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## Voice Feature

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Sister plans scholarship, honoring late brother

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# Storm threats shorten Festival; canceled concert rescheduled

By Michael P. Walsh

*Special to the Voice*

Despite the Savin Rock Festival ending early because of an impending storm, the 2023 edition nevertheless paid homage to "the Rock," the city's legendary amusement park and the state's most popular shoreline destination for decades.

In the interest of public safety, city officials concluded the two-day festival at 5:30 p.m. Saturday because of the stormy forecast.

Magic of Motown, one of Day 2's three bands, has been moved to this Saturday at 7 p.m. in Old Grove Park on Palace Street.

Opener The Generators were able to perform Saturday afternoon and played a set of classic rock anthems.

Headliner Arena Rock Tribute is being rescheduled to a later date. Stay tuned for details.

Magic of Motown will perform a high-energy mix of R&B hits from the acclaimed catalog of Detroit's Motown Records.

The Aug. 5 concert is sponsored by West Haven Vietnam Veterans Inc. and will include food trucks and craft vendors, starting at 3 p.m.

In addition, Marena Amusements will offer a midway of rides and games off Oak Street from 5-10 p.m. Friday and noon-10 p.m. Saturday.

Marena will sell wristbands for unlimited rides for \$25 and a sheet of 21 tickets for \$20.

To complement the entertainment, today's West Haven Summer Concert Series will feature a twin bill: The Generators at 6 p.m., followed by the horn-powered party hits of Rubber City at 8 p.m.

Both concerts will take place in the Grove, not on the West Haven Green, and will include food trucks and craft vendors.

The "Thursday Night Live!" concerts are free and presented by the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce and the West Haven Department of Parks and Recreation.

This year's Savin Rock Fest, albeit only a day in the historic Grove, showcased a wide variety of musical groups, rides, games and mouthwatering foods — the time-honored recipe that cemented the 20th-century Savin Rock Park as Connecticut's Coney Island.

Along with Marena's rides and games, a row of food and dessert trucks served up burgers, hot dogs, cheesesteaks, fried dough, gyros, lobster rolls, tacos and meatball bombs, as well as cannoli, ice cream, cupcakes and kettle corn.

Despite the festival's soggy grounds from recent heavy rain, Marena did not disappoint, offering 10 rides and four games.

The annual festival opened on Friday with welcoming remarks by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and followed with a beautiful rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Ana Garcia.

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Photos by Michael P Walsh

Shaded Soul Band headlines opening night of the Savin Rock Festival in Old Grove Park on Friday. The band performed R&B favorites and pop gems, including The Temptation's "My Girl," The O'Jays' "Love Train" and Earth, Wind & Fire's "Let's Groove." City officials ended the two-day festival, sponsored by the University of New Haven, Yale University and Frankson Fence Co., at 5:30 p.m. Saturday because of an impending storm. Below -- Zoey Vedynek and son Jaxson Watcke, 3, enjoy the teacup ride by Marena Amusements on Friday evening.



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Kehlani Gordon, age 4, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc is predicting more hot sunny weather and thunderstorms.

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## On this Date

**2005 -- Mahmoud Ahmadienejad takes office in Iran.** An engineer and teacher by profession, Ahmadinejad became the 6th president of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

**2005 -- Coup in Mauritania.** A military coup replaced long-time president Maaouya Ould Sid'Ahmed Taya. Colonel Ely Ould Mohamed Vall took over the transitional government until elections were held in 2005.

**1960 -- Niger gains its independence from France.** The West African country became a French colony in the early 20th century. Hamani Diori became the first president of the country.

**1946 -- World's first theme park opens its doors in in Santa Claus, Indiana, USA.** Santa Claus Land is now known as Holiday World & Splashin' Safari.

**1900 -- Firestone Tire and Rubber Company is founded.** The American tire company was founded by Harvey Samuel Firestone in Akron, Ohio. In 1988, the company was taken over by Japan's Bridgestone Corporation.

