army Air Corps, and recalled being on a bombing mission with flak bursting everywhere around his plane; and when he was sure he was going to die any moment, he looked out the window and swore he saw the figure of Jesus, floating on a cloud protecting them. And there was Bill, veteran of World War I who sat out in front of Stop & Shop in Orange, wearing a blazer, a tie and grey trousers,

and selling forget-me-nots. He coughed a lot, and told me that "We were in the trenches when the Germans threw the gas at us. And I didn't have a gas mask." And so it was that Bill gave up his health while serving under his Country's flag.

And I recall my Scoutmaster Conroy Taylor, who was fighting the Japanese on board a ship that was hit by a bomb while he was manning an anti-aircraft gun. He was blown from his gun position, and fell ten feet onto the steel deck, landing face-first and losing several teeth.

My Grandpa Shine never spoke of the horrors he had seen while flying a Spad in World War I; neither would his son--my father--until his final years. Our family always knew that dad had fought with the hope that his children

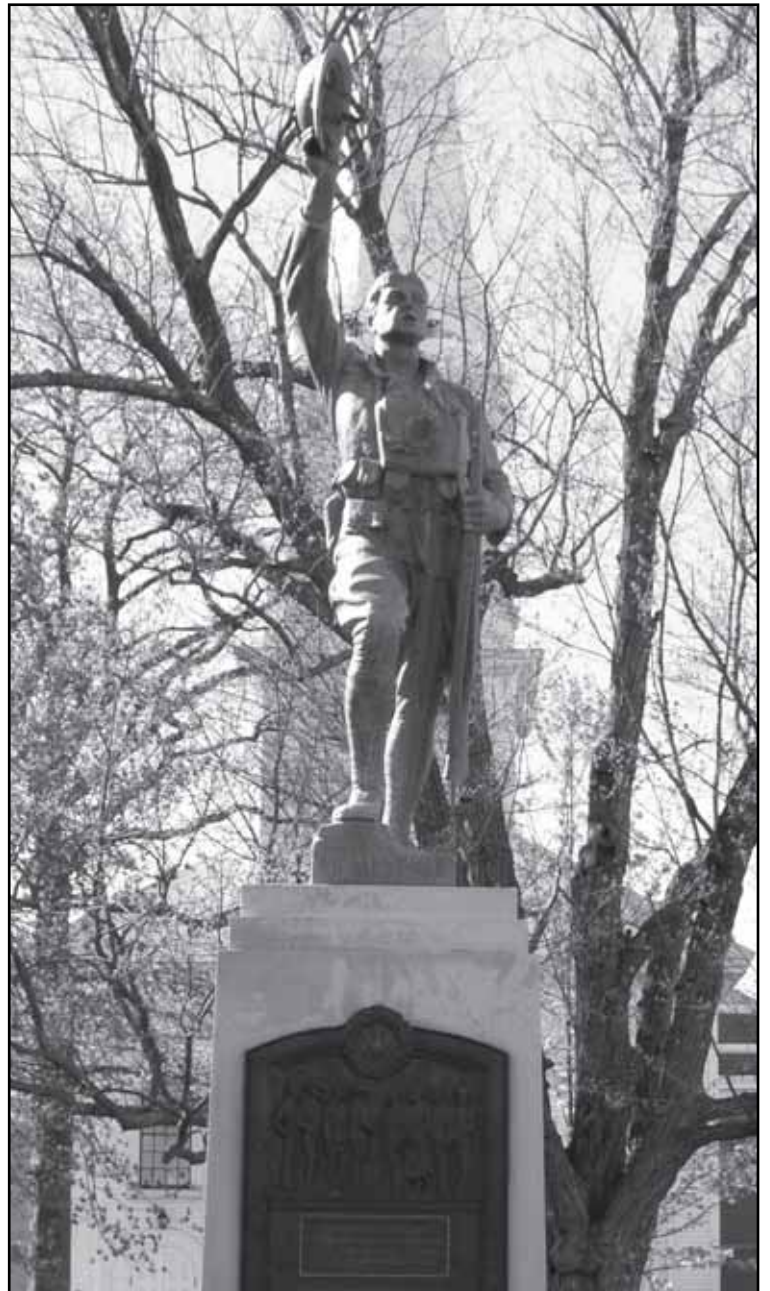
would never have to. Dad's reminder of his time in World War II was a pair of frostbitten feet, which were marked for life.

