

Savin Rock's heyday! *The way it was!*

By Barbara Howe Santoro
Special to the Voice

Ed. Note: Barbara Howe Santoro is a recent exile to the wilds of Florida. She sent these musings as a way of paying tribute to her hometown.

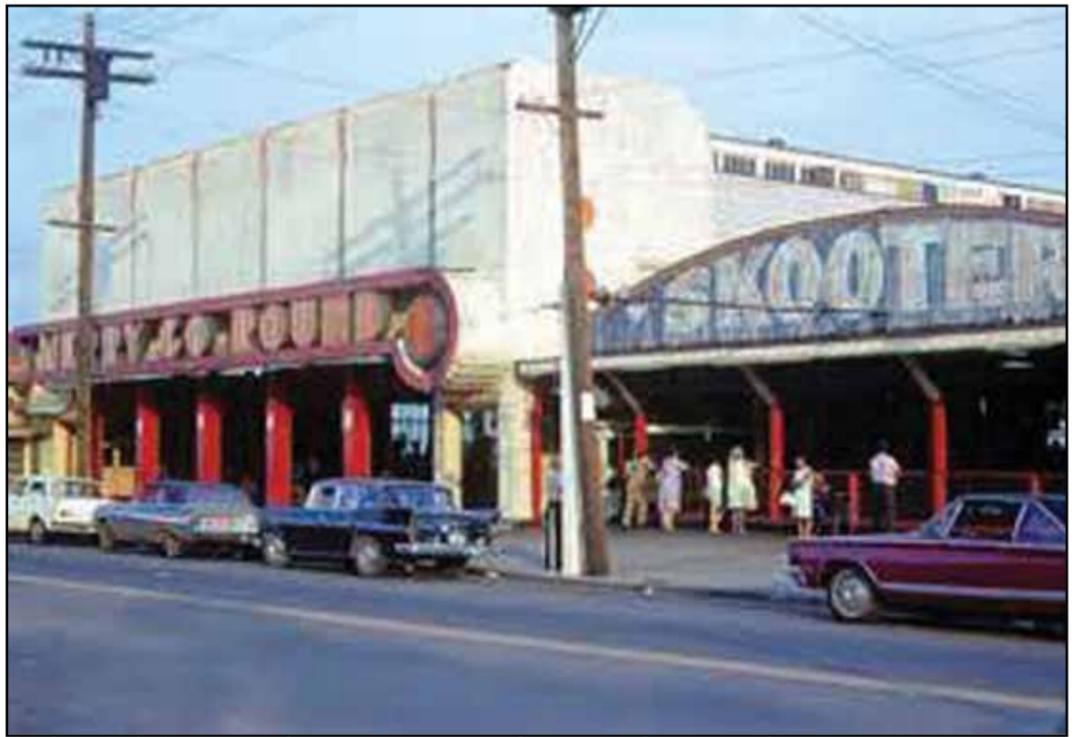
All the while I was growing up in West Haven, down at the Shore, Long Island Sound, there was a major amusement park. Going there was an ordinary part of life for all of us, our families, our friends, visiting relative from all over, went to the "Rock". It is difficult to explain to my children and their children, accustomed as you are to driving to an amusement park, like Kennywood in Pittsburgh for example, and paying to park the car, paying to enter the fun area, and paying high prices for rides and food.

For us to get to the Rock, we kids of 10 to 15, we got up a group of 3 or 4, boarded the trolley car in Allingtown, and for a nickel, rode to the end of the Savin Rock line, and found ourselves smack in the

middle of the park. Here the trolleys 'turned around' for the trip back the other way. They ran frequently so all we had to do was gather and wait for the return trip. We knew exactly how much time was needed to get home at the time we were told to.

One time, my girlfriends and I spent ALL our allotted money, and had to walk all the way – probably 5 -more or less, who knew from miles – we learned the hard way to save our trolley fare, no matter how tempting the rides, or the frozen custard or the trinket or the candied popcorn.

The Rock, it should be noted, was a safe place to go. Our parents, who rarely allowed us much mobile freedom, did let us go there in a group, without fear of our getting lost, getting stolen, or assaulted, or other modern-day childhood horrors. I was required to keep a nickel for a phone call as a last resort, and ask for Dad to come cart me home. This option meant a lecture that lasted from Savin



Rock to Taft Avenue and one I was not in a hurry to repeat.

I refer to the years 1940s to 1950 as the "innocent years". We as kids were innocent of any dangers except the Nazis and the Japs but there were none of those at The Rock! And we were trusted by our

parents and were always mindful of our instructions and our curfews. "Be home" at a certain time meant just that, or No Savin Rock, or Forest Theatre the next time we asked to go.

Early teenage years, The Rock was a magical place to go – to see and be seen. We chose our dresses carefully, no slacks, jeans or shorts in that era. We were not allowed to go there with boys but if we "happened to meet up" the innocent sweetness of that was very special. The Rock offered a couple of rides in the dark, where an occasional kiss was stolen, and only the shy looks on our faces gave us away when we reached the end of the ride and the sunlight. If some boys caught the brass ring or the gold ring on the Flying Horses (carousel to you), that was a source of pride and worth several minutes of bragging rights during the next girl-to-girl confidences. A boy who really liked you wasn't embarrassed to be seen walking around the Rock with you, wasn't much bothered by the teasing of his

pals.

We had loads of rides to choose from, most costing a nickel or maybe a dime; refreshment stands selling hot dogs, soda, fries every few stores, games of chance where for a nickel the more adventurous of us put our coin on a spin of a wheel, or we tried to win a stuffed toy by knocking down coke bottles – pinball machines made a musical racket in the Merry Go Round building, we had our pictures taken there wearing goofy expressions, we played Skee Ball for more 'valuable' trinkets, which my mother promptly declared as 'dust collectors'.

We ate frozen custard that was marvelously smooth and creamy; ice milk had yet to be invented. We had real, frozen milk custard. The popcorn bricks were flavored with chocolate, strawberry, other yummy flavors and guaranteed to make your fingers stick together. Oh such fun!

The Rock had several marvelous restaurants; people (meaning adults) came from

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Bathing near the amusement park might have been part of a day of leisure, circa 1950.

Attention Art Instructors!

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

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Conservation plan set for P&Z review tonight

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing tonight for residents and other stakeholders to comment on the proposed update of the city's master Plan of Conservation and Development, Mayor Edward M. O'Brien and commission Chairwoman Kathleen Hendricks announced.

The meeting is slated for 7 p.m. in the Carrigan Intermediate School auditorium, 2 Tetlow St.

O'Brien said the Plan of Conservation and Development, or POCD, hope to steer the development of West Haven

and the protection of its open space and conservation areas for the next decade.

State law requires municipalities to update conservation and development plans, which set out goals for the future, every 10 years.

West Haven's current POCD was adopted in 2004.

People can review the proposed plan, which requires P&Z approval, on the city's website at <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/785>.

Paper copies of the plan are also available for review in the city clerk's and planning and development offices at City Hall, 355 Main St., as well as at

the Main Library, 300 Elm St.

The POCD update was developed under the guidance of the Plan of Conservation and Development Steering Committee, an 11-member panel appointed by O'Brien a year ago, said Hendricks, who serves on the committee with "residents of different neighborhoods, local businesspeople, government leaders and local university representatives."