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## A day of fun

The Old Grove Park was a popular place to relax in 1908, the time this Savin Rock post card was made, as it is today. This print shows one of the entrances. Getting down to the shore for some sun and fun was a summertime respite that meant taking a trolley from any point in the greater New Haven area and being dropped off at Savin Rock for the day. Picnics, band concerts and the emergence of rides and attractions brought families to the borough of West Haven on a regular basis.



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# Borer, Weinstein get party endorsements

One party's endorsements seem to be set for the November mayoral election, while another is headed to a three-way runoff to determine the nominee. The Democratic and Republican Town Committees met in their biennial caucuses over the last two weeks, with neither issuing any surprises in the nominees.

First up were the Democrats, who endorsed State Rep. Dorinda Keenan Borer (D-115) as the nominee to succeed outgoing Democrat Nany N Rossi, who did not seek a fourth term. Just days after announcing she was seeking the nod, Borer swept onto the ticket, heading a slate of 21 total candidates for office.

Her way was made virtually unopposed as former Mayor Edward M. O'Brien, who had formed an exploratory committee, dropped out. Eighth District Councilman Victory Borras, meanwhile, remains a candidate, but it is uncertain at press time whether he is going to force a primary.

The endorsed top of the ticket also includes John Lewis (City Clerk), Ron Quagliani (City Treasurer) and Eric Murillo (Tax Collector). The endorsed Board of Education candidates are Cebi Waterfield, Jonathan Jones and Heather Shea. The individuals

endorsed for the Board of Tax Appeals are Joseph Harvey and Suzanne Mink.

"I am proud to be a part of a unified slate of Democratic candidates and together our slate is laser-focused on unlocking West Haven's potential with accountability, fresh ideas, positivity and strong leadership so that together we will chart a new course for West Haven," Borer said in accepting the nomination. "The Choice in this election isn't about me or my opponents, the choice in this election is about the direction you want to see our city go in. It will be clear come November that our team's promised direction is a positive one, one that brings progress and will be all about the future."



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Founding out the ticket for City Council are: Nick Pascale (at-large), Brian Laucks (at-large), Anne Heffernan (district 1), Michelle Colletti (district 2), Sarah Ackbareli (district 3), Gary Donovan (district 4), Edward McMillian (district 5), Dawn Callahan (district 6), Kathy Tucker (district 7), Christopher Vargo (district 8), Kathleen Mueller (district 9) and Dylan Molster (district 10).

Early last week the GOP met in its session, and as expected businesswoman Paige Weinstein came out the winner of the nomination. Her place on the ballot is not assured as she faces a three-way primary with 2021 candidate Barry Lee Cohen seeking the nod, while longtime GOP activist Steven



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R. Mullins is also looking for the top spot.

A primary in September will determine the final slate as both Mullins and Cohen sought petitions the day after the GOP caucus. Mullins had his name put in nomination, while Cohen announced days before he would forego the

floor nomination and go directly to filing a petition.

In accepting the nomination, she said unity was a goal that transcended party affiliation.

"I am grateful to the West Haven RTC for their decision and support," said Weinstein, following the convention.

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# Dear Felicia

Here we are, honeybunch, in the Dog Days of Summer, as they're called, and whilst the usual yahoos are screeching about the hottest summer o' the year, those of us who remember a bit farther back than last week can tell yew the summers of late are nothing compared to a few decades ago. But since when does the truth get in the way of a good narrative.

Here in the Asylum by the Sea much has happened since last we writ. But before I git to that, lemme put out an apology to Paige Weinstein. Sometimes the fingers work faster than the brain and Cobina accidentally – and it was accidentally, typed "Goldstein." Of course, the usual suspects were attempting to come up with any kind of nefarious reason why this might happen. It has to be nefarious, after all. What else could it be? Yew can bet some of the "suggestions" that were floated about, except the right one. Well enuff o' that, let's git to the nitty gritty of what we hafta discuss.

Both parties made their candidate selections, and little was surprising...make that nothing was surprising. The only thing that might be surprising is how long any or all of the candidates stayed at the Savin Rock Festival last week-

end. It usually is a beehive of activity and attracts political personae like honey to a bee.

