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Centennial fireworks a blast!

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

Gail Hande flipped a light switch to launch the West Haven Centennial Fireworks on Friday.

The moment Hande flipped the switch, fireworks blasted off Bradley Point and exploded over Long Island Sound, dazzling the all-ages crowds along West Haven's 3 miles of public beaches with a display of brilliant lighting and booming sound effects.

The 25-minute pyrotechnics show was presented by the City of West Haven Centennial Celebration Committee and the Savin Rock Fireworks Committee.

Hande, of West Haven, was accompanied by her husband, Rich Hande, for the event on a portable stage in front of Savin Rock. She was also joined by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, fireworks committee co-Chairwoman Sandy McCauley, radio personality Brian Smith, the master of ceremonies, and the evening's entertainment, singer Kathy Thompson of the Kathy Thompson Band.

Hande was among dozens of supporters who purchased a \$10 centennial lawn sign and was entered into a raffle for a chance to flip the switch to launch the fireworks, billed as "They Will Be Heard on the 3rd."

Hande's name was drawn in the raffle at the Aug. 28 centennial concert. She and her husband also dined on burgers and hot dogs under the fireworks committee's hospitality tent before the display.

Rossi, the centennial committee's honorary chairwoman, greeted the Savin Rock crowd before turning it over to Smith and Hande.

"Is everyone having a good time?" Rossi asked the crowd, which responded with an enthusiastic "Yes!" and

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Photo by Andrew Kosarko

Gail Hande, third from right, flips a light switch held by Savin Rock Fireworks Committee co-Chairman Sandy McCauley to launch the West Haven Centennial Fireworks off Bradley Point on Friday. They are joined by, from left, master of ceremonies Brian Smith, singer Kathy Thompson of the Kathy Thompson Band, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Hande's husband, Rich. See more photos on Page 19.

Postponed concert at Grove tonight

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The Doobie Brothers tribute concert performed by What a Fool Believes is now slated for 7 p.m. today in Old Grove Park.

The concert was postponed from Sunday because of rain.

Billed as "a Doobie Brothers experience," the two-hour show will cap the Centennial Concert Series as part of West Haven's 100th anniversary festivities.

The concert, presented by the City

of West Haven Centennial Celebration Committee, is part of a six-month series of free events commemorating the community's 1921 birth and its incorporation by the General Assembly as Connecticut's youngest municipality, said Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, the committee's honorary chairwoman.

The tribute band will celebrate the Doobies' 50th anniversary, performing such timeless hits as "Listen to the Music," "Long Train Runnin'," "China Grove," "Black Water," "Takin' It to the Streets," "What a Fool Believes"

and "Minute by Minute."

"Six of the Northeast's top professional musicians have pooled their talents, years of performance experience and their love of The Doobie Brothers to become the very best Doobies tribute show in the country today," the band said in a statement. "Inspired by the Brothers' superior songwriting, What a Fool Believes delivers powerful harmonies and a fun-filled, high-energy performance covering a catalog of Doobies hits spanning both the Tom Johnston and Michael McDonald

eras."

The show is co-sponsored by the West Haven Veterans Council and West Haven Vietnam Veterans.

A row of food trucks will serve up eats and sweets on Palace Street.

The concert will join a long list of special events observing West Haven's secession from Orange a century ago, including the Centennial Boat Parade in June, the Centennial Savin Rock Festival in July and the Centennial Fireworks on Friday. The rural

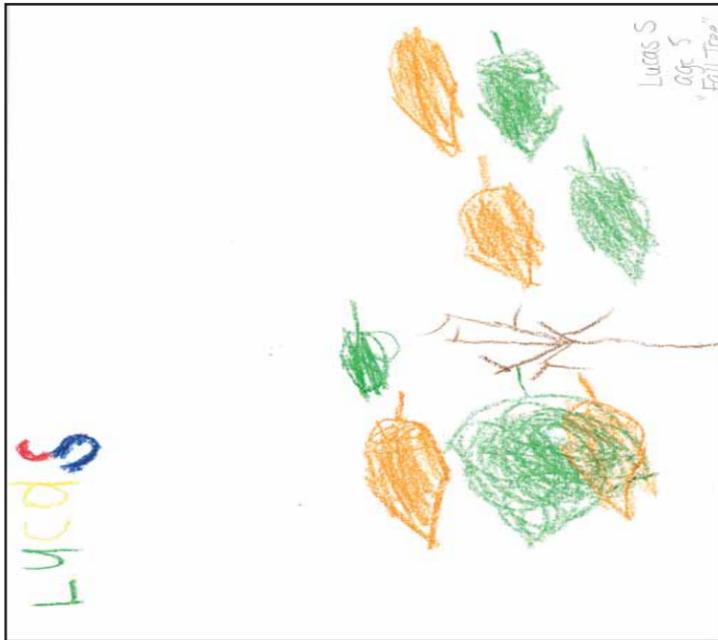
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Lucas Slater, age 5, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., is getting ready to view the fall leaves!

On this Date

2015 -- Queen Elizabeth becomes longest reigning British monarch. She broke the record set by Queen Victoria, who ascended to the throne on June 20, 1837, and reigned for 63 years, 7 months and 2 days.

2007 -- Manuel Noriega's sentence in the United States ends. Manuel Noriega, former military ruler of Panama, was released after 17 years of imprisonment in the US. He was imprisoned on charges of drug trafficking, money laundering, and racketeering.

2001 -- Unix Billennium is Celebrated. Unix time or Unix epoch, POSIX time or Unix timestamp, is a time system that measures the number of seconds since midnight UTC of January 1, 1970, not counting leap seconds. At 01:46:40 UTC on October 9, 2001, Unix time reached the billionth second timestamp.

1991 -- Tajikistan Declares its Independence from the Soviet Union. The Central Asian country had been conquered by Russia in the late 19th century. In 1929, the Tajik Soviet Socialist Republic was created as a constituent republic of the Soviet Union.



Photos by Michael P. Walsh

Rossi assesses Ida damage

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi on Sept. 2 assesses the destruction at Lake Street Beach off Ocean Avenue caused by heavy rain from the remnants of Hurricane Ida. The storm dumped 6.27 inches of rain in West Haven on the night of Sept. 1 into early the next morning. Stormwater runoff carved out an estimated 40-foot-wide, 8-foot-deep valley in the beach. Rossi plans to work with state leaders to secure emergency relief funding to replenish the washed-out beach with new sand.

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Concert: *Weather moves event to tonight*

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and residential sections of Orange separated in 1921 when the residential part, West Haven, became the state's youngest town.

In the spirit of West Haven's birthday, committee Chairwoman Beth A. Sabo will sell centennial coins and lapel pins

at the hospitality tent.

All merchandise proceeds generated by the committee will offset expenses and support the \$50,000 centennial budget approved by the City Council, said Sabo, the city's commissioner of human resources. Milford vendor JOD Designs, a veteran-owned

screen printing company, will sell centennial and Savin Rock T-shirts. For other centennial merchandise, visit the official online store at <https://merch-webstores.com/West-Haven-Centennial/shop/home>.

The store, hosted by West Haven vendor West Shore Associates, sells such centennial-

branded merchandise as long- and short-sleeved T-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, stainless steel tumblers, stemless wine glasses, insulated beverage bottles, ceramic mugs, retro sunglasses, canvas and cotton tote bags, eco-performance face masks, and pigment-dyed

twill and mesh trucker caps. A portion of the vendors' merchandise proceeds will support the centennial account, Sabo said.

For a complete list of centennial events, see <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/343/Centennial-Events>.



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Dear Felicia

Well, Labor Day is gone, the fireworks have been boomed, the kids are back in school, and summer is now all but officially over. Cobina still gits a bit sad around this time o' year. When she was a young gal, as yew quite remember, it was cuz she knew school was beginning and the fun days of summer were behind her fer another year.

Now, it's jest that another season is gone in our long lives, honey bunch, and the days are getting noticeably shorter, and the sun angles have become more fall like. Before you know it, the snow will be flying, and the shovels will be out.

