



## Honor and Respect

The William Soderman Bowl, pitting the West Haven Blue Devils against the Notre Dame Green Knights was played Friday night at Ken Strong Stadium before a throng of thousands. The game gets its name honoring the city's only Medal of Honor winner William Soderman, and takes special care to

honor those who have served the nation in the armed forces. Members of the West Haven Vietnam Veterans of America were the honorees this year. In a salute that would put some adults to shame, student-athletes honored their guests and the flag prior to the contest.



Photos courtesy of WHCH

## Fun Walk

The West Haven Community House sponsored its annual Fun Walk and Family Day at Savin Rock. Teams traveled the course along the walk/bike path in support of the programs carried out by the agency. Several sponsors were on hand, including the New Haven Regional Water Authority that offered a water break during the weekend's unusually hot and humid weather.



Destiny Smith, age 18 months, of the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., sees pumpkin picking on tap for the weekend.



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# Iannucci-Hendricks city's prima donna

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

The West Haven Columbus Day Committee will honor its "prima italiana" at the city's 19th annual Columbus Day Celebration.

Grace Iannucci Hendricks, the granddaughter of immigrant grandparents from the Campania capital of Naples, Italy, will receive the committee's Italian-American of the Year award Oct. 6 at City Hall.

Accompanied by Italian music, members of the West Haven Italian-American Civic Association will escort Iannucci Hendricks to the steps of City Hall at 11:30 a.m. for her special recognition.

The award is given annually to an Italian resident, or couple, who epitomizes service in the city's robust Italian-American community.

"I am honored and proud to be named West Haven's Italian-American of the Year," said Iannucci Hendricks, a long-standing member of the West Haven Italian-American Ladies Auxiliary. "It gives me great pleasure to accept this award, as I am proud of my heritage."

Iannucci Hendricks will fete the Italian navigator and observe her ancestry with scores of her closest friends and relatives, along with a passel of dignitaries and descendants of folks from the old country clad in red, white and green.

In the late 1800s, overcoming hardship and strife through the values of faith and family, Iannucci Hendricks' grandparents left their homes in southern Italy seeking a brighter day in the U.S., with her paternal grandparents eventually settling in West Haven.

In the adventurous spirit of Christopher Columbus, Iannucci Hendricks' grandparents, like so many other immigrants, are a testament to the American dream.

Columbus, a son of Genoa and an experienced seaman, set sail aboard three Spanish ships across the Atlantic Ocean in the summer of 1492, a bold expedition that pushed back the boundaries of the known world and opened up a new continent for future generations.

Mayor Edward M. O'Brien, whose Italian lineage runs on

his mother's side of the family, praised Iannucci Hendricks, a longtime Westie with a passion for Italian music and opera, for her "enduring and inspiring good works in shaping the life of our community."

"As we commemorate the daring legacy of Christopher Columbus and his intrepid voyage 525 years ago, we pay tribute to the millions of Italian sons and daughters who pursued the young explorer's route to the New World in search of a better life," O'Brien said. "We also acknowledge the incalculable contributions of Italians like Grace Iannucci Hendricks to the character, culture and vibrancy of our nation and our city."

O'Brien will present Iannucci Hendricks, a parishioner of St. Lawrence Church and former president of its Mother's Club and St. Theresa Ladies Guild, with a citation recognizing her "selfless devotion to West Haven and its deep-rooted Italian-American community — noble qualities that epitomize the city's top 'paisana' of the year."

She will receive an Italian flag from Paul M. Frosolone,

president of the Italian-American Civic Association, and Josephine Matera, former president of the Italian-American Ladies Auxiliary, as well as a jacket embroidered with her new title, Italian-American of the Year, from O'Brien.

The event will include remarks from city Corporation Counsel Vincent N. Amendola Jr., the master of ceremonies, and Italian musical selections by Vinnie Carr.

The Rev. Eric Zuniga, parochial vicar of St. John XXIII Parish, which serves St. Lawrence, St. Louis and St. Paul churches, will offer an Italian blessing. Members of West Haven High School's Bel Canto Choir will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner," followed by a rendition of the Italian national anthem by Liz Levy and a greeting from O'Brien.

A lunch will follow in the basement conference room of City Hall, 355 Main St.

Iannucci Hendricks was born in New Haven in 1931 to Salvatore Iannucci, a supervisor at the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. in the Elm City, and the former Rose Zingarella, a homemaker who also

toiled part time at Winchester during World War II.

After moving to West Haven in 1940, Iannucci Hendricks and her eight sisters and three brothers were brought up in a single-family home on Sumac Street in West Shore.

A graduate of Stiles Elementary School, she attended the old West Haven High School on Main Street and earned her GED diploma in 1974.

Iannucci Hendricks was employed as an office clerk at the Armstrong Rubber Co. on Elm Street in West Haven and worked at the Connecticut Savings Bank on Church Street in New Haven. She was also an administrative assistant for the Democratic registrar of voters and a paraprofessional for the Board of Education in West Haven.

Iannucci Hendricks' propensity for community service includes sitting on the board of directors of the West Haven Community House and the board's Fundraising and Head Start committees. She is also a member of the agency's Head Start Policy Council and Personnel and Fund Develop  
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## 2017 West Haven Apple Festival

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**1:15 - Stratus, 1:45 - Vinny Carr, 3:00 - Clockwork, 3:45 - Off the Hook,**

**5:00 - John Ciambriello, 6:30 - Sister Funk**

**Sunday Oct 1 - Noon - Studio G, 12:30 - Milford Performing Arts, 1:00 - Simply Dance,**

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**5:00 - Chris Lavery**

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# Hendricks: *Named Columbus honoree*

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ment committees. Her dedication to the Community House was rewarded in 2011 with the Pauline Lang Exceptional Board Member award. Iannucci Hendricks was a 10-year member and secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners and served on the pension board. She is a member of the Ward-Heitmann House Museum Foundation.

Iannucci Hendricks is the widow of James Hendricks, a war-horse of the city's Democratic Party who died in 2001. The couple raised their four daughters — Kathleen Hendricks, Patricia Carney, Rosemary Turcotte and Theresa Palluzzi — on Union Avenue in the Center. Sadly, Carney died in 2008.



GRACE IANNUCCI HENDRICKS



Photo courtesy of WHCDC

## Taking a look-see

Christian Ramirez, and Sofia Williams-Bautista, both three-year-olds at the West Haven Child Development Center, look over the garden as harvest time comes around. The agency is housed at the Savin Rock Community Center.

Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

# WRITE IN

# ED O'BRIEN

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# Dear Felicia

Ho boy, it's an amazing thing about politics in this berg, honey, things git telegraphed before they happen and last week was a perfect example of it. The city was jest getting settled into the new reality concerning Nancy Rossi's win over incumbent Mayor Edward M. O'Brien when the rumor got started that hizzoner and his entourage were going to pull a play outta John Picard's playbook and go for a write-in vote on Election Day.