As expected with the announcement of Dorinda Borer as a seeker of the nomination for the Dems, she was able to secure the nod with nary a problem. And, as expected, Ed O'Brien dropped outta the race toot sweet. Sammy Bluejay has thoughts, and they are perty convincing. We shall see effen they come about.

His take is that O'Brien is lookin' to secure the nomination for the vacancy that Borer will leave if and when she is elected to the Actors Colony's third-floor office. She can't hold both posts, and there would hafta be a special election to fill the spot. The Demmies would post their candidate, the GOPers theirs. There won't be any primary as this is a special election.

O'Brien gits the nod, and, given the way these things seem to favor Dems, the seat, and he's set for as long as he wants the post. There are indications that's what is contemplated. We shall see.

Meawhile, Sammy did mention that whilst perusing the majority party's slate, he noticed that many names that were once a part of the political scene are back. Remember, the Dems, like all Gaul are divided into three parts. With

the ascendance of Borer, the names associated with that "province" of the party will be reappearing.

Mrs. Rossi had been the titular head of what was once known as the "Picard" faction of the party. With her ascendance came the re-emergence of people who were in power when Jon Picard was holding forthin City Hall. They were ousted when O'Brien took over in 2012, and a mix of the Borer faction people and the Morrissey faction people were the movers and shakers during that administration.

It ain't any different than three or four decades ago when it was the Johnson, Allen and Roper factions that fought for control of the party's fortunes. That revolving door was in place then and it's in place now. Things haven't changed much, only the names of them who're in control of the three clans. As they say, the more things change, etc. As we said, nothing surprising. The rest of the reshaping will happen next year when the town committee has its election of delegates. We're sure to see some movement come then.

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On the GOP side, Paige Weinstein got the nod as expected. There was no surprises here cuz this is what the GOP leadership had planned all along, and every-

one knew it. The question now is who will win the primary. As we said, no surprises. Barry Lee Cohen was in City Hall almost at the stroke of 9 a.m. to get his petition for primary filed and Steve Mullins did the same a couple hours later.

Nelly Nuthatch was perched nearby and sez that everything went quite according to plan at the town committee confab, candidates were nominated and seconded, including Mullins, and then voted upon and endorsed. Mrs. Weinstein in her remarks talked about unity, and being an outsider to the city's political confraternity. In that regard she might have a leg up on the others in the eyes of a certain segment of voters. We shall see.

What she has to do over the next little while is become more familiar to John and Jane Q. Nelly noted that billboards have gone up over the last few weeks touting the business and showing the Weinstein couple celebrating 40 years in business. There are no coincidences in politics. It is a clever attempt to get her face out there, no question.

Mullins has been running his campaign perty much expecting he will primary, and observers have noted that he is running a smart campaign thus far. Mullins has no problem with name or face recognition. The litany of groups, clubs, societies and pinochle groups he belongs to are as long as one's right arm. But the fact that he hasn't waited until the nominations to begin campaigning is a positive for him. It'll be interesting to see how this all pans out.

Cohen, meanwhile, eschewed the nomination process. It was perty clear whom was going to be nominated and he wasn't gonna go through a useless ritual. As stated he was in City Hall getting papers as the doors opened or thereabouts.

He needs no intro to voters as he was the GOP's candidate last time, and lost by less than 3 dozen votes in what was a very irregular election, and in this town that's saying something. We won't rehearse the isshews therein again, but suffice it to say there were some doozies brought out in court.

Tennyrate, the question to be determined here is whether he can sustain the voters who voted for him the last time – should he get by the primary.

Three-way primaries can be toss-ups when it comes to trying to figger 'em out. It is a primary, so registered Republicans will be the pool of voters. Who the rank-and-file wants to see as the standard-bearer is gonna be the big question. After that it's gonna be a matter of whether the party goes true to form, or breaks the mold.

Usually when the nominee is chosen, those who are disappointed in the outcome stay home – unlike the Deemmies. So, the call for

"unity" by Mrs. Weinstein might be something people will have to go back to after the September ballot is finished. We shall see.

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Iva Lootey came by and noted – as yew will see in this isshew – that the new carpet at Ken Strong Stadium is actually being put down as we speak. Why is this being mentioned here? Cuz, Felicia, things done in a timely fashion in this berg are as rare as hens' teeth. Days after the approvals were given, the work started, and the boys and girls at the high school are gonna have a new field ready for the fall, while other improvements are made.