And, before yew git too dour about the season changing, there are two festivals coming up before things really start to turn toward fall: the Westfest on Sept. 18 that is usually on the Green, and is a town-and-gown collaboration

with UNH and the city; and, the Congregational Church hosts the Apple Festival at the end of the month. That can be either in the warmth of late September or the cold of early autumn. I remember that as being very cold a few years, and very warm in others.

Still, the Mystick Maidens of the Marsh had a grand ole time at the fireworks last weekend, as the firecrackers weren't the only thing that ended this centennial year with a bang. The gals were all hootin' and hol-lerin' and having a grand ole time. But we all know the fireworks ain't done yet. There's a primary that's gonna have some interest we are sure.

But before we git into that, this lit'le corner of the universe had its second major storm in as many weeks with the remnants of Hurricane Ida passin' through. And before you start crooning "Ida, Sweet as Apple Cider," ala Al Jolson, things

were quite something around here, I can tell yew.

Luckily, we didn't git the big flooding around here as they did upstate and in New Yawk. But, the famous railroad viaducts along Morgan Lane, Campbell Avenue and Washington Avenue filled up faster than a bath on Saturday night. Whenever those areas flood it kind o' cuts off parts o' the city from others, effen yew don't know how to woik around them, it could be quite an adventure.

Sammy Bluejay came by and sez that whilst the rain was quite something, we were lucky the wind didn't reach the levels the talking heads on the telly said they might. Frum whot I understand, trees were perty sturdy this time around. Yeah, a few came down, but nuthin' like other storms. And, we didn't have electrical problems – always a plus.

Still, some people had flooding problems cuz of the way their houses were constructed. We know of one family that got flooded out cuz water drained toward the domicile and cuz said domicile was on a slab and had no basement, the water went where it would – in the house.

Needless to say, with the temperatures seeming to cool off follying the storm, maybe we're through with the Hur-

ricane Season in these parts, but one nevah knows when it comes to New England. As Samuel Clemens was once heard to say, "If you don't like the weather in New England, wait a minute."

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Of course, Sammy wanted to talk about the storm, but he also wanted to talk about the coming primary. Cobina mentioned to Sammy the same thing she mentioned to yew last week, this primary has been a real dud when it comes to excitement. In past years we used to have stories of vandalism, signs being stole, etc. Now, I ain't lookin' for those days to come back, but these "Rose Garden Campaigns" as they were once called can be perty boring.

And, we know that the city's Demmies are split "in tre partes" so to speak, but in order for the incumbent to be unseated, one would think the challenger, in this case John Lewis, would be putting out releases and making statements as to why he, rawther than the incumbent, should be chosen to be the party nominee.

Unless Cobina's been asleep for a couple o' weeks – not that I wouldn't relish that idea – setch a thing has not happened. Still, yew know that the vote is probably gonna be somewhat close. Primaries are not the biggest drawing card when it comes to gittin' bodies to the polls. So, whomever gits the more bodies out, wins. We've seen some perty interesting results over the past few go-rounds. Heck, herroner's primary win over O'Brien in '17 was about as close as any we've seen. And, we've seen some perty close calls over the years.

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Nelly Nuthatch, meanwhile, wanted to talk about the GOP side o' things. Y'see, there was supposed to be a primary, and things seemed to be going along toward setch a thing when it was found out that one of Steven Mullin's petition sheets had an error, and it negated signatures. As it was, he only got six over the required number, and methinks I hoid 19 signatures had been disqualified. That meant he had to withdraw.

What remains now is whether the party will coalesce around Barry Lee Cohen. Nelly sez on the surface that seems to be happening, but then, no one is really sure.

It ain't no secret that Cohen is a rawther single-minded fellow with definite ideas. Yew can like him or hate him. He's that kind o' individual. He certainly ain't the vanilla-type candidate that the GOP has put out over the last several "election cycles." We shall see effen he can git a fire under people as we git toward the general election.

The one thing the lack of a primary did do was save the party from delving into its war chest – setch as it is – and save any

expenditures for the Nov. 2 election. That could be a difference in a few votes. Last time around, the party's coffers were emptier than Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard, and trying to git the message out was, er, difficult.

With Cohen, who can be strident, outspoken, and sometimes abrasive, the Republicans are getting a candidate that – to say the least – people can't ignore. And, over his foist term on the council he has brought some good ideas to the group, whether they think so or not. Remember, around here it's all about party labels. George Washington would have been ignored in this berg effen he didn't have the right label.

We shall see how things progress, won't we?

The person we feel sorry for in this whole mess is Colleen O'Connor. Who sez lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place? She got taken off the endorsed slate the night of July caucus by a technicality of people putting the wrong name down. And cuz of that she had to petition under Mullins in order to git back on the ballot when it was found out the GOP fudged up its filing dates. She kind o' got caught in the crossfire of the back-and-forth in the party.

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Tis hard to believe that it'll be 20 years since 9/11. Cobina remembers we were in the old office on Savin Avenue. It was a fine, sunny Tuesday. Our esteemed editor went up to see Grace Pardon, who ran a bookkeeping office in the building, and that's when he hoid about the first tower being hit. And then he saw the hit of the second one.

T'was quite a day, and quite a couple o' weeks. And it seems things have deteriorated since then effen yew git m'drift. Things haven't righted since then, and politics and others are getting more shallow and more strident. We remember those who were lost that day, and those who've been lost since, and we pray for 'em, Felicia. Sometimes that's the best thing we can do.

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People are still wonderin' why all these trees are coming down – even ones that are nowhere near power lines. Heck, there's tons of wood laying all over the place, and big trees are being cut down. It's a shame. Cobina ain't no tree hugger, but why healthy trees are being cut down is a mystery to these ole bones. We know the United Illuminating company is doing its trimming around power lines, but why are any number of trees getting chopped down like it's a logging party? As we asked last week, will Kelsey Avenue have trees left?

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With that bit o' chatter, I'll close this time till next, mitt luff und kizzez,

*Cobina*

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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I complained last year that there was no railing on the sidewalk that runs along the city hall driveway on the Campbell Avenue side.

The sidewalk is very steep. At that time, you said you contacted a person who would help. Nothing done.

I called the mayor's office a few weeks ago to complain. Does someone have to fall and sue the city before they do something? If you don't walk on the sidewalk and choose to walk in the driveway it is not as steep but dangerous. Cars and trucks use the driveway. You can get hit. There are railings in places that are not as steep. If nothing is done, the present mayor is not getting my vote.

*A Senior Citizen*

**Dear Senior Citizen:**

I have forwarded your complaint to Councilman William X. Conlon. To date, I have received no reply. And a word to all Councilmen and Councilwomen, I have a reference file containing every street in West Haven if you receive complaints from Gripe Vine and choose not to address them because they are out of your district, get back to me at [gripevine4wh@aol.com](mailto:gripevine4wh@aol.com), and I will take it from there. My reader's gripes are important and with your help, we can follow them to completion.

**Gripe Vine Readers:**

Last month, Gripe Vine received a complaint of very high grass on property on North Forest Circle. I also included a copy of local ordinances relating to unkempt, high grass and weeds on this street.

Peter Massaro, Councilman

for this area, was contacted for assistance with this problem. He replied, "I checked out the high grass on North Forest Circle. The property that was in question, a vacant house, with a dumpster alongside of it, was cut. But to let you know, I found another with uncut grass, and I turned it in to the blight officer. This house had people living in it."

As a reminder, readers, the fine for this offense is \$100 a day. The first offense there is a warning, and the second is a citation. If the violation is unpaid a lien can be put on the property. The grass or weeds may not reach eight inches or higher, excluding flowers, fruits, or vegetables.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

This is a problem that I think needs to be addressed by the city. The city should contact the owner of this very large, wooded lot on Stevens Avenue and insist it be cleaned up of all the dumped furniture and trash. It is blight and not addressing it the dumping is encouraged.

Mostly on my way to the VA I noticed the queen-sized mattress leaning into the woods and walkway to the overpass. The neighbors all do a great job trying to keep their properties well maintained.