Lo and behold, come last Thursday afternoon word came that an "invitation" had been sent to various parties in the local senior housing centers and that "transportation" would be provided to those who wanted to see hizzoner make a major announcement.

Lissen, I ain't Sherlock Holmes, and I don't look good in a deer-stalker cap, but I didn't need to be or wear either. The rumors, evidently at that pernt, were turning out to be true. And, surer than the

sun rises in the East, hizzoner gave an impassioned speech about how the city cannot afford two years with either Nancy Rossi or Dave Riccio.

Seems to me that was said about himself four years ago, when John Picard pulled the same tactic. But roles were reversed. Rossi played the beleaguered and betrayed Edward O'Brien of four years ago. In fact, the statements might've been recycled from statements made four years ago. It was really like living a nightmare all over again.

Hizzoner insists the only way the city can avoid disaster and continue to "move forward" (I'm beginning to hate that phrase) is by giving him another two-year term. Effen that don't happen, the seas will cover us, the world will be a darker place, and history as we know it will cease to be. No, he didn't say that, but he might as well have. That's what they all say.

Rossie was like the betrayed

spouse who was told all the bills had been paid, but then has a repo man at her door. She said the mayor lied, and all that talk about being a son of the Democratic Party was fertilizer.

She's upset that she was lied to, but not because she's been betrayed. She knows this puts a new face on the election come Nov. 7. A three-way race is not something any candidate wants to face. There are too many things that can happen in a two-way race and they are doubled in a three-way ballot.

Of course, the wag came in t'other afternoon and had no good thing to say about either of them, but said effen there is anyone who can't complain it's Rossi. She has been all over the Democratic Party map over the last decade or so, and is the only person I know that has angered all three factions of the party with one exception - and her name has two r's and two l's in it.

Let's jest face it, whether it's mayor or dog catcher, once they git the taste of the office it's not somethin' they wanna give up easily.

Power is a heady thing and even in a backwater like this one, having jest that much more authority over something is the reason they git into things like politics. Yeah, yeah, spare me the "help the people folderol."

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Sammy Bluejay is convinced the big winner in this new scenario is David Riccio...and he might be right. It was jest a day or two ago someone who shall remain nameless but we both know very well said that this race is getting to look like 1989 all over again. That was a race that Demmies would rather not remember effen they have half a chance.

The party was kind of in disarray. The Sal Guerra administration had ticked off Allingtown with its talk of selling lotsa land on Front Avenue, including Quigley Stadium. There was a big protest at the Stadium and hundreds showed up.

From that pernt on, Guerra, who had hoped the revamped Ken Strong Stadium complex was gonna git him elected was in trouble. It led the way for Clem Evangeliste, the Republican candidate, to win the election and have one term that decimated the city, and put a big black mark on the party that it's still trying to erase. That was the administration that put us really in the hole. Guerra passed a budget with about \$100,000 in the contingency fund - a paltry sum even by standards back then - and two years later, Evangeliste passed a budget that put us \$17 million in the hole.

Today, O'Brien hoped the Atwood and Haven would put him in the good graces of the voters, as well as passing a bond issue to pay off the longstanding debt. Well, to my knowledge those bonds haven't been sold and people are

worried about a new tax increase and the city getting shafted by the state if and when it finally comes up with a budget.

Riccio has a chance, but he has to come up with a plan and program that will put the taxpayers in a comfort zone they haven't been in a long time. It's going to be an interesting six weeks.

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Nelly Nuthatch sez that whilst everyone is convinced the city will come out alright when the state finally passes a budget, they still have their eyes focused up in Hartford. Ysee even though the GOP budget was passed in the dead of night last week, His Excellency Dannel Malloy has promised to veto it as too cut-filled. He sez he likes some things in it.

Meanwhile, the state is going onto the fourth month of the fiscal year and no budget is in place. There are some deadlines, but who is to say the boys and girls up in the capitol have any chance of passing a budget soon. There is more sanctimonious talk of paying for services, and more pious expressions of helping the little guy, but it's the little guy who's gonna end up paying - one way or t'other.

Our editor, who thinks the state needs some hard medicine like the GOP budget, told me that he was riding with a state worker in a car this weekend and the budget came up. Effen the state worker was expecting sympathy he didn't get it. The pension was mentioned, and our editor said something to the effect, "You never should have had it." That ended the conversation toot sweet.

How this is gonna end up is anyone's guess, but the cities are starting to feel the squeeze elsewhere. You can imagine how tight the squeeze is here.

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I haven't mentioned it in a while, but is anything gonna happen over on Beach Street? I told yew about three weeks ago a canvas had been put around the former Captain's Galley, probably in prep of it being demolished so a new construction can go up. The other two places, however, the former Chicks and the former Debonair Motel have been languishing throughout.

It don't look as if the properties are ever gonna git sold or renovated or replaced. It might be time to put the squeeze on the owners at least in the matter of the Debonair. They said they canvassed the neighborhood four years ago to find out what can go in there, and the only thing that's happened is the place was boarded up.

I'll close this time till next, mitt luff und kizzez,

*Cobina*

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### Tears Fall Down wins best punk band in Poll

City musicians Melody McCarthy, 14, John McCarthy, 16, and Cesar Jain, 16, pose like rock stars recently after winning best punk band in the 2017 CTNOW Best of Hartford Readers' Poll for their group, Tears Fall Down. The band, together for more than seven years, has played concerts and festivals up and down the East Coast. The trio are performing at the 14th annual Apple Festival at 1 p.m. Saturday on the Green. For booking information, call Cathy McCarthy at (203) 996-5576.



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# PROTECTING US ALL

The University of New Haven has added a new police officer to its force. On September 1, Mayor Edward O'Brien swore in University of New Haven Police Officer Michael White. Officer White joins the police department after twenty years of service with the New Haven Police Department.

Welcome Officer White.



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## Write-in candidacy repeats scenario of Campaign 2012

The future I envision is one where we celebrate our rich diversity and the rejuvenation of our wonderful city! It is one in which businesses thrive, property values increase, taxes get cut, jobs come back, streets stay safe, beaches are clean, and one in which our city is the envy of New England. When people talk about West Haven, they're going to say, "This is where I belong!" That's what we're working for, and I know you believe that this is a future worth fighting for!

This vision and this future, is why I am formally declaring my write-in candidacy for Mayor of West Haven!

For the second time in recent history, a defeated candidate in the city's Democratic Party primary has asked for the voters of the community to write-in his name on Election Day. It was four years ago a defeated John M. Picard determined he would put his name in as a write-in candidate in a last-ditch effort to topple eventual winner Edward M. O'Brien. The city's Republicans had put up a candidate, but it was not expected he would draw too many votes.

O'Brien won, but not before Picard gave him a difficult time.