The other committee members are University of New Haven representative Louis Annino, West Haven Black Coalition President Carroll E. Brown, attorney Aaron Charney, Yale University representative Justin Freiberg, Hamden Hall teacher Karl Gasteyer, mayoral Executive Assistant John W. Lewis, Board of Education Chairman James W. Morrissey, West Haven Chamber of Commerce Director Alan R. Olenick, engineer Christopher Phillip Onofrio and Councilman Sean P. Ronan, D-9.

During the yearlong development of the POCD, the city encouraged the public to participate in the process through in-person events and workshops and via the plan's website at www.planwesthaven.com.

"To be effective, the POCD needed to reflect the highest-priority issues and concerns of the public," O'Brien said. "I am pleased with the hard work of the Steering Committee over the past year, and I am grateful to the residents and other stakeholders who participated in the planning process."

Hendricks said: "I would like to thank everyone who came out and participated in the workshops and public meetings. I feel the proposed plan is responsive to the opportunities and challenges residents raised during those sessions."

Hendricks added that "Residents want to see some development along parts of the waterfront, but only if our beaches and natural areas are protected."

"We also heard that people want to see the continued development of Allingtown, the revitalization of downtown, new development around the train station, and improved transit routing and connections," she said.

Through a competitive request for proposal process, the city hired a consulting team led by The RBA Group of Norwalk, now known as NV5, to help prepare the plan.

Neil Desai, NV5's senior

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Dear Felicia

Well honeybunch, summer officially came our way sometime the day before yew git this missive, and our esteemed editor is working hard at a music conference in St. Paul, MN. Things are in the summer mood. The kiddies at West Haven High School had their graduation ceremony, and things went off perty much without a hitch. I did see some pictures from the event, and it looked like the kiddies had a good time.

The graduation ceremony means that the Class of 2017 is now history and we move to next years, some will go off to college, others the military and still others to the workforce. We hope everything comes up roses for them, witchever path they chose.

But the end of school brings up another question. The infamous G-wing is set to be put to the wrecker's ball sometime in the near or at least not-to-distant future. In fact, there seems to be a little confusion

as to when that might be. Nelly Nuthatch, who's been follying this over the last little while remembered that it was supposed to happen almost immediately after school was closed for the term, but that has been moved back or something. Some estimates have the dirty deed to be done as late as December.

As I've been tellin' yew, this demolition is more symbolic than anything else. The shops were the reason that an administration was ousted in 2013 and the major reason the high school projeck, originally announced eight years ago, has been held up. That, and the fack that the city is in dire financial straits.

The revamp of the shops caused more acid indigestion for school types than a red-hot chili. And now the matter is somewhat getting resolved with the shops moving to what they now call the "small gym" and the G-wing set for the way of all flesh.

But as yew might expect, things are exactly that cut and dried here in the Asylum by the Sea.

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*The reason for the angst is the City Council jest had the foist reading last week of the bonding ordinances that are supposed to fix the city's 12-year-old deficit problem, and earmark the kopecks to rebuild the high school. There is some angst about these little items cuz 1) the \$17-plus million announced for the deficit might, in fact, be a fool's errand.*

*The wag came in t'other day and put it quite succinctly. The fact is we don't know effen that's the real amount of the deficit. We don't know what the shortfall is gonna be concerning the current budget, which expires with the end of the fiscal year on June 30, and we certainly don't know what the deficit is for the new budget that was passed in May.*

*Ysee, as the wag points out, the projections that the thoid floor of the Actors Colony used over the last four years have been stabs in the dark and haven't cut the deficit but added to it. There ain't any reason to believe, based on past history, that this year is gonna be any different - or next year for that matter.*

*What might happen, despite the protestations t'otherwise, is that we can pay off the existing deficit, only to have the current budget come under projections and then have another problem next year. Are we gonna float bonds each and every year?*

*Though hizzoner might not like it, his opponent Nancy Rossi has pointed this little conundrum out, and he really hasn't come up with a great answer, excep' the usual, "she doesn't know what she's talking about" defense.*

*Jest remember, effen these bonds go through, the city in on the hook for \$150 million plus interest for the next generation or so.*

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Meanwhile, the Hogfeldt lawsuit is still going forward, though Iva Lootey tells me that there may, in fact, be a public hearing on his case before the Bored of Ed. Iva tells me that members have been contacted, and they seem to be on board with the hearing. But, let's not put too fine a pernt on it, they are on board because under state law Vic is allowed to have a hearing before that body. And, I yam told right now arbitration is off the table.

So, here's where we are in this matter, the case is still in the early stages, Hogfeldt hasn't taught in months with a sub taking his classes this past year, and goodness knows what come September. He's still on the payroll with full benefits, and from all appearances has a somewhat upper hand in the entire matter.

Like I've been saying, effen his evaluations were better than OK up to and until this kerfuffle with the union that started this chain of events,

and then those evaluations tanked afterwards, a jury is gonna have a hard time with that. The barristers for the school board are probably hoping for an early - and for Vic lucrative - settlement cuz a jury trial is not what they want.

Meanwhile, I hope the story I heard about some people thinking the members of the board are too dense to understand the "complexities" of the case is wrong. No one wants to be thought of as dumber than dirt, and that story seems to indicate setch.

Stay tuned on this one. This could be quite a summer saga.

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*Last week I told yew that things might be percolating on the Haven. Sammy Bluejay has indicated he's hoid that the permit processes might be up and running, though we ain't got any word concerning that. Meanwhile, as I told yew last week, there was a report going around that the developers had come up with a settlement with the last homeowners and business owners in the block. We tried to git confirmation of that via the Actors Colony, but they put the kibosh on that, saying the report ain't anything they are aware of.*

*That might not mean anything, cuz as yew know these developers are from the Big Apple and they play things close to the vest they ain't gonna let the cat outta the bag until they are sure all the ink is dry on anything that is agreed to by anyone.*

*But that still makes my original statement stand, we have a three-way race come the fall for the mayor's job. Even if Nancy Rossi loses come the primary, don't be surprised effen she comes out as an independent. Then there is Dave Riccio, who is running on the GOP side.*

*In a three-way race anything can happen, particularly effen the electorate ain't too pleased with whot is going on. We shall see what the future holds, but my money is on the projeck getting a bit of a start before the leaves turn color.*

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Whilst that puzzle plays out, the budget crisis in Hartford is gonna have a strange effeck on people in the provinces. Y'see, as Madame Olga sez, we don't know effen the boys and girls in Hartford are gonna play nice and come up with a budget. Until that happens, every city and town in the state is on tinder hooks. His Excellency the Governor is planning on them not coming up with a budget. That could be a sign of things to come, or jest a fail-safe measure. We shall see.