I don't think this situation would be tolerated if it was happening on a wooded lot at the west shore. I don't think any neighborhood should have to tolerate this ongoing disrespect for our community. CCAC

**Dear CCAC:**

I have notified the Councilmen in this neighborhood, Councilwoman Trenee McGee and Councilman Mitchell Gal-



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

lignano for assistance and will publish their responses regarding this illegal dumping.

Meanwhile, I feel sure a city representative, after reading your complaint, will remove the dumped items.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I want to know when, if ever, the Morse Park Basketball Court will be ready for use.

The other courts have been painted and a perimeter fence installed, but no backboards or rims. I see the baseball and softball fields haven't tended to and used, however ours remains disfunction.

*BBFSports Fan*

**Dear Sports Fan:**

I have asked for assistance

with your gripe from Councilman William X. Conlon. His response will appear in my next Gripe Vine column.

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**Coming up:** abandoned couch on sidewalk...noise ordinance ignored...illegally parked cars near hydrants...speeding...and late trash pick-up

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## No one can be surprised

When we saw this story, we had only one question: Is anyone really surprised? We think not. A recent survey by the Morning Consult organization found a whopping 61 percent of Americans believe the country has “gotten off on the wrong track.” We are just surprised it took almost eight months of the administration of Joseph Biden to have people decide this.

And, before you think this is some right-wing think tank cooking the questions on the survey, think again. Morning Consult teams up with *Politico* in producing these surveys. One would be hard pressed to think of *Politico* as right of center – even slightly.

We suspect that 61 percent was probably leaning in that direction before this most recent survey, but the debacle in Afghanistan probably was the turning point, the proverbial “straw that broke the camel’s back.” The fact Mr. Biden bugged out of the country and refused to follow the guidance of his generals, the intelligence community, and security experts crystalized the plight the nation finds itself at the present time.

This was supposed to be a return to civility, normality, and international respect. What we got instead was a demented septuagenarian in the throes of cognitive decline. It was Barack Hussein Obama who told those around him, “Don’t underestimate Joe’s ability to f--- things up.” He’s shown his assessment was not far off. But don’t take our word for it, look at what’s transpired:

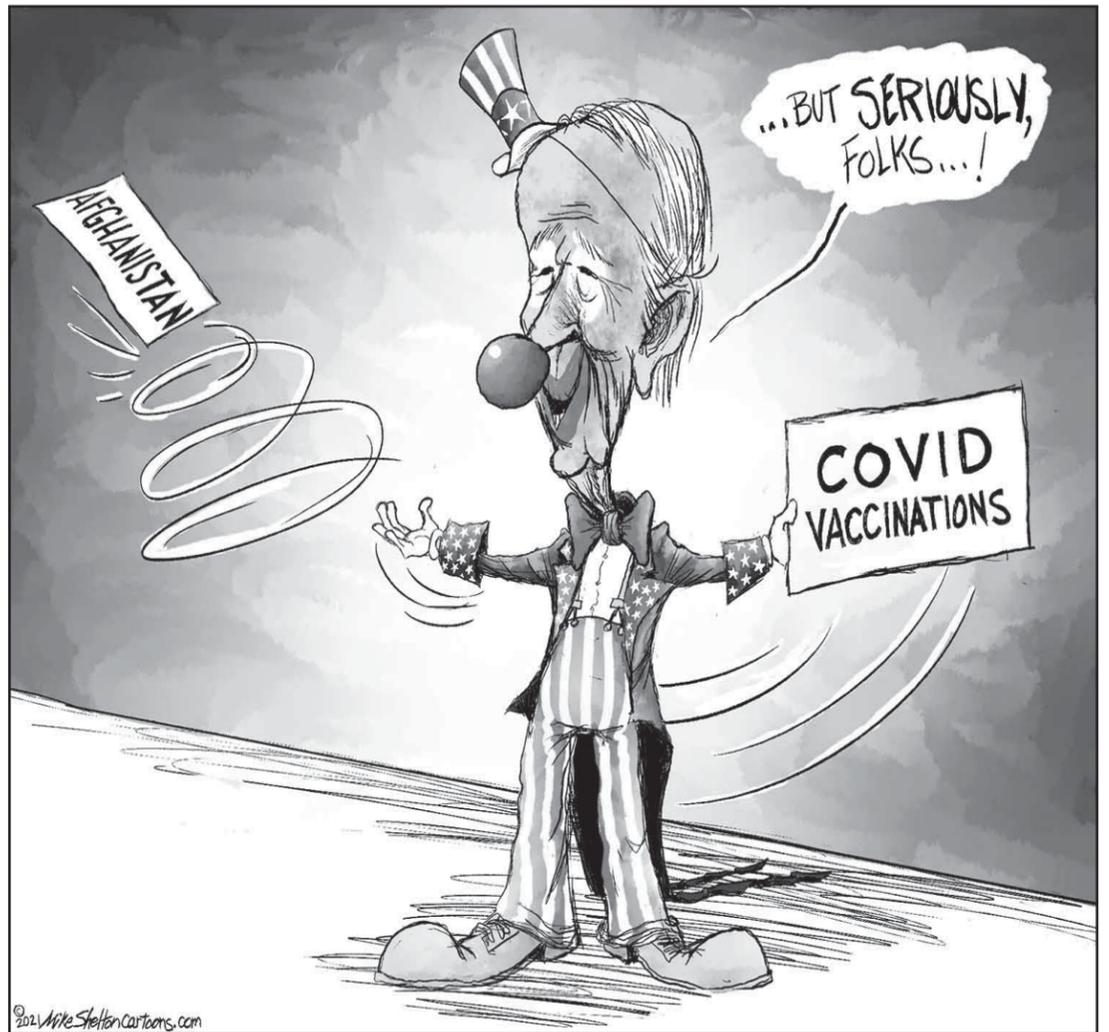
**The Border is out of control** – Since he took office, untold thousands of people have poured across the border, unvetted, unchecked, and unvaccinated. COVID restrictions put on Americans are ignored when it comes to illegal immigration. Children have been put into pens – remember when that was a bad thing? Meanwhile, states have had to take their own action to quell the influx.

**Inflation is at its worst since 1979** – Biden and the Democrats have pumped trillions of dollars into the economy causing American spending power to decline. On top of that enhanced unemployment have exacerbated the problem by making it more profitable to stay home than get a job. The proposed budget, which will languish thanks to moderate Senators in the upper chamber, threatens hyperinflation if passed. But these aren’t the only reasons inflation is high.

**Energy independence was mangled** – Under the previous administration the US became an energy supplier, not a buyer. For the first time in decades, we produced as much as we needed and sold the excess. Biden’s energy policies have caused energy prices to skyrocket. The increase is now 50 percent over last year and threatens to go higher. That makes everything more expensive and hurts the poorest of the poor and the middle class.

**Pandemic mismanagement** – While Biden spitballed Donald Trump’s approach to the pandemic, the current administration’s record is much worse. Politicizing the science, calling for mask mandates after touting the effectiveness of vaccines, and a condescending attitude toward those who dispute administration claims have all hampered efforts to curb the disease. A good chunk of the populace does not trust the administration or its “experts,” and for good reason.

These are just a few reasons people believe the country is on the wrong track. Given the administration’s incompetence so far, don’t expect it to right itself anytime soon.



## No, Joe, it wasn't a success!

By Rich Lowry

Syndicated Columnist

Talk about a catastrophic success.

The Biden administration wants credit for the Afghanistan evacuation as measured by the sheer number of people it flew out amid a security and humanitarian crisis of its own making.

This is the arsonist bragging about how many fires he has put out.

Those with memories that stretch past a couple of weeks ago will recall the halcyon days when a mass evacuation at a civilian airport exposed to suicide bombers and other attackers wasn't, according to Joe Biden, even conceivable.

Biden contributed to the collapse of the Afghan military by denying it air cover, gave away Bagram Air Base for no good reason, pulled out U.S. troops before our diplomats and civilians, drastically underestimated the gathering Taliban offensive, and then, caught unawares by the fall of Kabul, scrambled to jury-rig a desperate rescue that shouldn't have been necessary in the first place.