At the time Picard made his announcement O'Brien's campaign decried the move as a renunciation of the voters' will and betrayal of the party. Picard, meanwhile, defended his move as one that would continue to "move the city forward," against the O'Brien camp, which would move the city in a direction that would return the city to an earlier, and more backward, direction.

Here we are four years later, and as Yogi Berra was once heard to say, "It's déjà vu all over again." Taking his cue from Picard's playbook, Mayor O'Brien has called the possibility of a win by primary winner Nancy Rossi or, much worse, Republican David Riccio, a move backward. It is his vision that must be preserved in order for the city to thrive.

Rossi, for her part, is playing O'Brien's role from four years ago, and calling her erstwhile primary opponent deceitful and ignoring of the will of the voters. Riccio, meanwhile, is working for his own victory and letting the internecine problems within the Democratic Party to play out.

Stripped away from all its visionary language and manufactured outrage, this move is just another manifestation of the tripartite split within the city's majority party that has existed for more than seven decades in some form or other. Over the last 30 years, especially, that split (with the exception of the one-term Republican Clemente Evangeliste), has seen power seesaw between the factions, with one faction facing off against the other two.

When it comes to the Democrats' factionalism, it really boils down to who controls what. While the city languishes, the main focus is in who controls the spoils of victory. We hope for something different this time, but see nothing to alter the patterns of recent history.

The voters will make the decision. Picard spent many dollars and much time trying to recapture the mayor's office, and came close.

We do not know the war chest or the campaign strategies any of the candidates plan in this three-way scenario. However, here are some things we hope to see over the next six weeks leading up to Nov. 7:

- How each candidate hopes to lead the city over the next two years?
- What their main focal points will be in that time, and with specificity?
- Definitive time frames for development and completion of any projects;
- A plan for balancing the city's budget;
- A plan for reducing city costs and consolidation of services.

The voters of the city will decide. We hope over the next six weeks real solutions to the city's problems will be offered. Rossi has won her party's nomination and must now turn from attack to leadership mode. Mayor O'Brien must not only defend his record, but convince people the city will be better off two years from now. Riccio must offer a program of change with new vision and new solutions.

The next six weeks should be interesting, and, if we know this city, not without its surprises and political intrigue. But now is about the next two years.

We hope to hear something exciting and new.



## A 'Handmaid's tale' is bunk

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

Donald Trump, much to his chagrin, never won an Emmy for "The Apprentice," but he can now take indirect credit for a clutch of the awards.

The Hulu series "The Handmaid's Tale" just won eight Emmys, a sweep fueled, in part, by the widely accepted belief in liberal America that the show tells us something about the Trump era.

Based on the 1985 novel by Margaret Atwood, the series depicts a misogynist dystopia. Christian fundamentalists have established a theocracy that -- after an environmental debacle craters the birth rate -- forces fertile women, called handmaids, into sexual slavery.

Set in contemporary America, the show combines the atmosphere of "The Scarlet Letter" with "1984." It is bleak, plodding, heavy-handed and occasionally gripping. What has given it extra oomph is the trope that it is relevant to Trump's America. This is a staple of the commentary, and everyone involved in the show's production pushes the notion.

The series is indeed highly relevant -- as a statement on the fevered mind of progressives.

The president doesn't want to impose his traditional sexual morality because, for starters, he doesn't have any to impose. His critics are mistaking a thrice-married real estate mogul who has done cameos in Playboy videos with Cotton Mather. He isn't censorious; he's boorish.

"I thought this could be a great cautionary tale," director Reed Morano says of the show. "We don't think about how women are treated in other countries as much as we should, and I guess I thought this would raise awareness." Fair enough. "The Handmaid's Tale" does have something to tell us about, say, Saudi Arabia. But, in an uncomfortable fact for Christian-fearing feminists, none of the world's women-hating theocracies are Christian.

Elisabeth Moss, who won an Emmy for her portrayal of handmaid Offred, warns of "things happening with women's reproductive rights in our own country that make me feel like this book is bleeding over into reality."

What this means is that Republicans want to defund the

nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, and roll back Obamacare's contraception mandate. If they succeed, this would mean less government intervention in matters of sexual morality, rather than more.

The progressive mind is unable to process that it has won the culture war in a rout (except for abortion, where conservatives are trying to chip away at our extremely liberal laws at the margins). We live in a country where Christian bakers get harried by government for politely declining to bake cakes for gay weddings, yet progressives still believe we are a few steps away from enslaving women.

According to Atwood: "If you're going to get women back into the home, which

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# Letters

## Rossi takes issue with points made in O'Brien's recent letter

The Sept. 7 edition of the *West Haven Voice* contained a letter from Mayor O'Brien trying to defend his fiscal record by blaming others.

The truth is that when Mayor O'Brien took office in 2013 the General Fund had a deficit of (\$7,776,649). The 2016 audit showed the General Fund had a deficit of (\$16,736,064.00). The General Fund is the fund that shows the results of the city's operations. The General Fund has the budgeted amounts for Revenue and Expenses. If the revenues are greater than expenditures, there would be a surplus. If the expenditures are more than the revenue, as is the case with all Mayor O'Brien's budgets, there is a deficit. The other funds the mayor mentioned are meant to fluctuate and he uses to confuse the reader. Mayor O'Brien has not balanced a budget and each budget had a larger deficit. He has more than doubled the deficit in three years.

Mayor O'Brien goes on to say that department heads instituted a 5 percent budget cut and positions were left unfilled. Again the truth is he filled positions and that he has budget expenditures increases in each of his budgets.

Mayor O'Brien stated he

states, "Issuing deficit bonds allows some breathing room for our city finances and improves cash flow." He goes on to state the then City Council and myself rejected the plan. The truth is Mayor O'Brien never presented deficit bonding during my time on the City Council. What was proposed was a refunding package, that included skipping debt payments, increasing the terms of the bonds, and increasing the amount of interest that would have to be paid in the future.

The refunding plan he put forward kicked the can down the road and would have cost the taxpayer's money! The City Council did approve a part of what the mayor proposed, a bond refunding that actually kept terms the same, no skipping of payments, and a lower interest rate, which saved taxpayers \$1.7 million!

Mayor O'Brien totes as an accomplishment the passing of the balanced budget ordinance, which I agree, was a good ordinance but needs some teeth. The problem and bottom line is--he still has not produced a balanced budget!

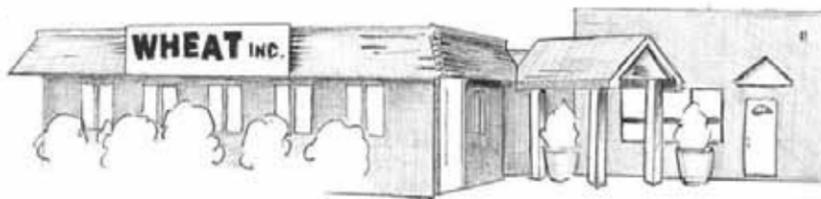
Mayor O'Brien's economic development plan historically appears for a few weeks before a primary and disappears after an election. The Haven

project, which I support and voted for, was handed to him with a signed commitment from the previous mayor, yet four years later nothing is happening there except blight! There is absolutely no

excuse for this project not to be completed. The previous City Council, myself included, worked together and passed six motions unanimously to clear the way for the Haven Project. I want to discuss the

issues truthfully and transparently. Mayor O'Brien's record shows he has not been truthful and has failed the City of West Haven and our residents.