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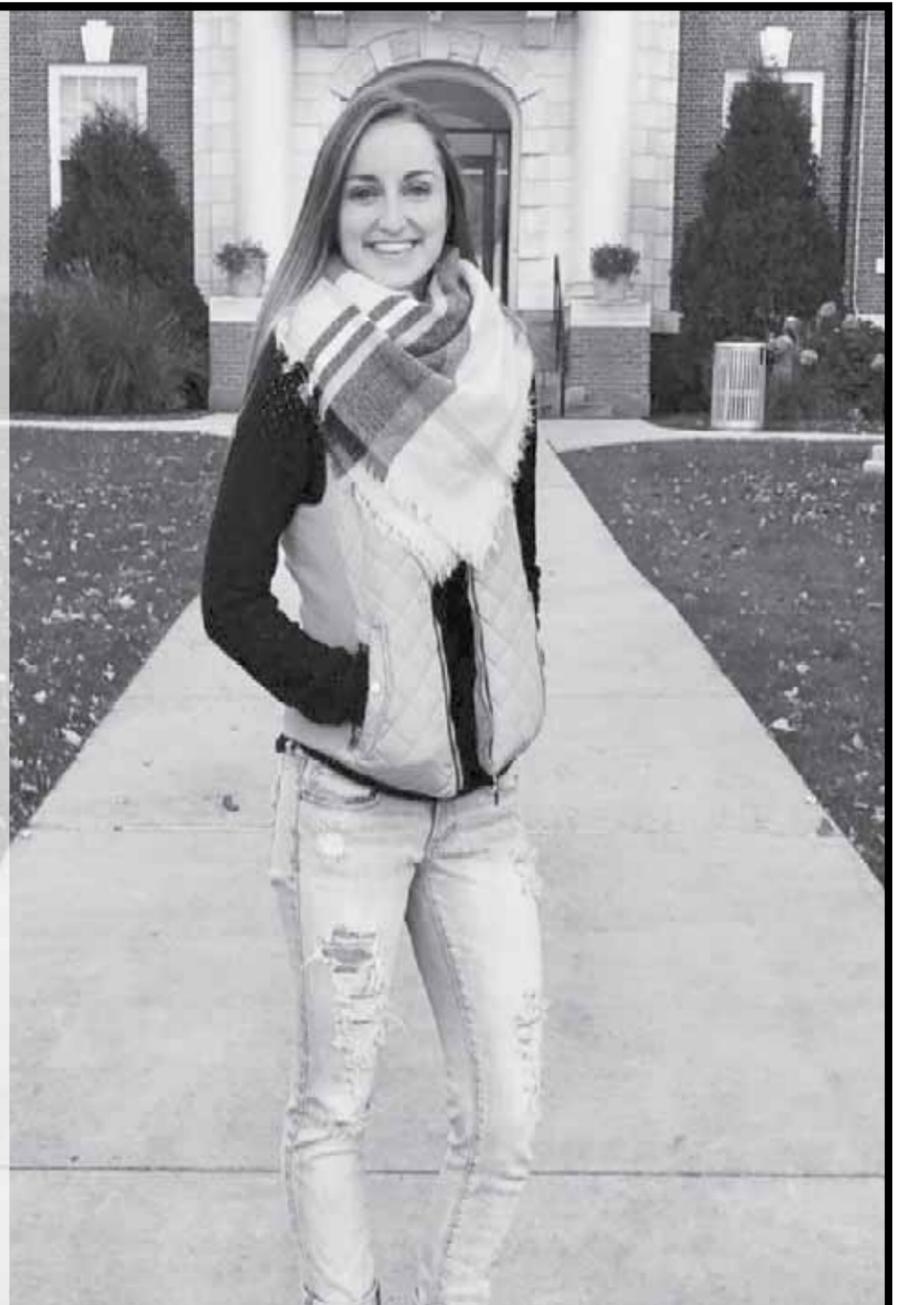
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# CLASS OF 2017 LOOKS TOWARD THE FUTURE

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

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

Herbst was among more than 1,400 students who accepted their undergraduate and graduate degrees during two ceremonies on May 13.



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**Letters**

**Silver's series brought memories**

I enjoyed reading Dan Shine's "Historian's Corner" series on Silver's Drug Shop (which finalizes today. Ed.) and its family. Not only were the longtime loyal "Silver's Belles" considered an extended part of their family, but Ed Silver also employed many local high schoolers and young people in part-time positions to start our employment careers and learn professional work ethics. Ed carried a small spiral pad and pencil in his pharmacy jacket pocket for person in-store interview and notes. If we were fortunate, we received a personal call back to report for work. Time slots were correlated to school schedules, and many of us lived close enough to walk to and from work. Even shortened holiday work schedules were convenient not to interfere with our holiday and still service patrons in the Silver's tradition.

Ed told me after he hired me at age 17 and a high school senior that he really preferred to hire juniors. I remember Lionel Rapanault and Bob Carter from Notre Dame, who worked the soda fountain. Ed let us know that he didn't have to scoop ice cream to know how many scoops were in a gallon. I remember young pharmacy counter-worker Gerald Blume, who went onto become a New York City attorney, and 19-year-old Joanne, who died suddenly in an auto accident. In the mid-1970s I received an unexpected call from Ed Silver with an opportunity to manage his family's local commercial real estate properties. With no experience, I learned quickly and proudly managed their properties for more than 30 years. To this day, Ed Silver remains my special West Haven Rotary friend I am grateful to know.

*Roberta DeFonce*

**Drink responsibly over holiday**

This Fourth of July, Americans everywhere will toast to our nation's 241st birthday. Fireworks will light the night sky as friends, families, and communities gather together to celebrate our independence. While summer holidays are a great chance to enjoy a cold beer in the summer sun, always remember to celebrate responsibly. This Independence Day weekend, let's give America the best birthday gift we can by always planning ahead for a safe ride home and helping keep our roads safe for all.

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*Tony Lota*

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**AAA Urges Motorists To 'Slow Down, Move Over.' It's the Law!**

In the wake of last Friday's crash in Southport, AAA Northeast strongly urges motorists to consider the potential danger emergency responders including tow truck drivers put themselves in when they assist disabled motorists on our interstates.

"Connecticut has a "Slow Down, Move Over" law - which means just that," says Fran Mayko, AAA Northeast spokeswoman. "When a driver sees an emergency vehicle, whether it's a state police cruiser, fire truck, ambulance, or a tow truck with activated lights, drivers need to reasonably slow down below the speed limit." And if possible, they should move to the adjacent lane to give responders space to operate, she said.

Last Friday evening, two parked AAA Northeast vehicles with emergency lights activated - a flatbed and battery van, assisting a disabled motorist on I-95's Exit 19 on ramp - were involved in a multi-vehicle crash with at least one AAA employee hospitalized. Police continue to investigate the incident.

Connecticut's Move Over law was passed in 2009 to protect drivers of emergency vehicles, who assist disabled motorists on state roads. Fines range up to \$2,500 if injuries are caused; and up to \$10,000 if deaths result.

Although most publicized incidents involve state police, AAA Northeast tow truck drivers also experience near-hits. Since the beginning of the year, media accounts have reported nearly a dozen near - hits of emergency responders on state roadways.

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**A unilateral government**

**By Rich Lowry**  
*Syndicated Columnist*

The Trump administration has been exhaustingly eventful, but almost none of the events have involved Congress.

The beginning of Donald Trump's presidency has been an extension of the last six years of the Obama administration, when Capitol Hill was largely a sideshow to the main event in the executive branch in general and the Oval Office in particular. Barack Obama and Donald Trump have almost nothing in common, except their modes of governance.

Obama was coolly cerebral and deliberative to a fault, whereas Trump is blustery and impulsive. Yet Obama and Trump are both, in their own ways, attention-hungry celebrities. Obama never demonstrated the patience or aptitude for real persuasion, whether LBJ-style arm-twisting or Reagan-style move-the-needle public argument. Neither has Trump.

Until further notice, this is the American model -- government by and of the president. We live in the age of unilateral rule.

It may be that Congress eventually passes Obamacare repeal-and-replace and tax reform, and makes its mark. Neither initiative is looking robustly healthy, though. And the action is all with Trump, what he does, says and tweets.