That the U.S. flew out more than 115,000 people out of Kabul is a testament to the awesome capabilities of the United States military.

It is not in any way a vindication of President Biden's exit.

The evacuation itself has been costly. Because we outsourced security outside the airport to the Taliban, our service members were forced to operate in dangerous conditions. A nearly inevitable attack last week killed 13 of them. That's the loss of more Americans in one day than were killed in action most years in Afghanistan since 2015.

Then, we failed by the most important metric. We left hundreds of Americans behind who wanted to leave, a squalid betrayal that was unfathomable before the Biden team began to try to prepare the public for it a week or so ago.

It's hard to imagine any prior American president, perhaps with the exception of Jimmy Carter, abandoning Americans behind enemy lines. Theodore Roosevelt mustered the naval might of the United States to save one American who had been kidnapped in Morocco in 1904. Barack Obama traded five Guantanamo detainees for Bowe Bergdahl in 2014.

Even Biden felt the impulse to get every last American out. He pledged to do it in his interview with George Stepha-

nopoulos. In order to keep his promise to the Taliban to get out by Aug. 31, though, he broke his promise to his countrymen.

We still don't know how many U.S. green-card holders, to whom we should also feel an obligation, have been left behind. And there have been reports that the Taliban was blocking our most deserving Afghan allies from getting to the airport, meaning the Afghans we got out weren't necessarily the most endangered.

Even if the evacuation had been flawless and complete, the underlying situation speaks of an abysmal failure. After 20 years, we lost a war to a Taliban that now controls more territory than it did on September 11, 2001. The Taliban hasn't renounced al Qaeda; indeed, the Haqqani network, a key element of the Taliban that has been responsible for security in Kabul, is closely allied with the terror group.

Biden talks bravely of launching counterterrorism strikes from “over the horizon,” but failed to secure a base in a neighboring country. We will have to operate from hours away in the Persian Gulf, even as our intelligence capabilities in Afghanistan are

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# Historian's corner By Dan Shine

**In The News, 1971**

By 1971, West Haven had entered its fiftieth year as an entity unto itself. In August, a sixteen day celebration took place throughout the city, including a parade with floats, a fairground midway at Morse Park that included rides, shows, an art show, a clambake, a contest between local rock bands, an anniversary ball and fireworks. "Hike For West Haven" covered a twelve-mile journey around the city and attracted hundreds of volunteer workers and thousands of participants. Even as all of this was taking place, the normal day-to-day events of West Haven continued to make the news:

In keeping with the 1963 mandate-by-referendum, the time-worn Savin Rock amusement area was razed in 1967.

In 1971 the redevelopment program for our shoreline had gotten off to a rocky and controversial start, continuing the seemingly endless controversy of how to put the best face on West Haven's shoreline. While initial plans called for a 4-6 acre "open space" in the area of Bradley Point and the Rock itself, this project, which lasted through 20 years and several adminis-

trations would ultimately give West Haveners a 40-acre public park and a vast expanse of open shoreline.

Early in the year, Mayor Alexander Zarnowski, who had been mayor since 1966 was rumored to be considering dropping out of the 1971 mayoral race. Eventually however, he did run for reelection against Bill Heffernan who defeated him in the November municipal election. Despite their differences, Zarnowski visited Heffernan at Democratic headquarters after the polls closed, congratulated him, and offered a cooperative transition of power. The newspapers characterized both contenders as excellent family men with sterling characters and noted that West Haven was the richer for their presence.

For many years, July 3 was the date for the West Shore Fire Department's annual carnival. Many of us can fondly recall the rides, the foods, the midnight fireworks and the friendships that were a big part of a child's summer fun.

John Onofrio, long time principal at Harry M. Bailey Middle School was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Fordham Univer-

sity in June of that year. His career began as a teacher at Noble School, First Avenue School and West Haven High School. He served as principal of Forest Elementary and Bailey Middle School, Assistant Superintendent of West Haven Schools, Deputy Superintendent of Schools and finally Superintendent of Schools, retiring in 1995 after his 40 year tenure.

Following the first Earth Day which had taken place the year before, a group of concerned high school student junior ecologists prepared a series of articles for the local newspapers, which expressed their concern for the environment, and proposed quite a number of actions which they hoped would be taken in order to clean up West Haven's neighborhoods, marshes and beaches.

Very early one morning in May, a home on Milton Avenue exploded and burned, killing one occupant, and leaving a lasting impression on the neighborhood, for blocks around. It was determined that a large quantity of fireworks had been stored in the home and that they were the cause of the explosion.

In November, former West Haven football stars, brothers

Vinny and Pete Sgro returned to the New Haven area as members of the University of Pennsylvania football team as that team faced Yale University's team in Yale Bowl.

Both brothers had played on West Haven's celebrated 1968 state championship team, and were pleased to see a crowd of West Haveners attending the game to cheer them on.

Of course, this only scratches the surface of what happened during one year in the life of our town, but it is this writer's hope that the foregoing brings back some memories for our older readers, and gives our younger readers some insight as to what was happening in West Haven 50 years ago.



Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice, and local history buff



WEST SHORE FIRE DEPT. laddies map plans for their annual Carnival scheduled for July 3 at Prospect Beach with a fireworks display slated to begin at 11:30 PM. Shown in photo, left to right are Joseph Malone, chairman, Robert...

**The West Shore Fire Department's annual carnival was a story in the West Haven City News in August 1971.**

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**Lowry: No success here!**

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drastically diminished.

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Biden's supporters have resorted to the defense that almost all of this was inevitable. Yet, for years, the Afghan army fought and bled after we had stepped back into a support role, suggesting an unsatisfactory stalemate was achievable at a relatively low cost. Biden rejected that option. Instead, he chose defeat and disgrace. All of the exertions to rescue people from the wreckage over the last two weeks can't change that

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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**Liberty Coin Club relocates**

The Liberty Coin Club of West Haven has relocated its coin shows previously held at the West Haven Elks Club to the Hilton Garden Inn, Milford., Liberty Coin Club schedule: Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12.



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# Fireworks: City marks its 100th

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applause.

"This is a very exciting evening — it's one of our biggest centennial events," Rossi said. "I do want to thank (Chairman) Beth Sabo and the centennial committee. I want to thank the fireworks committee. I want to thank public works, public safety ... and a great group of volunteers as well."

Smith then led the crowd in a countdown — "5, 4, 3, 2, 1" — before directing Hande to "Flip that switch!"

"Oh, it worked!" Smith joked, as red, white, blue and green rockets flew and burst over Bradley Point.

The display was part of a six-month series of free events commemorating West Haven's 1921 birth and its incorporation by the General Assembly as Connecticut's youngest municipality.

Before the fireworks, people young and old danced to funk and rock hits performed by Thompson's band.

As the music played, a fleet of food and dessert trucks dished up eats and sweets on the north side of Captain Thomas Boulevard, from

Dyke Street to Platt Court.

Police closed Captain Thomas Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, from Kelsey Avenue to South Street, for about five hours to give the festivities more of a block party feel.

According to organizers, the display was moved from July 3 to Labor Day weekend to safely accommodate the many spectators expected.

The fireworks joined a long list of special events observing West Haven's secession from Orange a century ago, including the Centennial Boat Parade in June and the Centennial Savin Rock Festival in July. The rural and residential sections of Orange separated in 1921 when the residential part, West Haven, became the state's youngest town.

In the spirit of West Haven's birthday, Milford vendor JOD Designs, a veteran-owned screen printing company, sold centennial and Savin Rock T-shirts.

For other centennial merchandise, visit the official online store at <https://merch-webstores.com/West-Haven-Centennial/shop/home>.

The store, hosted by West Haven vendor West Shore Associates, sells such centennial-branded merchandise as long- and short-sleeved T-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, stainless steel tumblers, stemless wine glasses, insulated beverage bottles, ceramic mugs, retro sunglasses, canvas and cotton tote bags, eco-performance face masks, and pigment-dyed twill and mesh trucker caps.