Again, the only reason Cobina thinks this is amazing is cuz it hasn't taken forever to get the process started. The last two times the carpet had to be taken up and replaced – this is the fourth one since 1989 methinks – delays were the rule, not the exception.

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Over on Beach Street things seem to be moving as well. Jest an aside, Dorinda Borer mentioned in her announcement that the allocation of funds for the projeck was made in 2020. I dunno effen it was because that is the Covid year, but it didn't seem like it was delayed for that long...but it was looonnnngggg!

Tennyrate, it seems the roadbed and sidewalks have been taken up, and work will begin on raising the elevation of the road to forestall flooding.

Madame Olga noted that she was amazed traffic on Beach Street has not been the difficulty she thought it would be. She was traversing out and jest wanted to see what was going on. She noted that vehicular traffic on the road is perty light, and the use of the detour, whilst heavy at times, is not what was thought it was gonna be.

We remember when they did the first part o' Beach Street near the sewage treatment plant, the residents on Second Avenue were dealing with all kinds of traffic at all times of the day. People must've taken note and made other routes part of their routine. Who'd o' thunk it?

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Best wishes go out to columnist Eleanore Turkington, who had a bout with a nawsty infection. Word came to the office that she's doing better and feeling better. But, she is gonna take a summer respite as she always did and return in September. She still wants her readers to send in their gripes so there is plenty of grist for her mill when she returns.

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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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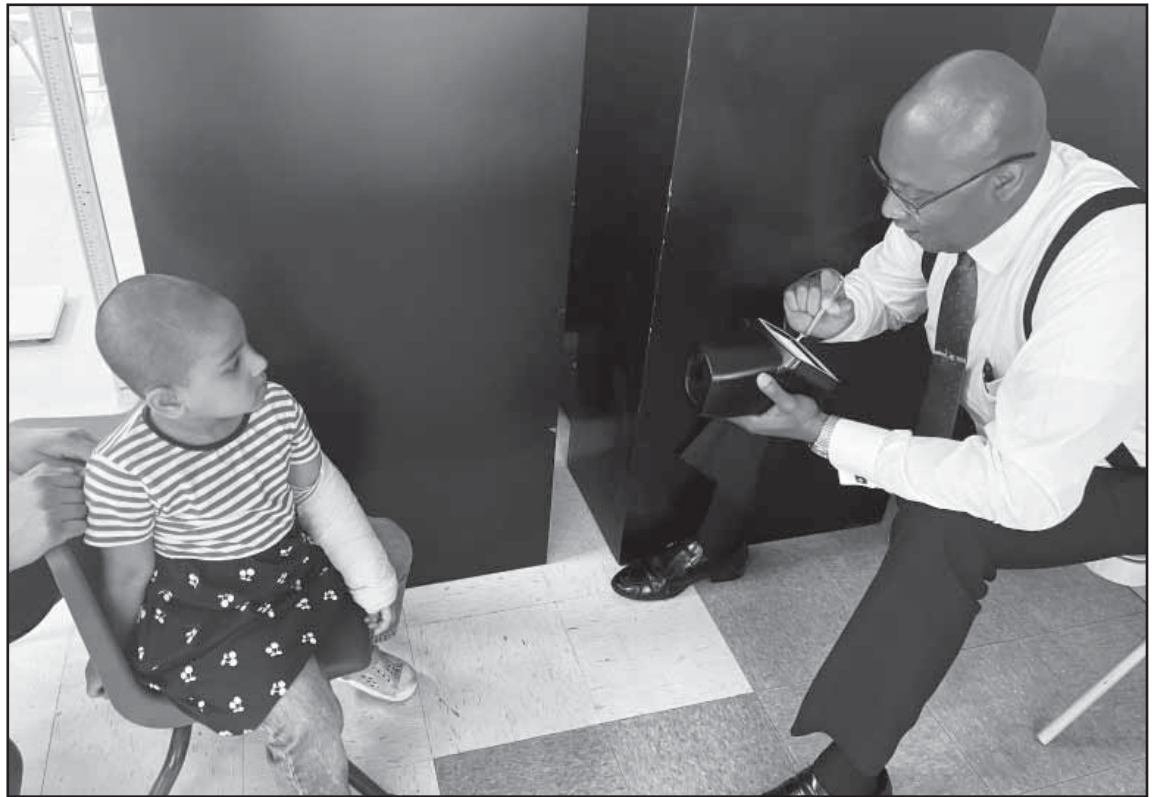
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### Lions Club vision initiative