To his credit, Trump hasn't pushed the constitutional envelope the way Obama did with his Clean Power Plan and his executive amnesty (both

blocked in the courts). What Trump has done unilaterally has been firmly within bounds and largely defensive in nature. He has either reversed Obama actions or used executive orders as symbolic measures.

Still, the yin and yang from Obama to Trump means that American government has become a badminton match between rival presidents with dueling executive actions. As a result, our laws are largely contested in the realm of executive decisions, agency rule-making and the courts. Arguably, in striking down Trump's travel ban on highly dubious grounds, the 4th Circuit has done more legislating this year than the United States Congress.

If Trump's unilateral rule is

an extension of what has come before, it also is an intensification.

First, there's the timing. Ordinarily, a president loses Congress or otherwise stalls several years into his tenure, and looks to foreign affairs and executive orders for victories. Trump is already dependent on presidential unilateralism, even though his party controls Congress.

Meanwhile, Congress has been handing over authority to the administrative state for decades, and lately has gotten out of the habit of passing almost anything except last-minute omnibus spending bills.

Second, there is the continued centralization of power in the White House. This has

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## West Haven Columbus Day parade fundraiser tapped for June 28

By **MICHAEL P. WALSH**

*Public Relations Information Coordinator*

The Columbus Day Committee of Greater New Haven will hold a kickoff event from 6-9 p.m. June 28 at the Cielo Banquet Ballroom, 85 Chase Lane, to launch its fundraising campaign for the 2017 Columbus Day parade in West Haven.

The benefit will include a buffet of Italian foods donated by city restaurants, along with beer, wine, soda, coffee and dessert. It will also include entertainment by crooners Earl Benedetto and Mike Negretti.

Tickets, which cost \$25, are on sale in the mayor's office, 355 Main St., and the West Haven Italian-American Civic Association, 85 Chase Lane. Checks are payable to the Columbus Day Committee.

For tickets and reservations or for information, contact Cathy Sherman, executive administrative assistant to Mayor Edward M. O'Brien, at [csherman@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:csherman@westhaven-ct.gov) or 203-937-3510. Tickets are also available by calling Frank Consorte, former president of the Italian-American Club, at 203-676-6379.

Proceeds will go to the Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade, which steps off at 1 p.m. Oct. 8.

O'Brien has tapped residents Natalie Guiliano DeRosa, Grace Iannucci Hendricks and Marie D. Lacobelle to lead the procession as grand marshals.

Guiliano DeRosa and Lacobelle 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 is a longtime member of the West Haven Italian-American Ladies Auxiliary.

The two-hour parade, which rotates among six municipalities, was previously held in the city in 2011 and 2006.

To march in the parade, download a reservation form at <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/776>.

For parade information, go to [www.columbusdaynewhaven.org](http://www.columbusdaynewhaven.org).

## Sounds of Sinatra set for Friday

The West Haven Summer Concert Series continues on the Green at 7 p.m. Friday with the hits of "Ol' Blue Eyes" performed by Sounds of Frank Sinatra.

The two-hour concert is free and sponsored by the Columbus Day Committee of Greater New Haven. The rain date is Monday at 7 p.m.

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

## Lowry:

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long been the trend, but President Trump has taken it to another level; he operates on a hub-and-spoke system with a small group of loyalists and family members jostling for influence around him.

The day Trump nearly initiated the process of pulling out of NAFTA captures the method perfectly -- no serious deliberation, just the president's state of mind, based in large part on whom he had spoken to last. This is highly personalized rule.

No matter what the written rules are, any system of government is susceptible to change through habits and precedent. We may be witnessing the creation of a new norm, one that hollows out the branch of government charged with writing the nation's laws.

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**The Finance Committee of the West Haven City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 6:45 P.M. in the City Council Chambers (3rd floor) City Hall, 355 Main Street West Haven, to consider the following:**

Section 8-24 Referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission of Sale or Lease of City Owned property (9 Cellini Place Allingtown Library Parking Lot (9,024 square feet), Thompson School Parking Lot 165 Richards Street, 70 Hall Street)

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

**The Finance Committee of the West Haven City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 6:50 P.M. in the City Council Chambers (3rd floor) City Hall, 355 Main Street West Haven, to consider the following:**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF DEFICIT OBLIGATIONS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 117 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES AND ACCOMPANYING REGULATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A TRUST INDENTURE WITH THE TRUSTEE TO ESTABLISH A PROPERTY TAX INTERCEPT PROCEDURE, A DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT FUND AND RELATED AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ISSUING DEFICIT OBLIGATIONS**

***Proposed Bond Ordinance provides for the following:***

- Amends the Bond Ordinance approved by the City Council on July 25, 2016 by increasing the maximum authorized issuance amount of General Fund deficit obligations from \$16,515,000 to \$17,350,000. Obligations will be issued in accordance with the requirements of Chapters 117 and 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes
- Increased bond amount reflects increase in the City's cumulative general fund deficit through fiscal year 2015-2016 to \$16,888,415 and potential increases to other bond issuance costs.
- Approves the establishment of a trust indenture and a debt service payment fund for the repayment of the deficit obligation and other future City bonds
- Authorizes the Mayor, the Finance Director and the Treasurer (the "Bond Committee") to sell the deficit obligations in a competitive or negotiated offering
- Authorizes the Bond Committee to take all necessary actions in connection with the deficit obligations, including actions relating to the tax exempt nature of the obligations and those needed to satisfy post-issuance disclosure obligations

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

**The Finance Committee of the West Haven City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 6:55 P.M. in the City Council Chambers (3rd floor) City Hall, 355 Main Street West Haven, to consider the following:**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$133,250,000 FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF WEST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$133,250,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE**

***Proposed Bond Ordinance provides for the following:***

- Appropriates costs and approves bonds in a maximum amount of \$133,250,000 to finance the expansion and renovation of West Haven High School in accordance with the requirements of Chapters 109, 117 and 173 of the Connecticut General Statutes
- High School project includes a media center addition; a cafeteria/kitchen and faculty dining addition; a technical education shops addition; additions and renovations to technical education program spaces; additions and renovations for auditorium/black box theater, art and music program; additions and renovations for administrative, departmental, adult education and guidance offices; additions and renovations to science laboratory; upper and lower (freshman) academy and instructional classroom; additions and renovations to special education resource spaces; code required renovations; building support additions; physical education and gymnasiums additions; and associated costs that are customary for a High School project of such character
- Authorizes the Mayor, the Finance Director and the Treasurer (the "Bond Committee") to sell the bonds in a competitive or negotiated offering
- Authorizes bonds to be issued pursuant to the terms of any City trust indenture
- Authorizes Bond Committee to issue bond anticipation notes for short term financing prior to the issuance of the bonds
- Authorizes the Bond Committee to take all necessary actions in connection with the bonds, including actions relating to the tax exempt nature of the bonds, the reimbursement of prior City expenditures and those needed to satisfy post-issuance **disclosure obligations**
- Authorizes the Mayor, the Finance Director and other duly authorized City or Board of Education officials to apply for grants for the High School project

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# Dog licensing to be held now through June 30

By Susan Misur  
CT Humane Society

This summer's must-have accessory for dogs can be found in your city clerk's office — that's right, it's time to get a new licensing tag for your pooch.

June is Dog License Renewal Month in Connecticut. Per state law, all dogs older than

6 months must be licensed in their municipality each year between June 1 and June 30, as old licenses expire June 30. The tags' color and shape change each year, which allows animal control officers to easily know if a dog's license is expired or is current.