A portion of the vendors' merchandise proceeds will support the centennial account, said Sabo, the city's commissioner of human resources.

Watch the fireworks on West Haven YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlBe2IYc0qE&t=302s>.

For a complete list of centennial events, see the schedule at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/343/Centennial-Events>.

### Appeals to be heard Monday in City Hall

The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday in the assessor's office on the first floor of City Hall, 355 Main St., to hear appeals of motor vehicle assessments on the 2020 grand list.

Any owner of a city-registered vehicle can appeal the assessment.

Face masks and social distancing are required at all times.

# Author Talk with Sydney Sherman



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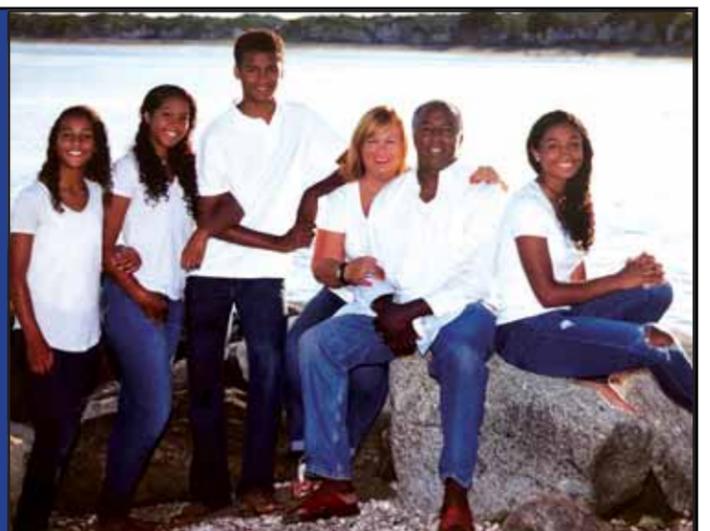
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### Meet John Lewis

- Graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Economics.
- After completing school, John spent time doing mission work in Cameroon, West Africa with his father.
- John and his wife Janel moved to West Haven more than 20 years ago. Together they have four children.
- Currently serves as Church Moderator and Deacon at the First Congregational Church.
- Served in many other capacities at the church including Vice-Chair of the Church Council, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Co-Chair of Apple Festival for eight years.
- Dedicated to helping the youth and community coaching soccer, basketball, and football for the West Haven Seahawks.
- As multi-term President of the Washington School PTA, he was instrumental in upgrades to school windows and installation of the playground.
- Former 3rd District Councilman.
- Interim Director of the Water Treatment Plant Board.
- Interim Public Works Director.
- Served on Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Mayoral Executive Assistant for four years.
- Board Member of the West Haven Community House.

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# Reminder: Bulk trash collection next week

By Michael P. Walsh

*Special to the Voice*

The final bulk trash pickup week of 2021 is Sept. 13-17.

West Haven residents are reminded to separate metals, recyclables and regular trash from bulk trash and put them out no more than 24 hours before pickup. Violations carry a \$100 fine per daily offense, Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy said.

Residents are also reminded to "Put a Lid on It!" and use lids on all trash cans. Rain-soaked trash costs West Haven 10 times more at the dump, said McCarthy, adding that using trash can lids will save the city money by reducing the weight of trash and cost of tipping fees.

Bulk items include couches, chairs, tables, carpeting, padding and fencing, which may not exceed 6 feet in length. No building materials, tires, mattresses, propane tanks or hazardous waste are accepted.

Options for disposing of building materials include renting a dumpster or bringing the materials to a disposal facility for a fee.

Tires can be brought to Town Fair Tire, 63 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$2.75 per tire.

Mattresses can be disposed of for free in a container at the city's highway maintenance garage, 1 Collis St. Mattresses must be dry.

Hazardous waste can be dropped off for free at HazWaste Central, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven. HazWaste is open Saturday mornings through October.

Propane tanks can be brought to Taylor Rental, 304 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$10.60 per tank.

The amount of bulk trash per collection is limited to 6 cubic yards, which is equal to a pile of trash about 6 feet long, 6 feet wide and 4.5 feet high.

Homeowners are required to rent a dumpster or hire a junk removal service at their expense if trash exceeds 6 cubic yards. Otherwise, trash exceeding 6 cubic yards will be

left at the curb, and a \$100 fine per daily offense will be imposed, McCarthy said.

To prevent a potential fine, property owners should familiarize themselves with the city's trash guidelines at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/260/Bulk-Trash-Pickup>.

Bulk trash must be generated by the customer at the residential unit where it is collected.

Trash will not be collected if it is generated by anyone other than the resident of the home.

Bulk items must be separated and orderly. Do not place them next to a mailbox or utility pole or close to a fence, McCarthy said.

Also, do not place bulk items in front of a vacant lot or home — they will not be collected, he said.

In addition to bulk trash, the city picks up metals, including

household appliances, also known as white goods, and toilets. To schedule a pickup on their curbside collection day, residents must call the Highway Department at 203-937-3644 or 203-937-3585. Appliance doors must be removed.

Grass bags are picked up until Nov. 19, and leaf bags are picked up from Oct. 1-Dec. 31.

The bags are picked up on residents' weekly collection days. Grass clippings and leaves must be in separate biodegradable paper bags and will not be accepted if they are in plastic bags.

The city also picks up brush that is cut into 3-to-6-foot lengths and tied in small bundles, no more than 70 pounds. Logs and stumps are prohibited.

Residents can bring grass clippings as well as bagged

leaves and untied brush to the compost site, 1 Kimberly Ave., from 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays and 6:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. The first cubic yard of compost is free with proof of residence. Additional compost costs \$25 per cubic yard. Residents must bring their own buckets and shovels.

For a \$50 fee, the Department of Public Works will deliver up to 2 cubic yards of compost to homes in West Haven.

For electronic items, including TVs, the final e-waste drop-off day of the year is Sept. 18.

Residents can drop off electronic recyclables — typically anything that contains a circuit board or needs a battery — from 8 a.m.-noon at the highway maintenance garage.

The city is partnering with Take 2 Inc. of Waterbury, a state-approved recycler and collector of universal e-waste

devices, to collect residential electronic items on a quarterly basis.

The collection is free for residents who have such items as computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, modems, computer mice, tablet computers, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, photocopiers, fax machines, scanners, video game machines, digital media players, personal digital assistants, stereo equipment, telephones, cell phones, cameras, microwaves and other small appliances.

Anything that has refrigerant, including air conditioners and dehumidifiers, is not accepted.

Those items are considered white goods, and residents are asked to schedule a pickup on their curbside collection day by calling the Highway Department. For details, visit <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/263/E-waste-Drop-off>.