**Nancy Rossi**  
*Democratic Nominee*



## Volunteer Open House At W.H.E.A.T.

West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce – W.H.E.A.T. –  
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will be having an open house on **Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
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## Lowry: *Emmy winner* a nonsense story

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some people still firmly believe is where they belong, how would you do that? All you have to do is remove the rights and freedoms that [women] have fought for and accumulated over the [past] 200 years."

Yeah, that's all you have to do. Atwood doesn't explain who, straw men aside, actually wants to do this, or how they'd go about it. She wrote a book that, despite her intentions, has become a cautionary tale about how sophisticated people lose their minds.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*  
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## Small business comment ignites O'Brien campaign

While the decision to go into Nov. 7 as a write-in candidate was settling in, the two former Democratic Party opponents continued their war of words this week.

Mayor Edward M. O'Brien, who decided to put his name into the mix on Election Day, accused the Rossi campaign of being "condescending" in a recent press statement said by the now-endorsed candidate.

The focus of this week's intramural battle is a statement made by Rossi in the wake of her Sept. 12 win. O'Brien took umbrage at the remark.

"Last week Nancy Rossi remarked to the press, 'Do they want a jewelry store owner...or do they want a certified public accountant to take care of their finances?'" said O'Brien. "Whether it's a jeweler, a baker, or a restaurant owner, small business owners are the backbone of West Haven's economy. For Nancy Rossi to imply that these individuals are not qualified leaders is disrespectful and absurd, and she owes every small business owner in our city an apology."

Rossi said her criticism was not of small business, but one particular business owner.

"I have nothing but respect and admiration for all of our West Haven business owners. My issue is that Mayor O'Brien has yet to balance a budget and under his two terms in office has put West Haven at the brink of insolvency.

West Haven now has the second lowest bond rating behind Hartford and is the only municipality in the state with a negative budget reserve (\$16 million). If our business owners ran their businesses like Mayor O'Brien runs the City of West Haven they would not be in business long," she said.

As far as her relationship with the city's business community, she expects it to be a forthright approach.

"I want to work with our small business owners and all of our West Haven businesses to help them improve and expand to create more local job opportunities. This issue has nothing to do with local business and everything to do with Mayor O'Brien being an incompetent mayor," she said.

Meanwhile, the Rossi campaign has announced it will not run any candidates on the third-party line that was established earlier in the campaign. Rossi's campaign petitioned for a third-party line under the name, "A Better Choice" last month.

According to Rossi campaign Chairman Michael Last the necessity for it no longer exists.

"The independent option was a contingency plan. If there were problems with the petition certification process, we would have a backup plan. We respect the result of the primary and want to unify the party. We have invited the successful candidates to join our endorsed Democrats."



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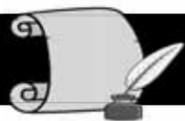
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## Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

Nothing in his 11 years could have prepared the boy for this moment: There was his grandpa--wearing the suit that he always wore at Christmas and Easter--only it wasn't Christmas, and it wasn't Easter.

Father approached him smiling, but this didn't seem like a time for smiles. And he couldn't understand how the smell of flowers could be so strong in February.

Grandpa looked like he was tired, and he looked like he was sleeping, but why was he wearing his glasses? A rosary was carefully arranged across his hands--hands which had always trembled as a result of Parkinson's disease. The boy looked at those hands for a long time; they seemed so still now.

The rest of the family had not yet arrived, and mother was off talking with someone, so the boy sat alone with his father; and father began to speak.

"Son, there's a lot that you never got to know about your grandpa, so maybe I can tell you a little bit about his life while we're sitting here. Grandpa was born in 1896, and he grew up on Peck Avenue. His father and mother had come here from Ireland. When he was 15 Grandpa went to work as a blacksmith's apprentice on the New Haven Railroad, building bridges and things. When he was 19, he left the railroad and went to work over at Winchesters. He took the trolley to work each day, and he never owned a car.

"When he was 21, the United States entered World War I, and the day after war was declared, he enlisted in the Army Air Service. He was sent to France, and helped build an aerodrome--kind of a military airport--in a meadow near Paris. Once that was finished, the men in his outfit began to fly in double-winged planes known as biplanes. Each plane, called a SPAD, had a pilot in the front, and a second man in the back, to navigate the plane and fire the machine guns. Your grandpa was the man in the back seat. Their job was to protect the soldiers on the ground. The war ended a year later, and grandpa came back to West Haven.

"A few years later, he married your grandma, and eventually they bought a house on Union Avenue. They had two sons: your uncle Ed and I, and they were married for forty years.

"So, after the war, your grandpa went back to work for the railroad, again as a blacksmith. One day, when he was riveting a bridge, he lost his grip and fell onto the railroad tracks. As he was fall-

ing, he hit one of those overhead wires and broke his neck. There he lay, across the tracks, until an ambulance came and they took him to New Haven Hospital--what we call Yale-New Haven Hospital today. Because his neck was broken, he had to lie in a hospital bed with his head between sand bags for a whole year, so that the bones could heal properly. And when he was able to work again, he couldn't work as a blacksmith anymore.

"By this time, the Great Depression had begun, and many men were out of work. But your grandpa was a hard worker, and very good with his hands, so he got a job fixing up the houses that the banks had repossessed. One day, when I was just a boy, I watched him put down the most beautiful hardwood floor in one house, and--"

"Dad, what does repossess mean?"

"I'll explain later," father said, for now people had begun to enter the funeral home, and father had turned to greet them. That night, as the boy laid in bed, staring at the ceiling, his father entered the room.

"Having trouble sleeping, son?" "Uh-huh. Why did grandpa have to die?" "Well, son, your grandpa loved your

grandma a lot, and when he found out that she was very sick and that she wasn't going to get better, I think it just broke his heart, son--it was just too much for him to bear. He died the next day. Sometimes God calls us to be with Him because it's the only way."

The next morning was the funeral Mass, followed by the procession of cars, making their way from St. Lawrence Church to the cemetery.

It was bitter cold at the gravesite. They were met there by a priest, who read to them from the Bible, and by a group of soldiers, who raised their rifles and fired them into the air, which startled the boy. After that, a uniformed bugler played a familiar tune, one that spoke to the boy of bedtime at summer camp, in a cabin next to a lake in the woods. And it spoke to him of happy days and starry nights. But now it just sounded sad, as the bugle's mournful notes rolled out across the cemetery. What was it about that tune that had changed? Around him, the boy began to hear sniffles and sobs, and wondered why his family was crying, and he wasn't. He looked up at father, and saw that he wasn't crying either, and he wondered what it must feel like to lose your father.