The fee is \$19 for a male or female dog that is unaltered.

However, it only costs \$8 to license a spayed or neutered canine. All dogs must be up to date on their rabies vaccination to be licensed.

Licensing man's best friend only requires a short application with the owner's and dog's information, a copy of the dog's rabies vaccination certificate (which is avail-

able at the veterinarian office where the pet was vaccinated), and the fee. To receive the discount for having a spayed or neutered pet, a spay/neuter certificate must also be provided.

The documents and fee can be brought in person to your city clerk's office or mailed. Owners then receive the new licensing tag for the upcoming year to attach to their dog's collar. The West Haven city clerk's office is on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St., and grants licenses from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

While licensing a dog is the law, it also brings perks for pooches and their owners. The most important way a tag can help is finding owners of lost pets. Since each tag's ID is associated with the pet's family, owners can be easily contacted when a runaway is picked up by an animal control officer.

As the Fourth of July fireworks season approaches, a licensing tag on a dog's collar can be the key factor in reuniting a pup with his family after being scared off by fireworks.

Owners can be fined if their dogs are found wandering by animal control officers and do not have an up-to-date license. Additionally, there is a \$1 late fee for each month a dog is not licensed after June 30.

Helping your dog by getting a license also helps pets in need. The dog licensing program helps fund the Animal Population Control Program, which provides vaccination and sterilization benefits to municipal shelter pets, pets belonging to in-need families,

and feral cats.

For more information on dog licensing requirements, visit [www.ct.gov/doag/apcp](http://www.ct.gov/doag/apcp).

*Susan Misur is the Marketing & Communications Manager for the CT Humane Society.*

## Vendors sought for farmers market

The city is seeking craft, farm and food truck vendors to participate in the Tony Inzero Farmers Market, which opens its 18th season July 6 on the Green.

Through Oct. 28, the expanded marketplace at Main Street and Campbell Avenue will feature state farmers selling homegrown fruits and vegetables Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It will include crafters selling their wares and an internet radio station DJ playing hit music.

The Thursday markets will showcase food trucks galore, dishing up baked potatoes, fried dough, Italian ice, kettle corn, lobster rolls and pulled pork.

To download a participation form, go to <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/767>.

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# UNH campus designated 'Heartsafe' by state panel

The University of New Haven is the first institution of higher education in the state to be designated as HeartSafe by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Medical Services.

"The University of New Haven has demonstrated its commitment to ensuring that its employees, students and campus visitors receive the early lifesaving response proven to increase the chance of survival for heart attack victims."

The designation is part of DPH's Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention Program. The DPH and the state's Office of Emergency Medical Services in collaboration with the American Heart Association, aim to help Connecticut's workplaces, cities and towns improve the chances that anyone suffering sudden cardiac arrest will have the best possible chance for survival.

"The university has worked for several years to achieve this designation," said Ronald Quagliani, associate vice president for public safety and administrative services. "We believe this is an important part of our overall efforts to ensure the safety of our campus community."

As part of the program, the university has installed 28 defibrillators on the West Haven campus as well as machines on the Orange, Lyme and Sawmill campuses, and has trained more than 140 employees - well above the 10 percent required to achieve the DPH HeartSafe designation -- to respond when someone has symptoms of a heart

attack. The University offers CPR training for both employees and students every other month throughout the year.

The program is important, Quagliani said, because each year more than 250,000 Americans die from sudden cardiac arrest. The key to survival is timely initiation of a "chain of survival." An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is used to treat victims who experience sudden cardiac arrest and/or a heart attack. The American Heart Association notes that at least 20,000 lives could be saved annually by prompt use of AEDs.

This multi-year project was championed by Chris Reed,

director of safety and training and the university fire marshal; Paula Cappuccia, director of health services; and Ryan Hagen, director of campus recreation. The program has been run in partnership with the student EMS Club.

The program involves not only training employees in CPR but also offering health education about recognizing the signs and symptoms of heart attacks and the need to call 9-1-1; controlling high cholesterol and high blood pressure; and reducing such heart disease risk factors as tobacco use, diabetes, physical inactivity, stress, and poor nutrition.

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### Profile of Attorney Mark A. Healey

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



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

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

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

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

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## Plan: P&Z scans plan

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city planner who directed the West Haven POCD planning process, he said economic stimulation was a goal of the proposal.

"The POCD presents a strategic approach to stimulating economic development in West Haven. Residents recognize the potential that the city has, and this plan aims to put together all the right pieces to guide the city toward reaching its full potential."

City Planning and Development Commissioner Joseph A. Riccio, Jr. and Assistant City Planner David W. Killeen served as resources for the Steering Committee and the plan update process.

For information, visit [www.planwesthaven.com](http://www.planwesthaven.com) or call the planning and development office at (203) 937-3580.

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Photos by Todd Dandelske

### Class of 2017

The West Haven High School Class of 2017 walked as a group for the last time June 15 with annual commencement exercises at Ken Strong Stadium. Casual attire was the order of the day on the muggy night, with many seniors wearing shorts under their gowns. Valedictorian Alice Li (lower left) addressed the class and hundreds of parents in attendance, as did Salutatorian Rose Silver.



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# Savin Rock: *Park made many memories*

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all over to sample and enjoy the "shore dinners". There were a number of very nice hotels there, too, like the restaurants they catered to adults in style, for visitors from all around stayed in West Haven during summer months. One such restaurant, Wilcox's On the Pier had a great view of The Long Island Sound, its own private beach area, and it rented cabanas to those with money, who wanted a break from the sun while on the beach. Boys were hired to rake and clean the beach area and ran errands for the cabana occupants. A kid could make a dollar or two a day - big bucks! I always loved those canvas cabanas, which looked like miniature houses, as an example of how the rich people lived. All this was way, way out of our league, for sure. It was look and admire, but not for us.

The Rock had two raceways, one for midget autos and one for stock cars and racing cars. There were two giant roller coasters; one was built out over the water, scary stuff. This one was damaged by the massive 1938 hurricane that swept Connecticut, and had to be torn down. That one always scared me anyway even after they rebuilt it and I could never be encouraged to ride it = I always saw myself ending up in deep sea water. NO Way in Hell I rode that thing, ever. It was eventually declared unsafe (see, I told you!) and torn down. Other one on dry land, I rode but to this day do not like them at all.

And always, there was the beach itself. The Rock was situated on the shore line as we now know it, and you could go to the beach and water areas at any time. After swimming, we got dressed in a bath house for 10 cents, stowed our

wet suits and towel, and once dressed - remember, nothing but dresses or skirts and blouses - then we could spend time on the boardwalk.

No matter the temperature, it is hard to imagine now there were no ladies in shorts or tank tops, or barefoot, or with sandals, or bathing suits, or cut-offs, but that is just the way it was. Anything less than 'casual dress' was pretty scandalous, even in the enlightened war years of 1941 to 1946. As a matter of fact, slacks on women weren't acceptable until they began being allowed in factories during the war, skirts were too dangerous, and I remember Grandma Howe with a number of slack sets, blouses matching the pants, which she wore to work making airplane parts. Both of us wore shorts in the summer but only at home or at the lake cottage, never ever in public.