Cousin John Shine was a Huey pilot over Vietnam, and modestly told the story of evacuating the wounded under heavy fire in a grossly overloaded craft, and escaping the "hot" landing zone at treetop level, as they were hit repeatedly by small arms fire. That episode earned him one of two Distinguished Flying Crosses.

Since the days of my youth, most of these men have passed away; but meanwhile there have been many others, much younger than me who have served this nation selflessly. Among them, I count one of my Eagle Scouts, an infantry sergeant named Sean, Veteran of conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. For I watched him grow up, and today, he is one more of the men I look up to. They're all a special breed, you know.


"Lest We Forget:" On November 11, we pause to remember all those veterans, past and present, who believed in something bigger than themselves, and chose to fight for the Freedoms that we cherish and abuse. Our thanks be unto them."

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The "Doughboy" monument on the Green honored those who served in WWI.

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**City accepting energy requests**

The city began 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 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.

# Sports Sports Sports Sports Sports

## Westies top Academics, 29-15

The West Haven football team was looking to bounce back from its only regular season loss over the last, two years when it visited the Hillhouse Academics at Bowen Field on Friday night. The Blue Devils got that bounce when Jordan Wetmore scooped up a fumble on the Academics' first possession and raced 26 yards to put the Westies in the lead 7-0 in the first, two minutes of the game. The teams battled back and forth for the remainder of the first quarter until Hillhouse evened the game 7-7 on a 3-yard touchdown run with 11 seconds left in the quarter.

The Blue Devils responded quickly with Kyle Godfrey's 34-yard touchdown run 2:32 into the second quarter and after the extra point by Chris Chance, the Westies held a 14-7 lead. As time was winding down in the first half, the Westies mounted a drive that was capped off by a 3-yard TD run by Godfrey. Latrell Best ran in a two-point conversion to put the Blue Devils up 22-7 with 36 seconds left in the half.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Academics were driving deep into West Haven territory to begin the fourth quarter. The Blue Devil defense came up with a huge stop on fourth and goal at its own 5-yardline but on the first snap on offense, the Westies gave the ball back to Hillhouse on a fumble at the 3-yardline. The Academics capitalized two plays later and tacked on the two-point conversion to make things interesting at 22-15 with 10:59 left in the game.

On West Haven's next possession, Zach Conlan broke a 40-yard run to put the Blue Devils in great position at the Hillhouse 11-yardline. Chris Chance then took a handoff and slashed his way through the defense for the touchdown and after he added the extra point it was a 29-15 lead.

The Academics were able to drive deep into Westie territory again but the West Haven defense came up big with a Doug Johnson interception on fourth down at the West Haven 5-yardline with under five minutes left. After the Academics forced the Westies to punt the ball back to them, Zach Conlan sealed the victory with an interception on the next play to give the Westies a 29-15 triumph.

The Blue Devils will host the Xavier Falcons and celebrate Senior Night, in a critical SCC clash on Friday at 7 in Ken Strong Stadium.



Photos by Todd Dandelske

**Kyle Godfrey gives a stiff arm to a Hillhouse defender. The Westies rebounded from last week's loss, topping the home team 29-15 at Bowen Field.**



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**Kyle Godfrey and Chris Chance celebrate Chance's TD.**

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# Mite A sextet tops Roughriders

The West Haven Mite A travel hockey team faced off against the Norwalk Roughriders at home this Saturday. Andrew Grillo contributed to its win with a hat trick. Brooklyn Maher hustled to the puck and made it tough for her opponents to get by her.

On Sunday, the Westies traveled to Bridgeport for a game against the Wonderland Wizards. They added another win to their weekend. Owen Santos put the puck in the net and Kyle Guarino and Luke

Jaques helped lead a strong defensive team effort.

The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team posted two convincing home wins at Edward L. Bennett Rink this week. The Blue Devils defeated the Norwalk Roughriders, 6-2, on Saturday and followed that with an 8-1 win over the Central Capitals on Sunday. The Westies have won eleven straight games and stand at 14-4-1 overall on the season.

Zach Goetze opened the scoring against the Roughrid-

ers on Saturday morning by converting a breakaway from Ethan Kelly 2:41 into the first period. With 4:17 remaining in the period, Brady Price hit Goetze, who passed to Thomas Porto for an easy tap-in and a 2-0 lead.