That night, he lay in bed, staring at the ceiling again. To him, grandpa had just been a tired old man with a halting voice and tremors in his hands--a man who spent a lot of time in his easy chair. Now, the boy saw him as a young man, full of daring, building iron bridges with hot rivets,

and flying in an aeroplane that was made of wood and canvas, high above the fields and trenches of France.

Grandpa had been sixty-eight years old when he died. As sleep finally overcame the boy, he tried to imagine himself as an old man, and wondered what 68 might feel like.



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### Riccio speaks to group

Republican candidate for mayor David Riccio speaks before a meeting of the West Haven Chapter of United Seniors for America at 544 Campbell Ave. Riccio, who faces Democrat Nancy Rossi and incumbent write-in candidate Mayor Edward M. O'Brien on Nov. 7, discussed several city topics, including the high school, taxes, revitalization of the Center, and the city's future.

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# Around Town

## SRC Fair

ROCKin' the Holidays Festival at Savin Rock Community School is looking for vendors, crafters and artist for their fair! Savin Rock Community School is located on 50 Park St. The festival will held on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rent six feet of space for \$25. It is a juried selection, if you are interested in obtaining an application, or have questions please contact - Taryn Driend at (203) 931-6850 or email Taryn at Taryn.Driend@whschools.org. All applications must be in by Oct. 6, to be considered.

## College Fair

West Haven High School will host its annual "College Fair" on Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 6:30-8 p.m., in the gym. Anyone in the community interested in college opportunities are welcome to attend this important event. There will representatives from local and nearby colleges and career institutions as well as the military. More than 90 College will be present.

## NARFE confab

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees As-

sociation monthly meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 2, 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 Angela DeLeon, Crime Prevention Specialist, People's United Bank, who will speak on common scams against the elderly. Her presentation will include tips on how to be a savvy and safe shopper. Info: www.narfe.org.

## Vendors needed

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.

## Used Book sale

The First Congregational Church, 464 Campbell Ave., will host the monthly Used Book Sale, White Elephant Sale, SERRV Shop and Clothes Closet in conjunction with the Apple Festival on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. until 4

p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 1 from noon until 4 p.m. All those who are enjoying the activities on the Green are invited to come inside the church to grab some bargains. There are a large variety of used books, household items at reduced

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## Italian Night

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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

There are two ballfields at Morse Park are lit up every night of the week with no one using the ballfields. These lights use massive amounts of electricity at great costs to West Haven taxpayers. Can

something be done about this situation?

*Budget Conscious*

**Dear Budget Conscious:**

According to Carrie Malangone, "The President of the WHLL indicated the lights are on until about 8:30 p.m.

during the week for fall ball. No games are being played on the weekends. Some lights are required to remain on for safety purposes.

If the lights are the ones to remain on 24/7, this is for the safety of anyone who enters the park after hours and need to be left on.

Malangone continued, We try our best to lock everything to keep people out of the park after hours, but if there is a will, there is a way."

Malangone can be contacted at [cmalangone@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmalangone@sbcglobal.net) with an update of the two ball park lights at Morse Park.

Dear Eleanore Turkington: The left signal from Derby Road to Forest Road is staying red/not changing. Traffic is forced to run the red light here. Can this condition be improved?

*Red Light Runner*

**Dear Red Light Runner:**

West Haven's Complaint Officer, Francis Withington received your gripe and forwarded it to Catherine A. Watras, P.E. Transportation Engineer, Connecticut Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Engineering. "The traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. Route 1 and Route 122 (Campbell Avenue) is still in the construction phase under



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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

There is roaring traffic on Ocean Avenue in spite of speed traps. Can't something be done about this?

*Scared*

**Dear Scared:**

Francis Withington, West Haven's Complaint Officer notified the West Haven Police Department of your Ocean Avenue speeding gripe. Although Ocean Avenue is a state road, Withington has asked our Police Department to touch bases with State Road officials for assistance here to curb the high speeding activities on this street.

**Coming up:** Seth Haley School street parking...illegal parking on South Street...beach erosion...graffiti on retaining wall between South and Tyler Streets... as well as graffiti at 78 Sawmill Road on the train trestle, bridge support and bridge...garbage on Ocean Avenue ...illegal parking on the even side of Washington Avenue...damaged tree at the corner of Anderson and Thomas Street...Morse Park children's swing.

State Project 158-170.

According to the Department's District construction engineers, the contractor is already aware of the issues of Route 122 northbound drivers having a partial view of the U.S. Route 1 northbound indications adjacent to the left turn signal head as shown in the attached email.

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# Westies topple ND, 34-14

The West Haven football team won its first, two contests on the road and returned home on Friday night to host cross-town rival Notre Dame in the annual Soderman Bowl at Ken Strong Stadium. The Blue Devils were able to get on the board first when Kyle Godfrey capped a drive with a 1-yard run to put the Westies up 7-0 with 4:23 left in the first quarter. After the West Haven defense made a big stop on a fourth and two at their own 17-yard line, Chris Chance ripped off a 65-yard touchdown run with 10:09 left in the half to increase the lead to 14-0.

The Westies' defense did it again when it came up with another stop on a fourth down at the West Haven 8-yard line with 5:30 left in the half. On their next possession, the Green Knights hooked up on a 37-yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to 14-7 with 2:54 left. The Blue Devils had a quick answer for the Notre Dame score with an 83-yard kickoff return by Kyle Godfrey 15 seconds later to make it 20-7. Latrell Best then picked off a Knights' pass and gave the Westies another chance in the waning moments of the first half but, the Blue Devils' drive stalled and the teams would head into the locker rooms at 20-7.

The Westies increased their lead to 28-7 with a Chris



Photo by Russ McCreven

**Jimmy Lanziero (56) paves the way for Chris Chance in Friday's 34-14 West Haven win over Notre Dame. The Westies won the 34-14 game and host Bassick on Friday night.**

Chance 4-yard TD run and a Zach Conlan 2-point conversion with 6:54 left in the third quarter. The Green Knights came back with a drive culminating with a 2-yard run to make it 28-14 with 2:48 left in the third quarter. Notre Dame then recovered an onside kick on the ensuing kickoff and were in business once again. The Green Knights drove down the field but, the West Haven defense did it again and stopped the Knights in

the red zone again with a huge stop on fourth down on the West Haven 4-yard line with 11:14 left in the game.

The Westies were able to drive down the field and put the icing on the cake with a Zach Conlan 12-yard touchdown run with 6:28 left to make it a 34-14 final and help the Blue Devils hoist the Soderman Bowl trophy for the second year in a row. The Blue Devils used an effective ground game racking up

377 yards rushing behind the tandem of Chris Chance 141 yards and two touchdowns and Kyle Godfrey 123 yards and two touchdowns.

This week, the Westies host the Bassick Lions at 7 at Ken Strong Stadium.