The Rock began to show a sign of its age after the war was over and returning servicemen and women came home to try to pick up their lives. The tawdry fun of an amusement park seemed insignificant to the people who were coming back to find a life of normalcy. For those of us who grew up during WW2, with its shortages, its blackouts, its rationing, the war bond rallies, the re-make and re-do of our clothes and shoes, the absence of neighborhood boys who went to war and never came back, the shortage of gasoline and the patching of tires on cars - we watched our beloved Rock become dirty and dingy, and eventually filled with "outsiders" and then our safety there was no longer assured.

It is all gone now - only memories remain. Time cannot destroy them. The Savin Rock Museum now open next to the actual Rock, has rooms full of memories and it is my



The Peter Frank's Funhouse was a landmark along Beach Street for decades, and was one of the last buildings demolished.

hope that someday all of you can visit there. After reading this, it might give you some insight into my early years. I also hope that this rendition of my personal memories helps you enjoy the exhibits even more.

I am fortunate to have lived during that time, in spite of any hardships, any sacrifices, living closely with my family and my friends, everybody in the same boat, nobody we knew had any more than anyone else. War was a great leveler, as it turns out. I actually have to go some to find a really unpleasant time of my life to complain about, we were kids and treated like kids, expectations varied from family to family, but we had them, and we all did what we had to do. Want to complain? Go to church and tell the priest..... or else buck up. Feel scared? call the neighborhood cop or go to the fire house, everybody will help you. Something hurts? Go to Fater's and either Elvin or Meyer will recommend some home grown thing to try, if it doesn't come

in a bottle already. Bored?, go to Forest Theater and for 15 cents sit thru 2 full movies, selected shorts, previews, war news and a Bond drive. Want a laugh? Go to dish night and wait for somebody's dish to crash in the darkened theater.

We sat in the pitch dark house during air raid nights, and listened to the radio shows, The Shadow, Fibber McGee and Molly, Lights Out, Burns and Allen, I am even not remembering them all. Scaring my kid brother when he was all caught up in the story.....that was good. I was sent to the A&P with the ration booklet and strict orders on what to buy. Or to Zonder's to choose the latest oil cloth, or whatever junk was there. The French Bakery had a whipped cream cake with real cream that I can still taste. Or go to the Greeks and have a bite or a cup of coffee with real cream and socialize with everybody. The Firehouse had Minstrels annually and my Dad got involved in them. The 6 o'clock horn meant get your butt home NOW, and don't try to say you didn't hear it. Gabe's shoe repair was always busy because new shoes were hard to come

by. Mom sewed on the treadle sewing machine, and patched and repaired. She bought me clothes that were too big, took them in and then let them out later. You guys can fill in what I forgot, because there was always something for us in that little slice of West Haven.

Best of all though, are the friends and the buddies, the allies and the loyalists that we had then and still have today. I don't have to remind you that some have come into our lives, our circle, and left for reasons too numerous to mention. But some things keep on keeping on, like us.

Life itself is just one association after another, if you think of it, and some were good, some not so very, some taught us things, some caused us grief, some we can still laugh about today. The kids today and that includes our middle aged (oh God) children, will never know what it is like and the grandkids think we are on the same dictionary page as the dinosaurs. 'Can you believe what your grandmother just said?' I love shocking people; it gives me a good laugh. Barbie said what????? Motherrrrrrr.....



The Carousel was always a big favorite from the time it was installed around 1912.



T rides closed in cold weather, but the arcades were open.

# Historian's corner

## Silver's Drug Shop Part V

By Dan Shine  
Voice Columnist

What is your favorite memory about Silver's Drug Shop? For The Boy, it was walking there with his grandmother from her home on Union Avenue. She made sure that they got there with plenty of time to stop at Silver's soda fountain before the bus came to take them to New Haven for an afternoon of shopping at the 5 and 10s.

Dave Silver has some recollections of his own: he found it especially rewarding to give his customers personal care in Silver's Surgical Department. Dave fitted them with braces,



walkers, and the like, and enjoyed it immensely, knowing

that it added to their comfort and mobility.

For Scott Silver, it is driving around during a blizzard, delivering vital medications during critical moments; and it is developing and implementing programs to ensure that medications were available to all, regardless of their ability to pay; and it is bringing innovative technology in, to upgrade a business that was known and trusted by all West Haveners. These are some of the things that the Silvers refer to as the drug shop's "Silver Lining."

In 1960, the town of West Haven was one year away from becoming "Connecticut's Youngest City," a title to which it still holds. The newly-completed Interstate 95 neatly bisected the town, handily linking it with a speedy route to surrounding cities and states.

Ground had just been broken in Milford for a new type of de-centralized shopping: Connecticut Post Shopping Center (Now Connecticut Post

Mall) was a departure from the time-honored Main Street shopping concept, and would participate in the shopping revolution that would sweep America in the 1960s.

Even then, Campbell Avenue was a vibrant shopping area, where one could find just about any product at any one of the locally-owned, locally-operated stores that lined the street.

But life is change, and time changes all things: in 1982, the lunch counter served its last meal; and in December of 2006, the family announced that Silver's Drug Shop would be closing at the end of that year.

But although the walls have changed, the Silver Lining philosophy remains, for the Silvers, Dave and Scott, have moved on to Stop and Shop; and although Dave Silver has recently retired, many of the Silver Lining policies have been adopted by Stop and Shop.

So don't be surprised if

**This is a view of Campbell Avenue and Main Street somewhere around 1955, looking north. Silver's by that time had already established itself as a city landmark with the iconic sign over the door, and the "Rex-all" sign that was there for many decades.**

someday you call for an emergency delivery of your prescription during a blizzard—and a pickup truck pulls up outside—and someone jumps out of the truck, vaults a snow bank and rings your doorbell. It's probably Scott Silver, providing that extra measure of service, with his ever-present smile.

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## Sea Bluff soccer tourney

More than 400 players, officials, and fans convened on West Haven's Sea Bluff beach Saturday for the seventh year of 5 on 5 tournament action. Teams from the Tri-State area participated, which must have produced a gleam in the eye of Turk's and Jimmies proprietors.



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## Sea Dogs in action

West Haven Sea Dog catcher Joe Hawkins puts the tag on a Westport base runner in travel team play last week.



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# Youth Baseball Round-up

## Little League Minors

In West Haven Little League Minors semifinal action on Saturday, the Indians defeated the Orioles 9-8 in a thrilling game at Morse Park.

The Indians struck for five runs in the top of the first with big hits provided by Lucas Forgette and Keith Vail. The Orioles came right back with four in the bottom of the in-

ning, but Indians' starter Josh Osborne struck out two with the bases full to avoid further damage.

Dean Trucone crushed a run-scoring single to right in the second to give the Indians a two-run lead. Sean Studley (single) and Jey Scanlon (walk) then both scored in the third as the Indians took an 8-4 lead. Studley relieved Osborne to start the bottom of the third and was greeted by an inside-the-park home run by Orioles shortstop Aydin Vicaya.

The Orioles scored three more in the frame and tied the game at 8-8. Neither team could score in the fourth as Studley struck out the side for the Indians.

Trucone walked and later stole home to give the Indians a 9-8 lead in the top of the fifth and deciding inning (due to time limit). In the bottom of the inning, after a leadoff walk, Scanlon made a heads-up play by applying a quick

tag on the runner as he tried to steal second. Studley then struck out the final two batters to clinch the victory.

The Brewers defeated the Cubs 9-3 in a semifinal game this weekend and will move on to the championship game Wednesday night at 6 p.m. against the Indians.

Thomas Rolfe led the Brewers, pitching four solid innings, giving up two runs and striking out five. Brady Price came in to close the game out with two good innings to get the win. Luke Miklos scored twice for the Brewers.