In the second period, Goetze and Porto assisted on Price's goal just 35 seconds in, before Sean Studey's backhander from Ethan Kelly a minute later made it 4-0 Blue Devils. Porto won a defensive zone faceoff while short-handed and hit Goetze for another breakaway and a 5-0 lead after two periods.

Norwalk cut it the deficit to 5-2 with goals one minute apart in the third period, while Porto rounded out the scoring with a breakaway of his own from Goetze. Jacob Silva made eight saves in goal for the Westies.

On Sunday morning, the Blue Devils jumped out to a 5-0 lead after one period against the Capitals. Goetze scored on a breakaway and added three assists in the period. Porto, Price, Ethan Kelly and Ryan Pniewski scored goals, while Dylan Link chipped in with an assist.

Goetze went five-hole from Dylan Bosworth, Price snapped home a wrister from Goetze, and Matthew Kelly scored from the point to give West Haven an 8-0 lead in the second period. Central scored a power play goal in the final

minute of the second to make it 8-1. Silva was dazzling between the pipes in the third period, making several stops including a sweet glove save, and finished with 16 saves in the game.

The West Haven Squirt B travel hockey team came away with two victories this weekend with a 6-1 win over the Northwestern Icehawks and a 5-4 win over the Norwalk Roughriders.

Against the Icehawks, Cameron Lipford had five goals and JJ Hall had one as well. Rafi Treat and Christopher Consorte each had an assist. Maddex Lafountain was solid in net with 14 saves for the Westies.

On Sunday, Lipford led the way again with four goals. Gavin Coady also added a goal. Tyler McColgan played well with three assists and Gavin Fanelli had an assist as well.

The West Haven Peeewe A travel hockey team moved to 13-5-2 on the season with a win and a tie this past weekend. The Westies opened the weekend with a 2-2 tie at Ridgefield, before topping West Hartford, 7-1, on Sunday.

Against Ridgefield, the Westies jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but could not hold on in the tie. Mickey Dowd and Michael Madera each had a goal and an assist in the tie, and Brendan Smith played well in goal.

With the Westies short-handed, Madera sent Dowd in on a break and Dowd put the Westies on top with 8:33 left in the opening period. Madera gave West Haven a 2-0 lead with 2:54 left on the opening period, scoring in front, off assists from Cade Simone and Dowd.

West Haven never scored again in the contest, and Ridgefield scored once in the first period and added a tying goal with 9:06 left in the game to force the tie.

Against West Hartford, ten different players were in the scoring column for the Westies. Dante Hardt led the way with two goals and an assist, Madera added a goal and two assists, while Kyle Dronney had two assists.

The Westies led 1-0 after one period as Colin Deane scored in front off assists from Jayden Spreyer and Nolan Cole. With the game even at one, West Haven scored the final six goals of the game, including four in the second period.

Shane Repetto gave West Haven a 2-1 lead with a short-handed goal off an assist from Hardt, before Hardt scored off an assist from Dronney 39 seconds later for another short-handed tally. Dronney set up Hardt again with 4:46 left in the middle period for a 4-1 lead, before Madera put in a rebound of a Dave Brown shot with 1:58 left in the second for a 5-1 advantage.

The Westies iced the contest with two more goals in the third. Dowd scored off an assist from Madera with 4:36 gone in the third, and Madera sent Simone in for a goal with 4:52 left for the 7-1 final.

The West Haven Bantam A team experienced the highs of being dominant this weekend by defeating the Greenwich Blues, 10-2, on Sunday, and the lows of being dominated by dropping a 10-0 decision to the Wonderland Wizard's A team on Saturday.

On Saturday, the Westies hung around for a while playing the Wizards, one of Connecticut's top teams. Rocco Plano and Ryan Smith helped keep the score close early with some strong defensive work. Solid back checking by Michael Kelly, Ryan Bernardi and Nick Boanno was beneficial as well. The Wizards just kept the pressure on and were too much for the Devils to handle on this day. After

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# Seahawks' JVs, Peewees move to title contests

The West Haven Seahawks Peewee team and Junior Varsity team will advance to the Southern Connecticut Championship games to be held in West Haven at Veterans Memorial Park on Bull Hill Lane this weekend.