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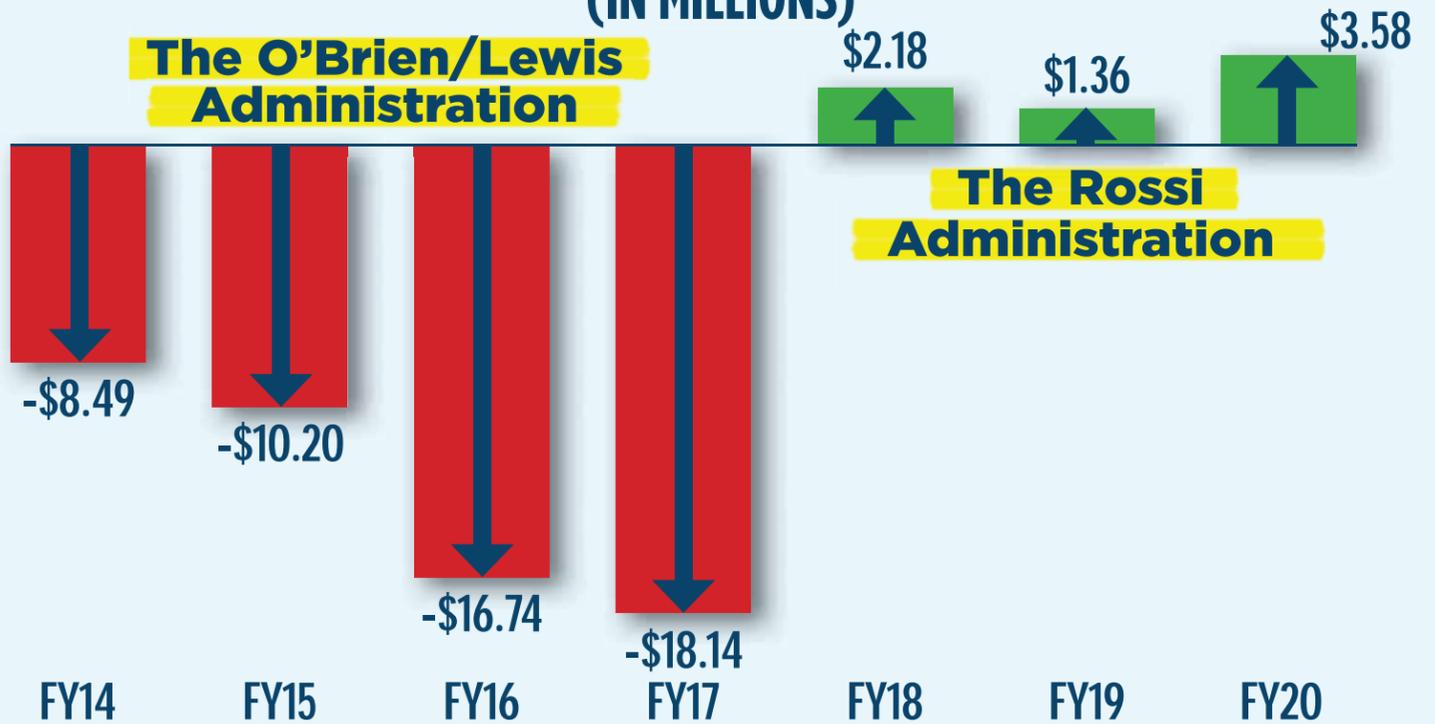
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- ★ New West Haven High School project nearly complete
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## A new school year

It was a day of fun, and a day of learning. Youngsters in the West Haven Community House's Head Start Program began the new school year with students all over the city last week.

## Bereavement group sets first in-person meeting

The newly established Bereavement Support Group of West Haven for widows and widowers will hold its inaugural meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 22 on the upper floor of the Johnson Community Center, 201 Noble St.

The group, facilitated by Toni-Jo Limosani and Teddi McKenna, will meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

The West Haven Interagency Network for Children's support groups for parents and guardians of children with autism and other disabilities will resume in-person meetings on the upper floor of the Johnson center.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, WHINC is unable to offer on-site child care during meetings. The child care service is suspended until further notice.

The Parent Support Group will resume Sept. 13 from 6:30-8 p.m. The group, facilitated by Viola Waldo, will meet the second Monday of each month.

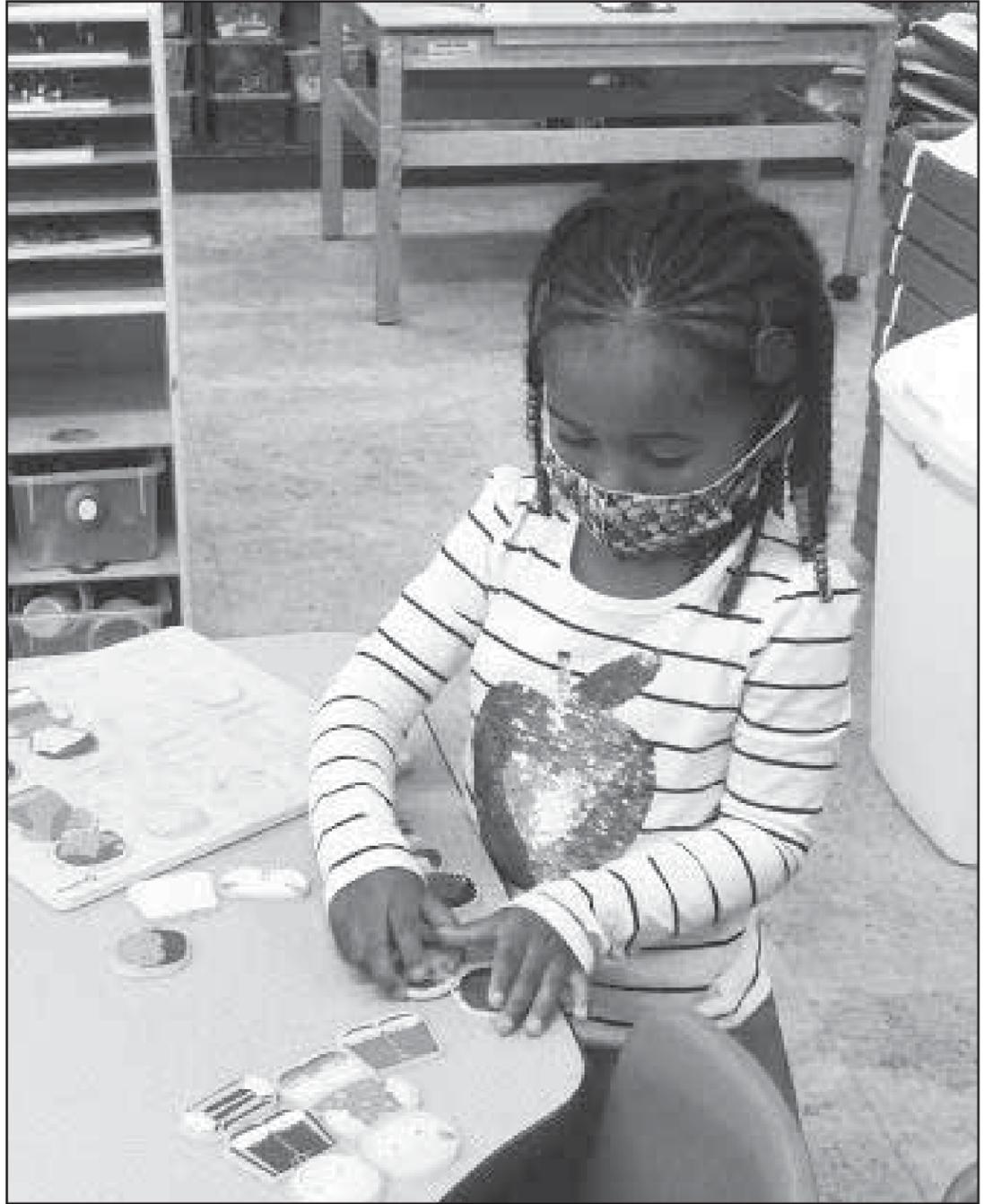
The Spanish-speaking Parent Support Group will resume Sept. 23 from 6:30-8 p.m. The group, facilitated by Daisy Rivera and Rosalyn Diaz, will meet the fourth Thursday of each month.

Anyone attending the indoor support group meetings must wear face masks and follow all national, state and local COVID-19 safety protocols.

## Gardner wins Annawon award

The Fellowcraft Club of Annawon Lodge No. 115 AF&AM presented its annual award of excellence scholarship to former, West Haven High School Senior Mackenzie Gardner. She was selected unanimously from a pool of well deserving candidates. Fellowcraft president, Joseph F. McVety, Jr, said "Mackenzie really impressed me with her diverse list of achievements. Excelling not just academically, but also in her extracurricular activities, including various sports and clubs. Giving back to the community is a fundamental value in Freemasonry. Mackenzie's commitment to her community stood out to me especially. Mackenzie is the epitome of what a true 'Westie' should be."

The Fellowcraft Club Award of Excellence was founded in 2007 and since then has been given annually to an eligible high school senior who resides in West Haven.





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# Candidates make final pitch before Tuesday

**Ed. Note:** In the weeks leading up to next Tuesday's primary, the Voice sent a set of five questions to both Democratic candidates, incumbent Mayor Nancy Rossi, and challenger John Lewis. Below are the answers provided by the candidates as they came to us. This is considered a final pitch to voters going into the primary. We begin with the incumbent, and move to the challenger.

