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Debate turns lively

Byram: Tesei, Blankley trade barbs during final showdown before election

By Neil Vigdor
Staff Writer

Republican First Selectman Peter Tesei and his Democratic challenger, John Blankley, saved all of their venom for the final debate of the fall campaign at the Byram Neighborhood Association

Thursday night. An incumbent in his second term in the town's highest office, Tesei characterized his political foe as a control-freak whose unilateral approach to governing would be ill-suited to building consensus the way Tesei

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Board of Selectmen candidates debate Thursday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Byram.
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JULIAN CURTISS SCHOOL



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Alekzander Gislason, 6, a first-grader at Julian Curtiss School, and his father, Steindor Gislason, wear Viking helmets during the "Parade of Nations" celebration at the school Thursday. Alekzander carried Iceland's flag during the ceremony. Below, student Jahirah Cole, 6, carries the flag of Dominica during the celebration.

Parade celebrates diversity

By Lisa Chamoff
Staff Writer

As a 15th-generation American, Kathy Chatteraj can trace her ancestors back to Massachusetts before the country was founded. The roots of her husband, Partha, stretch to Calcutta. Their daughter, Maya, a first-grader at Julian Curtiss School, represented India on Thursday in the school's 21st annual "Parade of Nations." The event is a celebration of the school's diversity,



with students marching under the flags of families' countries of origin. In all, they represented 61 nations. Many of the students' parents are recent immigrants or first-generation Americans. "It's a way for us to teach her where she's from," Chatteraj said of the event. "She gets to recognize that part of her heritage. Plus, she gets to wear the costume." The annual parade was created in

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ONLY IN PRINT

What's in town's storm water runoff?

Let's consider the impact a 30-gallon diesel fuel and transmission fluid spill had last Friday morning on the watershed in which Old Greenwich is situated.

The relatively small leak resulted from a traffic acci-

dent in heavy rain on Interstate 95 at about 2:30 a.m. A few hours later, as your intrepid reporter was walking to the train station, the air around Binney Park reeked of kerosene, and a scummy film coated the skating

pond. People living along the creek on Center Drive reported burning eyes and noticed the same scummy surface layer on the water.

Six days later, the fuel smell was still easily detect-

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BOB HORTON



Greenwich girls continue winning ways

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

After Irene, BOE hopes for mild winter

By Lisa Chamoff
Staff Writer

After losing the first three days of school to Tropical Storm Irene, the Board of Education began discussing changing the calendar for the 2011-12 school year.

School Board Chairman Steven Anderson said at Thursday night's meeting that he has taken a look at what some other Fairfield County districts did after storm damage provided some early "snow days."

"In short, everybody's holding their breath," Anderson said. "The vast majority are sticking with the school calendar as is and trying to be flexible."

Superintendent Roger Lulow looked back at the number of snow days taken in the past two

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BUSINESS

Vacant commercial building reborn

Sal Scalisi, a pharmacist in Glenville, is showing his confidence in his community by buying and rebuilding a commercial building that last was the home of a Pizza Hut about three years ago. The project should be done later this month. He already has two tenants and is looking for a third.

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NEGLIGENCE CASE

Couple's suit against hospital progresses

A state Superior Court judge in Waterbury heard arguments this week in the suit a couple filed against Greenwich Hospital in January 2010 for its handling of a drug-addicted surgeon. The case probably will not go to trial until 2013, court officials said.

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