The Peewee team (8-1) topped the Manchester Sentinels, 27-0, in the conference semi-finals. Gavin Karlong, Carson Hill, Jahzire Massey and Trystren Dos all scored for the Seahawks. The defense was outstanding with Connor Holy scoring a safety and Massey, Hill and Caysen Drost getting interceptions to protect the shutout. The Peewee team will play the Milford Eagles in the Southern Connecticut Pop Warner Championship Game on Saturday at 3:30 at Veterans Memorial Park.

The Junior Varsity team (8-1) advanced to the conference championship with an impressive 40-14 win over the Trumbull Rangers. The Seahawks got rushing touchdowns from Maliki Mercer, Pearson Hill, Konye Taylor, Tymaine Smith, Bryson Robinson and Amir Nakome. The physical defense was headed by Don-te Salvatore, Jo-Jo Winder, Patrick Wargo, Donovan Davis and Preston Denno. The Junior Varsity team will play the Stratford Redskins on Saturday at 7:30 at Veterans Memorial Park.

The Junior Peewee team got knocked out of the semi-final playoffs by a very talented Stratford Redskin team, 27-0. The young Seahawks were led by Avian Evans, Ethan Holy, Nick Conlan, Qamari Newton and Ethan Blackwell.

The Southern Connecticut Pop Warner championship games will be played at West Haven's Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday and Sunday. The winners of this weekend's championship games will advance to the New England Pop Warner Regional playoffs.

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## Youth Hockey Round-up

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falling behind, 3-0, after the first period, the Westies never found a groove on their way to a tough loss.

Sunday was a different feel. The Westies jumped out to 7-0 first period lead and coasted home to a 10-2 final.

Linemates Ben Carfora, DJ Carfora and Steven Lewis led the way, scoring two goals each. Five of the goals came in the first period alone. Mike Alfano picked up a goal and an assist, Anthony Peschell and Justin Pniewski also tallied late. Joe Honcz chipped in with two assists and Joe D'Aurio added a helper as well. Nick Link made all the tough saves along the way as well.

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# Boguniecki: *Given honor Saturday*

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tice. When the team needed someone, he was there. You could tell he was going to be special. It was not just his legs, but it was his heart."

As Boguniecki got older, tougher decisions loomed. One of those decisions was the task of leaving West Haven to play for an ultra-talented team in Bridgeport, which was designed to play for a National Championship at the Peewee level.

When his parents decided it was time for Eric to get exposure, the jump was made to the Greater Bridgeport Youth Hockey where he would play on a team which also included future Little League World series star and NHL star Chris Drury. All that team did was go all the way to Chicago and win a national title against the heavily favored Chicago Young Americans.

"When Eric played, he was the best player on the ice, but

that didn't stop him from giving 110% effort while trying to make himself better," former West Haven Youth Hockey teammate Jimmy Heffernan said. "He was one of the hardest working players. His attitude and drive carried over to his teammates resulting in many West Haven victories."

Boguniecki was drafted 193rd overall in the 1993 NHL Entry Draft by the St. Louis Blues. While property of the Blues, he attended the University of New Hampshire, where he finished with 173 career points.

"He could skate like the wind at a very early age," former West Haven Youth Hockey parent Vin Morrissey said. "When he hit you, you went down. He had excellent vision all over the ice. He was a leader by example. He gave 150% effort in practice to make himself a better hockey player. At tournaments, everyone stopped what they were doing

to watch him play."

After stints in the ECHL and the IHL, Boguniecki was signed as a free agent by the Florida Panthers in 1999. He played just four games for the Panthers, before being traded back to the Blues.

Boguniecki once again put up solid offensive numbers for the Dayton Bombers (ECHL), Fort Wayne Comets (IHL), and Louisville Panthers (AHL) over the course of four years and was called up by the Blues. He then went back down to the minors and enjoyed career years for the Worcester Icecats during the 2000-2001, and 2001-2002 seasons.

After scoring 17 goals and adding 28 assists in his first season with the Icecats, Boguniecki went on to have an MVP season the following year in 2001-2002, scoring 38 goals and adding 46 assists for 84 points and a league most valuable player honor. Boguniecki was just the second

American born player ever to win that award since Eddie Olson (1952-1953).