**Nancy Rossi: Continue the successes**

**What is the theme of your campaign, and how has that theme resonated with the voters? What is the biggest concern with the voters you've encountered as you campaign?**

My campaign theme is let's keep moving West Haven forward and keep the momentum.



ROSSI

We do not want West Haven to return to the past practices of mismanagement. West Haven has come a long way in the past 4-years and the future looks bright. The voters have been very positive and are looking forward to continued progress in the city. The top three concerns from voters are finances and budget, taxes and economic development. The voters seem to be very satisfied with the improvement and the city's plan moving forward.

**What are the three major goals of your campaign/administration should you win? Put them in descending order.**

My administration will continue to aggressively pursue our priorities of fiscal responsibility, economic development, and improving the quality of life for our residents by addressing deferred maintenance items and investing in our aging infrastructure. We have made great strides in all these areas and look forward to continuing the progress over the next two years.

**What makes you different than your opponent, and how will that affect your governing style?**

My administration has assembled a very talented and

results driven team. I am a hands-on mayor and work tirelessly to ensure West Haven is represented and successful. My opponent, although a nice guy, is partly responsible for the condition that we found the city in. We have worked diligently over the last 4-years to put West Haven back on track. We cannot afford to allow the city to return to chaos and mismanagement.

**Concentrating on the positives, how will you govern should you win?**

After the election, we will keep the momentum in moving the city forward. We will build on and strengthen our financial position, aggressively market the city for new investment and economic development and will continue addressing deferred maintenance and blight issues, including paving and park renovations. We will grow the commercial grand list and further stabilize our residential and commercial tax rate.

**Party politics in the city is a fractured affair. How will you bring various factions or members of the opposition party into the discussion?**

The mayor represents all the city residents and voters. I will continue to work with all our local, state and federal legislators on local issues that are

in the best interest of the City of West Haven. My administration has worked very well with all the members of our city council and state delegation.

**General comments.**

This primary and election are critical to the long-term plan and continued success of West Haven. We have made great strides in improving West Haven and need to continue the good progress and move West Haven forward.



LEWIS

**John Lewis: Let's Make History**

**What is the theme of your campaign, and how has that theme resonated with the voters? What is the biggest concern with the voters you've encountered as you campaign?**

The theme of my campaign is "Let's make History." That theme resonates very well with the residents as they have been overwhelmingly looking forward to a change. They want a leader, a mayor who has their interests in mind and a comprehensive plan and vision that has been missing for decades. The biggest concern I am hearing from voters is the high and constantly increasing taxes. They love their homes, but are concerned that they will not be able to afford to live in their homes by being taxed out of West Haven. Another issue I hear often is what is happening with "The Haven," or is it really coming? I have some of those same questions and as Mayor I will consistently keep them informed with frequent updates.

**What are the three major goal of your campaign/ administration should you win? Put them in descending order.**

Economic Development is the top major goal that I will be focused on from day one. After naming a qualified Director of Planning and Development, I will immediately seek to create a Bioscience Enterprise Zone along the Railroad Ave/Frontage Road corridor. This designation will allow West Haven to benefit from increased development, a higher taxable grand list, employment for residents,

and opportunities for partnerships between qualifying businesses and the High School STEM program. Secondly, develop the City Hall parking lot. I will turn a non-revenue producing city-owned property into a revenue generating multi-level professional, retail, and residential building with underground parking. Development of the Arts center will also be vitally important to bringing the center of West Haven back to life. This will be achieved through private investment.

My second goal would be to address the needs of our seniors and youth. We still do not have a suitable senior center in Allingtown. Our seniors deserve a place of their own, preferably on one level, where they can go during the day to stay active. I will also seek to resurrect the Adult Daycare Program. Our children deserve to have a Youth Center, a safe place that young people can engage in a variety of activities. I will encourage opportunities through grants and partnerships with religious and civic organizations to help both groups.

Repairing the infrastructure would round out my top 3 goals. We need many upgrades in this area, whether it be repairing the worst sidewalks and the pot-holed streets or checking our drain-pipes to clear away tree roots or debris to relieve our streets of our constant flooding issues. I propose adding broadband to our beaches, parks, and the West Haven Green. To ensure increased safety on our residential streets, I will meet with residents to curb speeding by identifying appropriate locations to install speed humps. These are all areas that, when addressed, will move West Haven forward. The order does not preclude all of these items happening simultaneously.

**What makes you different than your opponent, and how will that affect your governing style?**

What makes me different than my opponent is when there is an issue I will be constantly communicating with the residents. I will listen to the residents' and employees' ideas and suggestions. Customer service will be at the top of my list. I will be that servant leader. I will look to brand West Haven. What are we known for? I will seek out revenue generating businesses to find out how we can have them join our community. I will reach out to private investors to give them an opportunity to come in on the ground floor of an arts center could be the catalyst to re-

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By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

West Haven will observe the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on 9/11 with a flag-raising ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradley Point Park flagpole, followed by a candlelight vigil at the city's 9/11 memorial.

The solemn service will begin with a presentation of the colors by the West Haven Police Honor Guard and the flag-

raising by the West Haven Fire Department Honor Guard and the New Haven County Firefighters Emerald Society Pipes & Drums.

The flag-raising will honor the memory of the nearly 3,000 people who died in the attacks. Remarks from dignitaries, including Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, will follow.

Louis P. Esposito Jr., Rossi's executive assistant, will serve as the master of ceremonies.

Nora E. Mullins will sing the national anthem, and Grace Kelly Nowak will sing "God Bless America."

At 7 p.m., the candlelight vigil will take place at the Richard S. Gabrielle Sept. 11 Memorial on the boardwalk next to the Savin Rock Conference Center, 6 Rock St.

Members of the West Haven Rotary Club will distribute candles and programs at the granite monument, which was paid for by the service club in 2002.

It was designed by Harold J. Schaller of H.K. Peacock Memorials Inc. in Valhalla, New York.

Gabrielle, 50, of West Haven, was killed during the attack on the twin towers in New York's World Trade Center complex. An insurance broker at Aon Corp., he was last seen on the south tower's 78th floor.

Declared Patriot Day by Congress in 2002, the city will fly flags at half-staff in recognition of the national day of remembrance.

The vigil will feature taps played by former West Shore Fire Department Lt. Kevin McKeon and Celtic folk performances by Irish singer-songwriter Liz McNicholl, including "The Bravest," a tribute to the heroes of 9/11.



File Photo by Michael P. Walsh

The monument outside the Savin Rock Conference center honors the city's only victim of the 9/11 attack Richard S. Gabrielle, and all those who perished on that day.

## Primary: A final pitch

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talize the center of our city. I will llaborate with our region of governments to see how we can partner with them to incorporate some best practices to move West Haven forward.

**Concentrating on the positive, how will you govern should you win?**

I will abide by the maxim of government of the people, for the people, and by the people. I will govern in accordance.

**Party politics in the city is a fractured affair, how will you bring various factions or members of the opposition party into the discussion**

Any resident requesting to converse about anything regarding the betterment of the city will find my door open. I do not have the time to waste on petty party politics and spite. My goal is to move the city forward. If any faction or opposition would like to join and embrace my plan and vision for the future of the city, they will be welcomed.

**General comments**

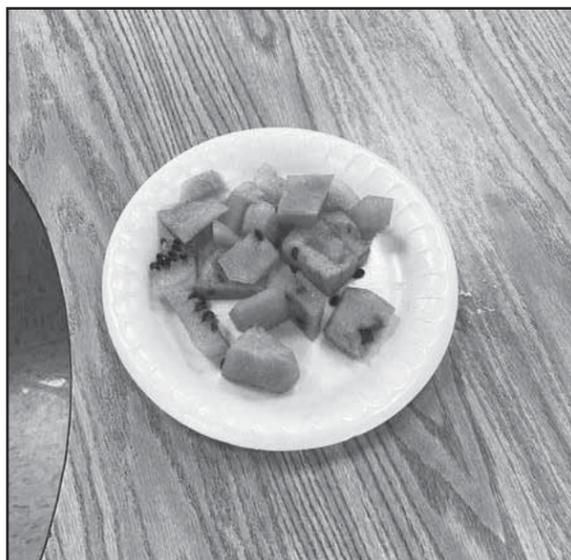
West Haven needs a leader, one with a plan and vision as we move into the city's second century. West Haven has so much to offer and with the vision I have laid out, we can brand West Haven into a welcoming and vibrant community. We have a diverse and rich history and can thrive when we work together. I ask you to join me in my pursuit to revitalize our city.