## Little League Majors

In West Haven Little League Major Division playoff action from Saturday, the Dodgers topped the Cubs 13-6.

KJ Harp led the Dodgers at the plate as he hit for the cycle and pitched in relief to get the win. Mikey Alfano was 3-for-3 with five runs batted in, and Ah'Marien Urbina was 2-for-3 with a run-scoring double.

## Shore Haven

The Woodlawn Duckpin Bowling Yankees defeated the Baseball Card Mania Red Sox 16-9. Colby Faughnan and Mikey Alfano combined for 8 hits. Anthony Peschell was the winning pitcher with a complete game. Meghan Dupre had 3 hits including a triple and AJ Alexander had a double with 2 RBI for the Red Sox.

The Gunning Law Firm Mets beat the Leslie Jeweler Dodgers 7-2. Jacob D'Avignon had 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Tommy Vets had a hit with 2 RBI, and Jonathon Jackson scored 3 runs for the Mets. Jack Aloï and Colin Fennell had the Dodgers hits.

Robert Foley pitched a complete game as the Yankees defeated the Augliera Movers Pirates 8-3. Ryan Bernardi and Matt Cavallaro combined for 4 hits and 5 RBI. David Quiroz and Tegan Grillo had the Pirates hits.

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## Registration open for Rec day camps

Registration has opened for residents and nonresidents for the Department of Parks and Recreation's Tiny Tots Camp (ages 3-4), Junior Day Camp (ages 5-6) and Painter Park Day Camp (ages 6-12).

Director Bill Slater said the department is offering four two-week sessions this summer. Tiny Tots Camp meets 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

weekdays, starting June 26, in Pagels Elementary School, 26 Benham Hill Road; Junior Day Camp meets 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays, starting June 26, in Mackrille Elementary School, 806 Jones Hill Road; and Painter Park Day Camp meets 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, starting June 19, in the park, 190 Kelsey Ave. For details, go to [www.whparkrec.com](http://www.whparkrec.com) or call (203) 937-3651.

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Since the Yankees do everything as a team, Coach Sean Faughnan decided to submit the entire team for "Player of the Week". The Yankees play hard together as a team, enjoy each other's company, and the result is first place. Their favorite passtime is going to Woodlawn Duckpin Bowling and enjoying some ice cold Rita's ice cream after each game. Their favorite professional baseball team is of course, the New York Yankees!

**Major League Meghan Dupre Red Sox First Base/CF**



Meghan went 3 for 4 this past week to boost her seasonal batting average to .600 to help the Red Sox battle for first place. She can also rock the house on the defensive side of the ball at first base and in centerfield. Meghan is an High Honor student at Bailey Middle School and was also named Student of the Quarter this past marking period. Meghan's favorite pro player is Aaron Judge and she also plays youth hockey.

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# Youth Soccer League Action

The Elsie Encarcion - State Farm Insurance EG U10 Girls division Red Flames finished their spring season on a good note by defeating the H & R Block Maroon Girls team 2-1 on goals from Madeline McCarthy and Madyson Ortiz. Great passing was on display from Natalie Reed.

Defense enforcers Angelina Florio and Angelina Messina kept the Maroon team on its heels. Meanwhile Aarya Mulmi was stellar in net to preserve the win.

Another great game for the Oyster River Energy, EB2 Maroon Bulls who lost 5-3 with all 3 goals being scored by Aaron Abraham and great team work and field play from Jack Aoli, Gabe Locklear, Nate Santiago, Stephen and David Christensen.

In the Connecticut Cup Finals in Simsbury on Saturday, the West Haven U15 Boys team lost to Farmington, 2-1, despite a stellar game which went into double overtime. Outstanding play was on display from a number of players including Perez-Garcia, Pittman, Panula, Ramos, Lopez Agulera, Lopez Robles, Oliviera, Kershner, Morelli-Peyton, Lakaj, Burt, Vincete, Masaperh, Guaman, Castillo, Sarikya, Salim, Rahman and Maras.

Coaches Danny Ramos and Jeff Kerschner were all very proud of a great season ending game, which could have been won by either team. No losers with this game!

The Elite Soccer Camps Orange Pumpkins finished up their season Saturday morning, falling to the Blue Sharks 2-0 in a hard fought match. Michelle Ceja and Adelia Parise played some solid defense, and Chloe Whelan worked hard to try to spark the Elite Soccer Pumpkins attack. Katelynn Salgado and Amanda Fagnani also played hard in the final game of the season.

The West Haven U10 Girls Developmental Travel team hosted Milford Friday night in their final game of the season, and they came out on top 5-0. Isabella Eyler, Aylin Soto, Alexandria Nunes, and Jaelyn Beauvais all scored, while Kayla Burt and Molly Gunning kept the shut out in the goal.

Ashlynn Trenchard and Jaylyn Powell played tough in the midfield, while Niamh Chesson, Sophie Mazuroski, and Annabelle Pasacreta were solid on defense in the win for West Haven.

The West Haven U11 Girls Travel team took the short ride north Saturday morning to Branford, and came away with a 4-2 win. The Westies started off slow, going down 1-0, but

rebounded with two goals at the end of the first half from Brooke Flaherty and Camryn Beauvais. Branford evened it up in the second half, despite the solid goal keeping of Sofia Derosa. Olivia Trenchard scored the winning goal, and Flaherty added the insurance goal late in the game.

Cynthia Burns and Josephina Lakaj both played well in the midfield, and the defense was stellar behind the play of Ava Murphy, Isabelle Nagle, and Camryn Flaherty. Abigail Phelan and Brooke Throm also played well in the win.

On a rare Tuesday night game against Hamden on the Boulevard Field, the West Haven U19 Girls Rush team came out on the short end, 5-3, against the Hamden U19 squad. Thea Ranelli

scored along with Maya Murarka knotching 2 goals from up close in front of the net. Rayanne Taroua and Betsy Magano were handling net

duties for Rush, coming up with numerous saves. On the other side of the ball, Micaela Owen, Grace Ozyck and Sinead Donnelly were

outstanding keeping Hamden off balance. Thanks for a great team effort as we were our first year merging with New Haven Youth Soccer in the Girls U19.



West Haven played Farmington in the Connecticut Cup and lost 2-1 in overtime. The game ended with a tie of 1-1. The last time this team went to the Cup was 2015.



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# A Sporting View

By Mark Vasto

**By Mark Vasto**  
*Syndicated Columnist*

So my cousin Mike comes up to me at a funeral and says to me, "Yo, cousin Mark ... am I right about this? Tell me Jor-

dan wasn't the greatest of all-time? That the NBA is boring now."

Now, he asked in a New Jersey dialect, you must understand. He wasn't asking me to

tell him Michael Jordan wasn't the greatest. He was seeking vindication for an argument and telling me in a passive-aggressive way to confirm the fact that Jordan was the greatest. I chose to go the opposite route. "Jordan wasn't the greatest of all-time." I took him at his word.

That player, to me, will always be Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. But it wasn't easy being Kareem; even he was swept out of the finals twice. The Jordan argument is always a valid one, and he is always on my first team, NBA Mount Rushmore.

But this year's Golden State Warriors team made me rethink the NBA. The '80s and '90s era was a glorious time for the NBA. Every single team had a poster-ready superstar, and the NBC games of the week -- punctuated by Marv Albert's "Yes!" -- were must-see TV. But the game was played differently. Basically,

Jordan got the ball, wagged his tongue, broke somebody's ankles, jumped in the air, flew about 20 feet and simply put the ball in the basket because he was right there. Then came the Kobe and hack-a-Shaq era, and people started to tune out. The NCAA became king.