"I look back at that year and I had wrist surgery after getting hurt in the playoffs the year before," Boguniecki said. "I was not ready for training camp, and I just worked out at Holy Cross with trainer Jeff Oliver. I got my strength back. I think back to that year, and so many years before you put in all the hard work and get sent down. It takes a while to overcome that. It's a huge blow. I didn't experience that blow, and I was excited to get going. I felt great and I took that into the season."

Called up to play for the Blues in the 2002-2003 season, he enjoyed his finest campaign in the National Hockey League, scoring 22 goals and adding 27 assists for 49 points.

Boguniecki, known as a tough grinding forward at just 5 feet, 8 inches, was leaving an impression around the league despite his small frame by NHL standards.

"I think it (size) definitely made me a better player, but it also hurt me," Boguniecki said. "I had a way about me, an edge. I wanted to consistently prove people wrong. Sometimes, I did not always do the right thing. My mind was set to always proving people wrong. It definitely gave me fire and desire. I was just trying to tell everyone they were all wrong and I was going to make it."

"Once I made it, now it was now I have to stay. When I got there, it was all timing and I finally had the opportunity to play. I had one good year, then we had the lockout and I'm like are you kidding me? We missed a whole year of hockey. When I look back, what we did set up the NHL to be where it is today. Financially, the NHL is in a great place."

A league-wide lockout altered the course of Boguniecki's career as play stopped during the 2004-2005 season. That cancelled season was the first time the Stanley Cup was not awarded since 1919.

It was also the first time a major professional sports league in North America cancelled a complete season because of a labor dispute, and it also marked the second time playoffs of a major professional sports league in North America were cancelled, joining the 1994-1995 major league baseball postseason. The lockout resulted in 1,230 unplayed games, and forced players to travel all over the world to seek competitive play to keep in hockey shape. Boguniecki suffered a big blow as he had a shoulder injury which never seemed to respond. That injury lingered after Boguniecki

played in Switzerland and Germany, and it was determined he had a torn labrum and rotator cuff.

"The next season got going and I missed training camp because I was recovering from the surgery," Boguniecki said. "It was just bad timing. I had finally gotten there, but after the injury, I felt like I never got going after that. My body started to deteriorate after that. It was one thing after another. I could never get myself going again. I got traded to Pittsburgh and then the Islanders. I had another surgery and I never got back to that."

The injury forced Boguniecki back to the AHL with Iowa, then the ECHL with the Alaska Aces. It was in Alaska where Boguniecki cemented the connection he will always remember, playing for Brent Thompson, now the head coach of the Sound Tigers.

"My relationship with Eric goes all the way back to our playing days," Thompson said. "We played together in the Florida Panthers system in Louisville. I was the captain and he was a young player trying to find his way. He was a great teammate. His commitment to the game and to his teammates was awesome to see."

The two developed a chemistry for the game, and Boguniecki would eventually land on the staff of Thompson in Bridgeport, where he has now been an assistant for seven years.

"I would rather be playing obviously, but this is the next best thing," Boguniecki said. "I am involved in the game and I get to share my experiences and my story. I understand their feelings and the process it takes to get to the NHL. I try to hit home with the guys. I remember talking with my coaches. You have to trust them and believe what they are saying. You have to break down the barriers of player and coach and earn their trust. They have to know you are doing what is best for them to get them to the NHL."

Thompson cannot speak highly enough about the job Boguniecki has done as an assistant coach in Bridgeport.

"I completely trust him," Thompson said. "He has sole responsibilities in game. He does the in-game decisions with the defense and he has sole responsibility of the power play. I think his best attributes are his honesty and the way he communicates with the guys. That shows well as a coach and a leader."

Boguniecki played 13 years of professional hockey, appearing in 739 games between Europe, the ECHL, IHL, AHL, and NHL.

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### Pitch & catch

Seahawk quarterback Jayden Roby (3) passes to an open Carson Hill (1). The Seahawks advanced to the conference championship this weekend with a 27-0 win over Manchester. See page 15 for more details on the games.