The girls soccer team was looking to get back on track last week with a trip to Middletown to face the Mercy Tigers on Monday afternoon. The teams battled in the first half and remained scoreless

because of the efforts of Alycia Morales and Madison Barbieri. With 19:35 left in the first half, Morales charged out and made a diving block on a shot. The ball ricocheted toward the box and was cleared by Barbieri averting disaster.

The Tigers did take advantage of an opportunity in the second half to make it 1-0 9:55 into the half. After the Westies had their only quality chance of the game that was deflected

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Photo courtesy of Todd Dandelske

## Player of the Week

West Haven junior Irene Ronan (20) is the Vio's Sports Plus/Westie Blue Player of the Week. Ronan has been a consistent player for the Westies as the team looks to get on track. Read about Irene on the Player of the Week page at [www.westieblue.com](http://www.westieblue.com). For all your sporting news all season long, including game articles, photos, videos, statistics and more, visit [www.westieblue.com](http://www.westieblue.com).



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# WestieBlue in touch By Mike Madera

If the West Haven girls volleyball team is to get going this season, it will have to turn to its senior leadership. That leadership responded Monday evening.

Behind the play of Megan Paterson, Lexi Burzynski, Marianne Loo, Alyanah Bonilla, Tenzin Tsokey, and Danna Tortal, West Haven picked up its second win of the season with a 3-1 victory over North Haven at West Haven High.

The Westies improved to 2-5 with the 10-25, 25-18, 25-23, 26-24 victory.

"We got off to a really

rough start, but we turned it around in the second game and pushed through to win three in a row," West Haven coach Kate Coldren said. "This win feels really good. I saw a lot of hard work, heart, and enthusiasm tonight. We put it all together and played like I know we can. I am beyond proud of the team effort that I saw."

Paterson was superb all evening as she ran the offense, allowing the Westies to win the final three games. The senior had one dig and one block defensively, but stole the show

offensively with 32 assists.

Burzynski also chipped in defensively with two digs and one block, but made her impact with six kills. Tortal was solid on defense with five digs, Loo and Bonilla each had an ace and two digs, and Tsokey had one ace, one kill, and one dig.

Junior Nancy Tapia was solid with nine kills, seven digs, and four aces, Irene Ronan had nine kills and three blocks, and C.C. Condon played well defensively with six digs. Veronica Lynn added four kills, and Skylar Serenson chipped

in three kills in the win.

"Nancy (Tapia) and Irene (Ronan) dominated at the net," Coldren said. "All my hitters played smart and placed the ball very well, and they couldn't have done it without the consistent sets from Megan (Paterson). Our defense had a tremendous game tonight. They were confident and determined to not let a ball drop. C.C. (Condon), Danna (Tortal), and Nancy (Tapia) led the team on defense and serve receive. Everyone did their job and did them well."

Prior to the win over North

Haven the Westies had suffered their fifth loss in six matches with a 3-0 loss to Hand of Madison Friday evening. The loss dropped West Haven to 1-5 on the season. "We got off to a slow start in the first game, but by the second game, we were playing pretty well," Coldren said. "Unfortunately, we couldn't quite come up with the plays we needed to get a win."

West Haven got going late in the game and could not catch up against the Tigers. Ronan continued her solid play with six kills and four blocks, while Loo added six digs. Paterson continued to run the offense well with 14 assists, while Tapia had four kills, four digs, and two blocks. Burzynski added five kills, two aces and two assists, while Tortal added three digs and two aces. "Marianne (Loo) had a really good night in the back row," Coldren said. "She read the hitters well and worked hard to not let a ball drop. Irene (Ronan) had another solid night at the net. She is our most consistent hitter and blocker and continues to make a positive impact on this team."

The West Haven volleyball team got in the win column in the fifth match of the season. Behind the play of Burzynski and Ronan, the Westies cruised to a 25-12, 25-12, 25-4 victory over Career last Wednesday evening at West Haven High.

Ronan continued her solid play with six kills, while Burzynski had four kills and four aces in the win.

"Irene (Ronan) and Lexi (Burzynski) did a great job at the net and hit around some pretty big blockers, and found the open spots on the court," Coldren said. "Veronica (Lynn), Lexi (Burzynski), Megan (Paterson) and Tenzin (Tsokey) had some good runs at the service line and served tough at Career. Passing and setting were also more consistent and that's very important to our success."

West Haven controlled the match from the start, winning each of the first two games by 13 points.

The Westies then closed the contest with a dominant third-game victory.

"It was a solid team effort and we played at our level," Coldren said. "Our goal going into the game was to play with as few unforced errors as possible because that has been a continued problem. We were going to stay focused on every point and every play and not let any mistakes distract us. I think we did a very good job of that. We had a few too many service errors, but we're still working on it."



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# Westies: Sheehan, Prep shutout Devils

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away by the Mercy keeper, the Tigers got an insurance goal with 8:45 left in the game for the 2-0 final. Morales made 10 saves between the pipes for West Haven.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Blue Devils spotted the Foran Lions an early 1-0 lead when the Lions capitalized on an opportunity just 3:36 into the game. Kelsey Gilmore was able to get the Westies even with 27:48 left in the first half when she took a pass and was able to send the ball past a diving Lion keeper to knot the game at 1-1.

Betsy Magana finished with eight saves, including a huge save with 19:16 left in the first half to keep the game tied. The teams would battle to a scoreless second half and settle for the tie.

On Saturday night, the Blue Devils hosted the Branford Hornets at Ken Strong Stadium.

The Westies could not manage a shot on goal in the first half and it took a diving save by a charging Alycia Morales with two seconds left in the first half to keep the game scoreless. In the second half, the girls had a couple of chances with 20 minutes left but could not capitalize on the opportunities. Morales came up with another big stop with 16:23 left to keep the Hornets off the board.

The Blue Devils would have one, more chance but Taylor Nowak was denied with 1:46 left in the game and the teams ended the game in a 0-0 deadlock. Alycia Morales made six saves in goal for West Haven.

This week, the Westies headed to North Haven on Monday night and finish the week with a game in Wallingford against the Lyman Hall

Trojans on Friday at 3:45.

The boys soccer team is struggling to find its identity and had a tough week with three losses. On Monday evening in Ken Strong Stadium, the Westies were shut out by the Sheehan Titans 2-0. The Titans took a 1-0 lead on a penalty kick with 4:05 left in the first half and that would be all they needed in the win. Sheehan added an insurance goal with 3:57 left in the game. Saul Novoa made eight saves in goal for West Haven.

On Wednesday evening, the Fairfield Prep Jesuits also shut down the Westies in a 5-0 victory.

The Jesuits took a 2-0 lead in the first 20 minutes of the game and did not allow a West Haven shot during the first half. Fairfield Prep would add three, second half goals to breeze to the victory. Saul Novoa stopped seven shots between the pipes for the Blue Devils.