Photos courtesy of WHCDC

## A lesson in eating

The West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. received a Farm to ECE grant from the State of CT to plant a garden and promote fresh fruits and vegetables while teaching about sustainability. Above-- Riker and Levi Mucherino, age 2 watch the watermelons grow. Far right -- Kaylani Foster age 5, samples the watermelon.





Photos by Todd Dandelske

## *Pre-season tune-up*

Left -- Preston Denno scrambles for some yards in a 26-6 scrimmage victory against Bunnell. Above -- Head Coach Rich Boshea and assistant Tom Unger survey the troops in preparation for Friday's opener against Harding at 7 p.m. in Ken Strong Stadium. The Westies tuned up for the game with a scrimmage vs. Bunnell, winning 26-7.

## *Seahawks split in '21 kickoffs*

The West Haven Seahawks opened the 2021 season with games at the flag (5/6 years old), 8U and 10U levels. The 12U and 14U teams will open next weekend.

The Seahawks 10U team exploded offensively for an impressive 34-0 win over the New Haven Steelers. Running back Tristan Crawford accounted for two touchdowns and teammates Majesty Whitaker, Trayon Jaynes and Jaden Spell each scored once. The offensive line controlled the game opening big holes for the running backs and was led by Mason Booker, William Pastore, Jaden Potter and CJ Schlauder. The defense was stellar allowing very few yards. Excellent defensive efforts were turned in by Jacari Harris with 8 tackles for losses, Chase Stanley, Kaden Lafountain and Tremar Smith.

The 8U team lost to a veteran and talented Steelers team, 33-0, in opening day action. First-year running backs Jackson Gabriele and Andrew Cuzio ran the ball well for the Seahawks. The defense was led by Jackson Boynton and Kyhlan Crawford.

The Seahawk squads will all be at home at Veterans Field this Saturday vs. Stratford. Flag football begins at noon with 8U kicking off at 1 p.m., 10U at 3, 12U at 5 and 14U at 7.

Photos courtesy of RTMFL

Above right-- A New Haven steeler running back is stopped in his tracks in 10U action on Saturday. Right -- Seahawk 8U quarterback Luciano Chambrelli gets a pass off against New Haven on Saturday.



Photos by Michael P. Walsh

### Trekking to ground zero

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi welcomes Paul "Paulie" Veneto, of Braintree, Mass., and his airline beverage cart to West Haven at the base of the Kimberly Avenue bridge near Elm Street on Sept. 2. Veneto, 62, a former flight attendant who lost several colleagues when United Flight 175 was flown into the World Trade Center's south tower in New York on Sept. 11, 2001, is honoring his friends on the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks by pushing the beverage cart from Boston to ground zero. Escorted by members of West Haven's Police Department and three fire departments, Veneto pushed the cart, decorated with photos of all four 9/11 flight crews, along Route 162 to the Milford line on Jones Hill Road as part of his 200-mile-plus journey to Manhattan. The trek, called Paulie's Push, will benefit the families of his former colleagues and Power Forward 25, a nonprofit organization that helps people with addiction. Veneto shows Rossi and her executive assistant, Louis P. Esposito Jr., photos of flight attendants who died when United Flight 175 was flown into the World Trade Center on 9/11



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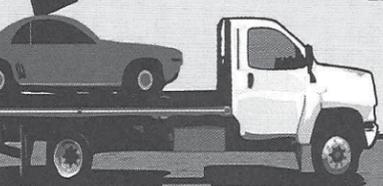
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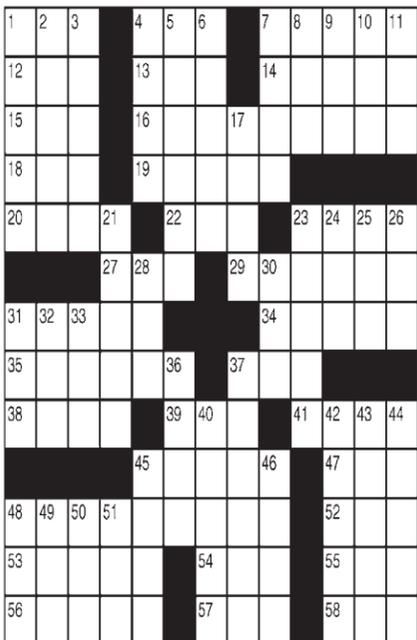
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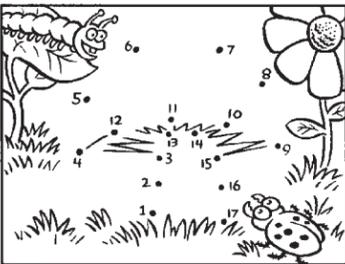
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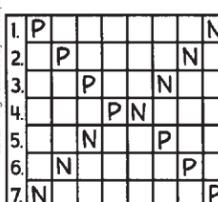
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- 2. Driving too fast
- 3. Young trees
- 4. Moisture in the air
- 5. Very old photos
- 6. A container for a letter
- 7. It was worn in bed
- Anagrams:**
- 1. earn + maps
- 2. seed + ping
- 3. slap + sign
- 4. dams + pens
- 5. nest + pity
- 6. pole + even
- 7. gnat + chip

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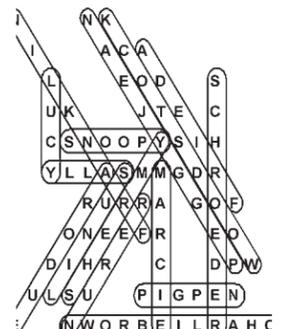
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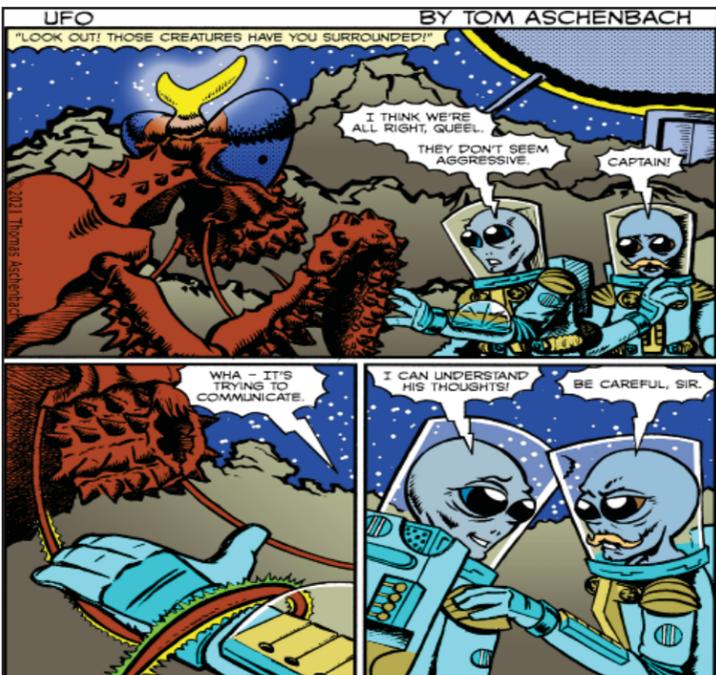
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to by Andrew Kosarko and Michael P. Walsh

### Fireworks and tunes!

Clockwise -- Guitarist Greg Benn solos, while singer Kathy Thompson looks on. Radio personality Brian Smith, the master of ceremonies, jokes with the crowd. Singer Kathy Thompson leads the Kathy Thompson Band in a performance. Fireworks explode over Long Island Sound in a display to celebrate the city's centennial.





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