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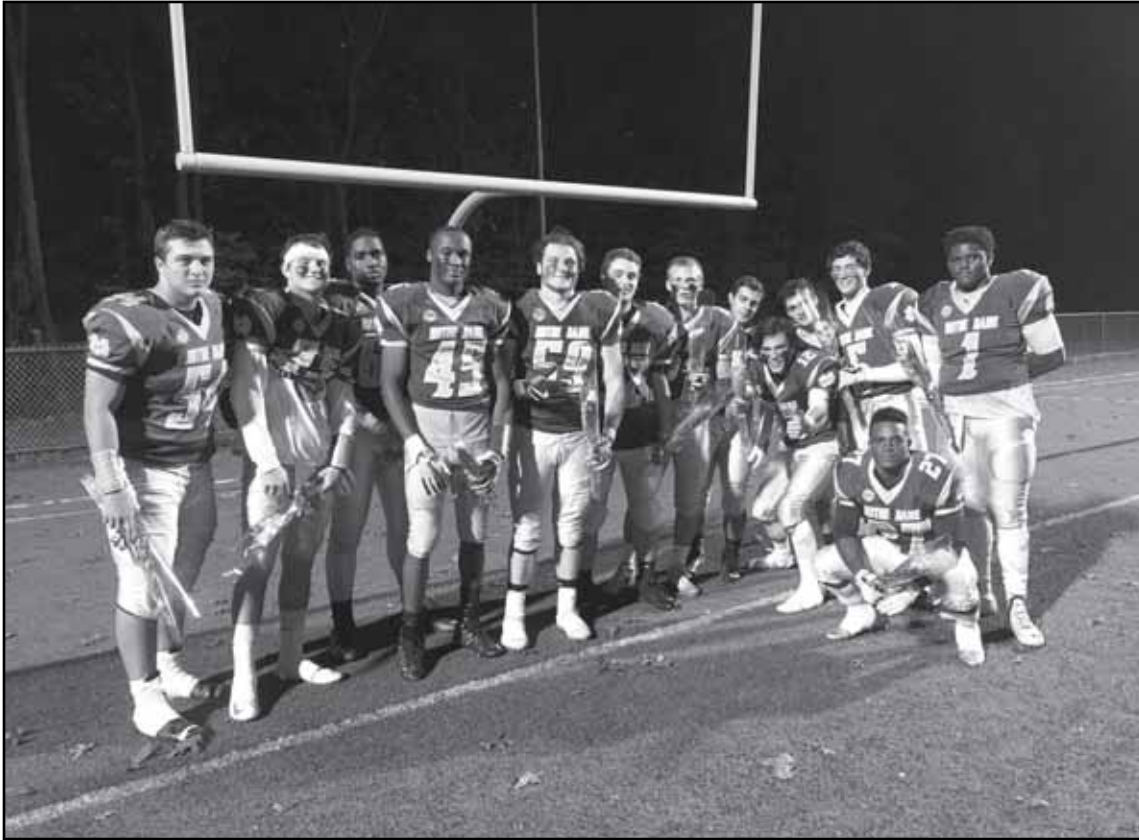


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Notre Dame's football seniors pose for a photo prior to their Senior Knight ceremony this past Friday at Veterans Field.

# Knights fall to Cross; booters lose in CIAC

Fall sports season is winding down at Notre Dame. Cross country season is over with many of those athletes preparing for winter track. Football loses late lead falling to Cross on Senior Night and soccer makes post-season but loses to Berlin in opening round.

Football Loses to Cross on Senior Night -- It wasn't the Senior Night the Class of 2018 football seniors were hoping for. After a pre-game ceremony recognizing the seniors and their families, the Notre Dame football team set forth trying to walk off Veterans Field with a win in their final home game of their careers.

Notre Dame led 7-6 until there was 1:44 left in the third quarter. That's when Sal Bar-

nabei connected with Kwane Taylor on a 10-yard touchdown pass giving Cross a lead it would never relinquish.

The Green Knights (2-6) had a pair of drives inside Cross territory to try and tie the game during the fourth quarter, only to see drives thwarted by a costly turnover and giving the ball over on downs. Cross (6-2) then put the game away with a pair of touchdowns within one minute of each other in the final three minutes of the game to seal the win.

Notre Dame was led offensively by Chris Elias who threw for 96 yards and ran for 51 yards on the ground on 13 carries. Isaiah Kane accounted for Notre Dame's score on a 1-yard leaping touchdown with 2:36 left in the first half. Notre Dame returns to action traveling to play Shelton on Friday, November 10 in a 7 p.m. kickoff at Finn Stadium. The Green Knights will then conclude its season in the annual Green Bowl game with Hamden on Thanksgiving morning.