On Friday evening, the Blue Devils traveled to North Haven and were able to get back on the scoreboard with two goals but, the Indians put up four of their own to defeat the Westies, 4-2.

The Indians scored two goals in the first half to take a 2-0 lead. Matt Ffrench was able to get the Westies on the board to cut the lead to 2-1 but, North Haven responded to reestablish their two goal lead at 3-1.

Aldo Barragan scored for West Haven to get the boys back within one but, the Indians responded again to make it a 4-2 final. Saul Novoa finished with three saves in goal for the Westies.

This week, the boys hosted Career/Hillhouse on Monday and host the Hamden Green Dragons on Saturday at 7.

The volleyball team traveled to Guilford on Monday and was swept by the Indians 3-0. Megan Paterson had nine assists, Veronica Lynn had five kills and Nancy Tapia had seven digs to lead the Westies.

The Blue Devils hosted the Career Panthers and left little doubt in gaining their first win with a dominating 3-0 (25-12, 25-12 and 25-4) victory. Lexi Burzynski led the Westies with four aces and four kills while Irene Ronan was strong on the net with six kills.

In the third set, the Blue Devils used great serving, including an 8-0 start behind the serving of Megan Paterson to set the tone.

The girls finished their week with a trip to Madison to face the Hand Tigers on Friday afternoon.

The Tigers pounced on the Blue Devils, handing them a 3-0 loss. Megan Paterson had 14 assists, Irene Ronan had six kills and four blocks while Marianne Loo contributed with six digs.

This week, the Westies hosted the North Haven Indians on Monday, traveled to Lyman Hall on Wednesday and host the Sacred Heart Academy Sharks on Saturday at noon.

The boys cross-country team dropped its meet on Tuesday in Middletown against Xavier 20-45 and Cross, 19-44 but was able to defeat Career 15-50 behind the strong finish of Sebastian Villanueva, who finished just five seconds off

the pace in second place with a time of 18:19.

Villanueva was able to sprint the final 100 yards to overtake a Cross runner in the final strides to secure his second place finish. Michael Palma, James Weber and Hunter Axelrod all came in just over 22 minutes to help the Blue Devils.

The girls cross-country team was defeated by Mercy 15-50 and Cross 17-43 in Middletown on Tuesday.

This week, the boys and girls participated in a meet at Eisenhower Park on Tuesday against Foran, Hillhouse, Fair-

field Prep and Luralton Hall.

The girls swim team was defeated by Sacred Heart Academy on Tuesday 97-79. In individual events, Jillian Doherty won the 100 freestyle relay, Madison Hobart took the 100 backstroke and Anya Celmer was victorious in the 100 breaststroke.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Megan Falanga, Nicole Gaston, Sabrina Accioly and Alana Orecchio was also victorious.

This week, the girls traveled to face Sheehan on Tuesday and host the Lyman Hall Trojans on Thursday at 3:45.

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# CT Pest tops Tigers in Youth Soccer action

In the CDG Girls Division, CT Pest Elimination defeated H& R Block Green Tigers, 3-1. The Tigers were led by Maryorie Hernandez, Maryangle Cruz, and Nada El Mouki with one goal each. Sarah Monti played a great in goal for the Tigers.

In another game in the CDG Division, the Connecticut Pest Control Dragons, defeated the Stars Ice Cream, 4-3. The Dragons were led by Caydance Hill and Nada Elmoyki with 2 goals each. Maryorie Hernandez and Sarah Montiel played well sharing duties in goal.

The Oyster River Energy Rockers won their game, 2-1, over the H & R Block. Both goals were scored by Juliana

Mancini. Emily Pruitt worked the goal with 16 saves.

In the GB Division, GB3 played GB, losing, 5-3. For GB3 team, Josiah Soto had a great overall performance with a goal. Alexander Jones and Nylah O'Gilvie played well for the Orange Tigers.

In action in the FG Division, Cappetta's Italian Imports Red Emojis put up a good fight against the Apple Rehab Orange team this weekend, despite an 8-3 loss.

Meanwhile in the CD Boys Division, the Green Knights played an excellent game on Saturday as they defeated the Maroon team by a score of 11-3. Myles Ligon scored 7 goals, Joseph Lakaj had 3 and Saifallah Salih scored 1. The Green

Knights' Jonathan Cervantes, Isiah Hampton, Seon Lora and Santiago Rios held the defense together and helped secure the win.

In another CDB game, the Red Bulls lost to CDB3, 6-5. Great soccer skills were on display by Stephen Paul and David Christiansen. Seth Laudano and Adam Boulguid were outstanding on defense, chipping in on the other side of the ball.

The Elite Soccer Camps U-12 girls travel team played two games this weekend, winning both. On Saturday, the girls traveled to Southington, winning, 6-2. Isabelle Nagle, Cynthia Burns and Ava Murphy all played a great game on defense, while Abigail Phelan

created a few scoring chances for the Westies, scoring one and setting up her teammates on a few others. Brooke Flaherty scored as well. Brooke Throm and Josephina Lakaj also played a very strong game.

On Sunday, the girls hosted Oxford and won, 6-1. Summer Krajcir was strong on defense and in the midfield.

Camryn Flaherty anchored the defense, and Camryn Beauvais opened the scoring with the first of her two goals. Olivia Trenchard and Ariana Izzo dominated the midfield, and Sofia Derosa played well in goal.

The West Haven U-11 girls Lightning travel team traveled to Hamden on Saturday,

and came away 2-0 winners. Niamh Chesson and Sophie Mazuroski were stellar on defense, while Ashlynn Trenchard hustled in midfield and drew the foul that set up Jaylyn Powell's free kick goal. Etta Funke passed well, including the pass that set up Alexandria Nunes' goal late in the game to secure the win for the Westies.

The West Haven U-11 girls Thunder team played home against Orange on Saturday, and won, 2-0.

Ciara Harp picked up both goals, and Jasmine Trigueros and Amyah Kelly also played well. Jayden Braaker and Llyanna Griffith-Waite stopped a few Orange plays to preserve the win for West Haven.

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The West Haven Squirt A travel hockey team split a pair of games this weekend. On Saturday afternoon at the Northford Ice Pavilion, the Westies faced Yale Squirt AA and lost a close game, 4-2.

Yale jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first four minutes, before the Blue Devils got back in the game. Sean Studley found Dylan Bosworth at the blue line and the defenseman's blast made it 2-1.

Thomas Porto fed Zach Goetze two minutes later and Goetze buried the breakaway to tie the game at two.

The game remained tied throughout the first and second periods. Yale regained the lead with just over seven minutes to go with a short-handed goal, then added another in the final minute for the final margin of victory. Jacob Silva was solid in net for the Westies.

On Sunday, the Blue Devils traveled back to the Northford Ice Pavilion to face the Greater New Haven Warriors A1 squad. The Westies rebounded for a 6-4 win.

Goetze opened the scoring on a breakaway with Porto assisting before GNH tied the game at one just before the first intermission.