Well, this season has had people talking about the Golden State Warriors. They're a superteam of superstars, and they play in a way that boggles the mind. I just don't understand why people are complaining. These guys don't do the Jordan thing ... they just sink the ball from anywhere on the court. It's truly amazing to see.

Steph Curry isn't the greatest of all time ... but he's one of the greatest shooters of all time. Yeah, he pinned a clown suit on LeBron James and acted like a real villain lying on the side of the court, but there was no denying that he was fantastic, as was Kevin Durant. They went 16-1 in the playoffs -- sparing LeBron the shame of sharing Kareem's sweep record -- and established themselves as being one of the greatest teams to ever take the court.

Oakland drops the ball with this team. I get that you have to call them Golden State to appease the San Francisco market, but to me you have a city desperate to improve its reputation, and probably half the kids in America watching haven't a clue where Golden State is. Even the Kings admit to being from Sacramento. Then again, they might want to tamp down on the riots before making a name change.

Can people in America stop rioting over sports? In other countries, people riot over things like not getting enough food off the back of a U.N. truck. Here, some guy sinks 39 points, holds up a trophy and people go berserk all night. Why does a championship mean you have to destroy cars and light couches on fire? Enough with the couch fires, America.

So sorry, Mike ... Jordan may not be the best ever, but the lack of parity in the NBA shouldn't overwhelm the fact that there's great basketball being played. So enjoy. Just don't riot.

*Mark Vasto is a veteran sports-writer who lives in New Jersey. (c) 2017 King Features Synd.,*

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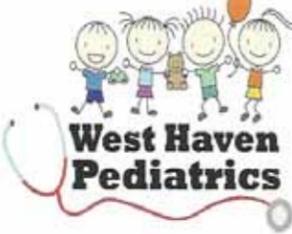
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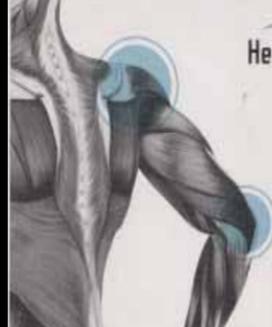
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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

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*We need lights.*

**Dear Lights:**

I have been informed by Francis Withington, Officer of Complaints, that Public Works Director, Dominic Perrotti indicates this should be accomplished in two weeks."



**TURKINGTON**

Dear Eleanore Turkington: The West Haven VA Hospital entry on Campbell Avenue is unsafe for pedestrians, particularly disabled veterans entering the campus.

At the four-way intersection, there is only one crosswalk and though it has two walk signals, one is obscured by foliage. A safer solution would be four crosswalks and corresponding walk signals that gives preference to pedestrians.

*Safety Conscious Pedestrian*

**Dear Safety:**

Once again, I have to thank Francis Withington, Officer of Complaints in West Haven, for promptly responding to your question. His reply, "I am forwarding this complaint to Sgt. William Ciccocanti of the West Haven Police Department for investigating and evaluating."

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

If a neighbor has grass growing way beyond accepted length, what can I do? What are the regulations in West Haven for such disregard of property?

*Really Annoyed*

**Dear Really Annoyed:**

I did some research on blighted residences in our city. The following information may be helpful to you and my readers:

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C The presence of dead, decayed, diseased or damaged trees constructing a height or danger to adjacent premises or the occupants thereof or to public property on persons lawfully thereof.

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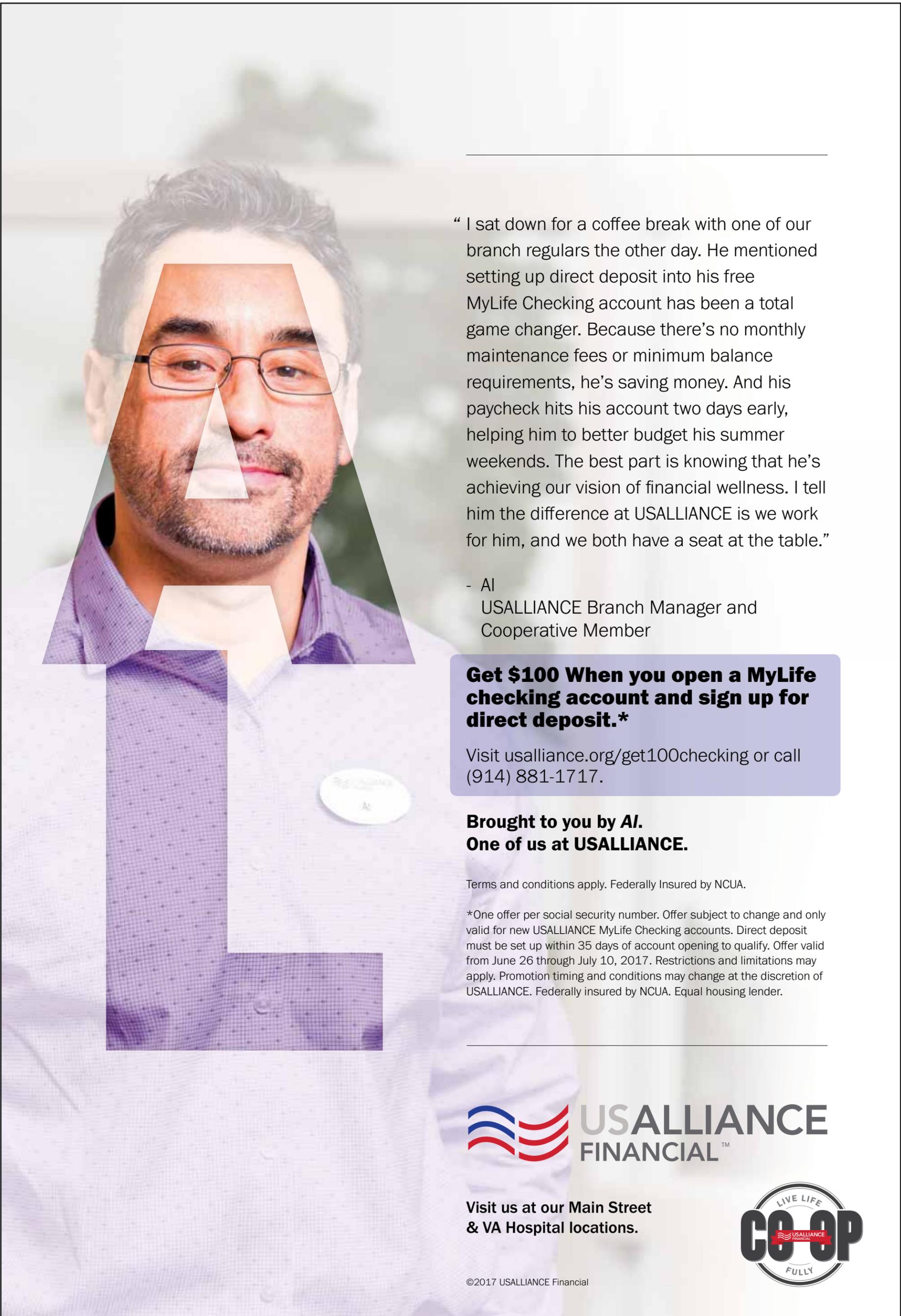
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