Soccer falls in tournament -- The 24th-seeded Notre Dame soccer team looked to keep its season alive when it traveled to face 9th-seeded Berlin in the opening round of the CIAC Class L tournament Monday night.

The Redcoats proved to be too much scoring in the first seven minutes of the game in its eventual 3-0 win. Berlin's first goal came just 7:33 into the game on a beautiful goal by Noah Silverman. Notre Dame steadied the game and created some scoring chances early in the second half but couldn't get the equalizer.

Berlin then adding two goals within one minute of each other midway through the second half to pull away. Notre Dame goalie Rory Schreck made several spectacular saves to keep Notre Dame in the game.

The Green Knights, who finished the season with a 5-6-6 record, reached the CIAC Tournament for the second time in a row and for the 9th time in the last 10 years. Since 2000, Coach Raffone's squad has reached the state tournament 14 times.

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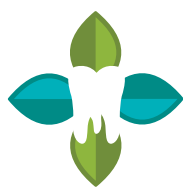
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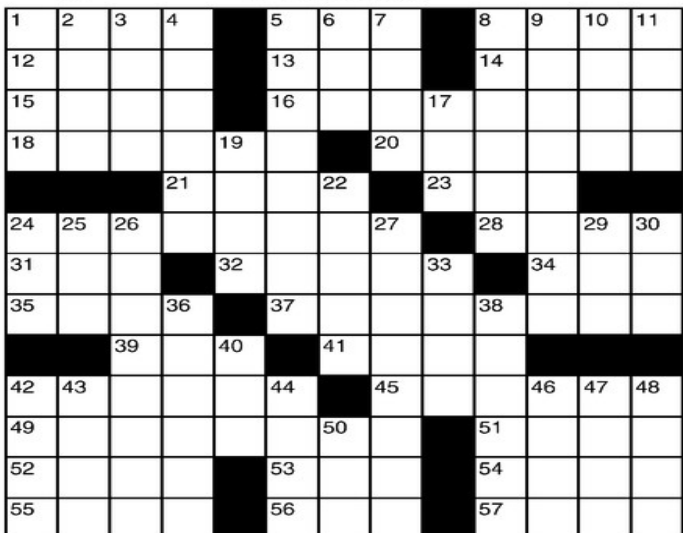
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  - 15 Goblet part
  - 16 Carrion-eating birds
  - 18 Highly ornate
  - 20 Most up-to-date
  - 21 Satan's purchase
  - 23 Pod occupant
  - 24 Snapshots
  - 28 Omit
  - 31 Web address
  - 32 Diarist Samuel
  - 34 A Gabor sister
  - 35 Settled a debt
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  - 9 One who jogs sans togs
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  - 11 "Hey, you!"
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  - 25 Playwright
  - 26 Reached a peak
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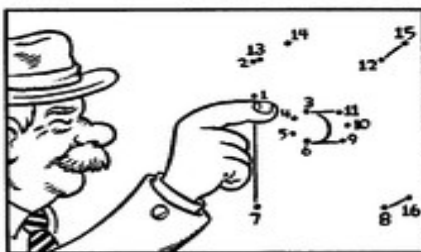


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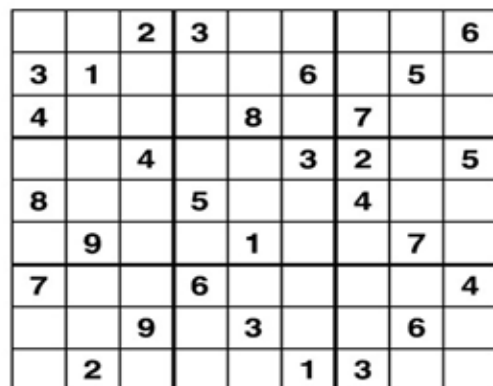
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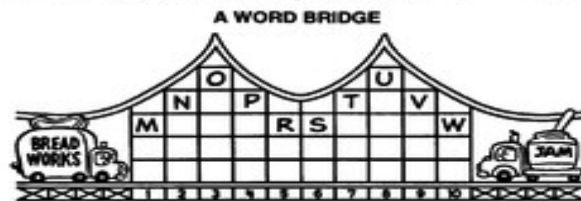
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