The Westies took control of the game with three goals in the second period. Goetze went five-hole in the first minute of the period with Brady Price getting the assist. Price then buried a one-timer with a nice feed from Porto.

Ethan Kelly knocked in a loose puck after Bosworth's shot to give West Haven a 4-1 lead heading into the final period. GNH scored early to close the margin to 4-2, before Price gave West Haven another

three-goal lead with a wrist shot from Porto. Price then deflected Bosworth's shot to Porto, who knocked the puck in for the final West Haven tally.

The West Haven Squirt B travel hockey team continued its strong play this weekend with two wins over the Ridgefield Lions.

On Saturday, the Westies got their fourth win of the season in a 13-5 victory over the Lions. Cameren Lipford led the charge for the Westies with six goals and an assist. Gavin Coady recorded a hat trick and an assist as well.

On Sunday, the Westies recorded their fifth win of the season with an 11-0 victory. Coady showed the Westies the way with four goals and an assist, and also scoring for the Westies was Lipford with four goals.

Tyler McColgan, Fanelli and Consorte each had a goal as well. Contributing with assists were Iversen, Fanelli, Jack Francis, Luxeder and Michael Riccelli.

Maddex Lafountain was a brick wall for the Westies on Sunday as he posted his first shutout of the season.

The West Haven Peewee A travel hockey team improved to 5-0 with a pair of wins this weekend.

The Westies opened the week with a 6-2 victory over Southeastern Saturday morning at the Edward L. Bennett Rink in West Haven.

Mickey Dowd led the way with three goals, Jayden Spreyer and Dave Brown each added a goal and an assist, and Nolan Cole had two assists in the win. Brendan Smith made 14 saves in the win, including six in the opening period

when Southeastern mounted heavy pressure.

Dowd gave the Westies a 1-0 lead when he scored off assists from Sean Bosworth and Cade Simone with 3:11 left in the opening period. Dowd picked up his second goal 5:07 into the second when he picked up a rebound of Brown's shot.

Southeastern evened the game after two periods with the next two goals, but West Haven scored four times in the third to pick up its fourth victory of the season. Colin Deane scored the eventual winner when he scored in front off assists from Spreyer and Cole, before Cole set up Spreyer in front 2:57 later for a 4-2 advantage.

Brown went the length of the ice for an unassisted goal with 7:53 to go, and Dowd completed the hat trick with 2:34 left with an unassisted goal.

West Haven picked up its second win of the weekend with a 9-1 home victory over Enfield Sunday morning. Deane led the way with two goals and an assist, Brown had two goals, Cole added a goal and two assists, and Spreyer, Simone, and Dowd each had a goal and an assist.

Spreyer gave the Westies a 1-0 lead 5:43 into the game off a rebound of Deane's shot, Brown scored off assists from Dante Hardt and Shane Repetto 37 seconds later, and Cole set up Deane with 6:01 left. Simone rounded out the first

period scoring with 4:08 left off an assist from Dowd.

Leading 4-1 in the second, Kyle Dronney scored off an assist from Hardt, Dowd scored off assists from Simone and Michael Madera, and Cole increased the lead to 7-1 just 4:07 into the third. Deane scored off an assist from Spreyer, and Brown scored off an assist from Cole late in the game for the 9-1 final.

The West Haven 14-U travel hockey team went to Norwich on Sunday to play Southeastern and lost a tough 4-3 decision.

The Westies started strong as Anthony Peschell opened the scoring off passes from linemates Joey Honcz and Adrien Fielosh. That goal was quickly followed when Michael Kelly netted the next goal with an assist from Nick Boanno to

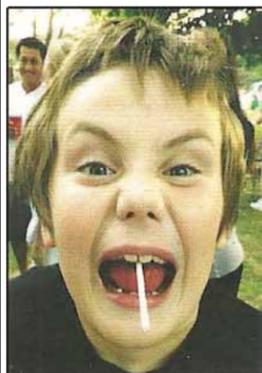
give the Westies a 2-0 lead just three minutes into the game.

Southeastern answered with the next three goals, before Ryan Smith tied the game for West Haven early in the third period with assists going to Joe D'Aurio and Fielosh. The tie did not last long as Southeastern scored last and hung on for the win.

The Westies pressured the Southeastern net minder late but could not get the tying goal. Joe Crisci made several key saves for West Haven.

The West Haven U-11 girls Thunder team played home against Orange on Saturday, and won, 2-0. Ciara Harp picked up both goals, and Jasmine Trigueros and Amyah Kelly also played well. Jayden Braaker and Llyanna Griffith-Waite stopped a few Orange plays to preserve the win.

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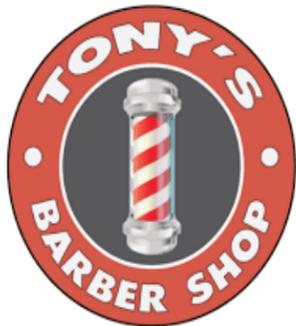


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Running Back Trysten Dos (22) stiff-arms a defender for a long gain as the Seahawks beat Warwick (RI) 28-0 to remain unbeaten.

## 'Hawks top Warwick

The West Haven Seahawks enjoyed another successful day at home, marking the halfway point of the regular season.

The Junior Peeewe team improved their record to 3-1 with a dominating 42-14 win over the Warwick Patriots (RI). Quarterback Nick Conlan rushed for two touchdowns and added an extra point conversion to lead the offense. Avian Evans, Nysir Harris, Aedan Coe and Joe Capella each scored touchdowns for the Hawks.

The Peeewe team (4-0) beat the Warwick Patriots (RI), 28-0, to remain unbeaten. Quarterback Jayden Roby connected with Jahzire Massey for a touchdown pass and Connor Holy, Carson Hill and Tyrell Mosley added rushing scores in the Seahawk victory. A physical and stingy defense was led by Deven Robinson, Gavin Kanlong and Trysten Dos.

The final game of the day under the lights had a feel of a high school game and pitted two unbeaten teams against each other.

The West Haven Junior varsity team (4-0) beat the Stratford Redskins (3-1) by the score of 26-12 in a hard-fought contest. Running back Tymaine Smith scored a rushing touchdown in the first quarter to give West Haven a 6-0 lead.

The score was tied at the half 6-6. Seahawk Pearson Hill returned the second half kickoff 79 yards to give West Haven a 12-6 advantage and all the momentum they would need. Khani Wright returned an interception for a score and Hill added another score late in the game for the win.

Donovan Davis and Cameron (Jo-Jo) Winder led the defense with 10 tackles a piece. Bryson Robinson, Christian Lewis, Brandon Stanford and Xavier Kearny also played great defense.

The Mighty Mite team had the day off. The Seahawks will travel to the Milford Eagles this Sunday for important divisional matchups. For more information please visit [www.westhaven-seahawk.com](http://www.westhaven-seahawk.com).



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