Lions Club members used this special camera at the West Haven Community House this summer during Head Start registration last week. The initiative is to help parents, child-care providers and educators to find and treat juvenile vision problems. Lions Club members used this special camera at the West Haven Community House this summer during Head Start registration last week. The program is funded by the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation. "The West Haven Lions Club will be HIPPA compliant and will have trained members dedicated to solving the critical issues of vision problems in children," said club Vice-President Steven R. Mullins. The West Haven Club meets the last Thursday of every month at Physician Physical Therapy at 6:30pm. For more information, call Mullins at (203) 824-4262.



### Soderman tournament Aug. 15

The Fellowcraft Club of Annawon Lodge, #115 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of West Haven will be hosting the William Soderman Golf Tournament on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at the Wheeler Family Traditions Golf Course, 37 Harrison Road, Wallingford. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the shotgun starts at 9.

The tournament is in honor of the late William A. Soderman, a World War II United States Army Veteran. He was involved in the Battle of the Bulge in the 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He used his bazooka to singlehandedly disable three German tanks and attacked an infantry platoon. Although seriously wounded, he survived the battle and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor eleven months later by President Harry S. Truman in November 1945.

Soderman was a lifelong resident of West Haven and a member of Annawon Lodge. He died in 1980 and is buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery. There is a monument at the base of the Bradley Point Flagpole.

This year's tournament benefits House of Heroes, Connecticut. Established in 2000, House of Heroes is a nonprofit organization serving our nation's military veterans who are disabled, living on fixed incomes or facing other physical challenges.

The tournament will include raffles, breakfast, lunch, banquet and numerous prizes, including at hole in one challenge worth \$30,000 towards a new car, compliments of A1 Toyota.

Donations are \$150 per person, \$600 per foursome, \$60 for the banquet only. Sponsorships are \$100 for a tee, \$1000 for a cart, \$1,500.00 for a lunch, \$2,000 for a banquet and \$2,500.00f or a platinum. To purchase tickets or sponsorships, call Brother Jerry Nero at(203) 415-6443.

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## Wanted: leadership

The caucuses are done, the endorsed candidates have been named, but we are a long way from knowing – at least in the case of the Republican Party – who the ultimate standard-bearer will be for the November general election. For the record, Dorinda Borer was named the Democratic nominee, and looks to have secured not only the nomination, but no internal opposition forcing a September primary.

Businesswoman Paige Weinstein was given the nod by the GOP last week but faces a three-way primary to determine the nominee. Both 2021 candidate Barry Lee Cohen, and longtime party activist Steven R. Mullins are seeking the nomination.

Our intent is not to rehearse the issues of the primary, but the attributes the candidates of either party must present to the public if the city is ever to get out of the situation it is in financially and otherwise.

**Competence** – In the weeks and months leading up to November, Borer and whomever her ultimate challenger is must discuss competence. It is no secret the last several years have exhibited a lack of competence in administrative decision-making, but also in general day-to-day operation. This lack of competence goes further back than just the current administration. Indeed, the problem goes back years if not decades.

The ability to direct people, move policy in departments, and change the way the city does business will need a competency not shown so far. Over the next weeks we hope all the candidates address this issue, and how they intend to alter the current track. And it goes beyond even that to putting qualified people in position to implement those decisions and policies.

**Prioritization** – Several key issues face the next administration from police force recruitment and retention to streamlining operations in the manner the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) is espousing, to economic development and revitalization. How do the candidates propose to “hit the ground running,” and what priorities do they see as the most pressing. This will be an important aspect of the campaign and might spell out the differences between them.

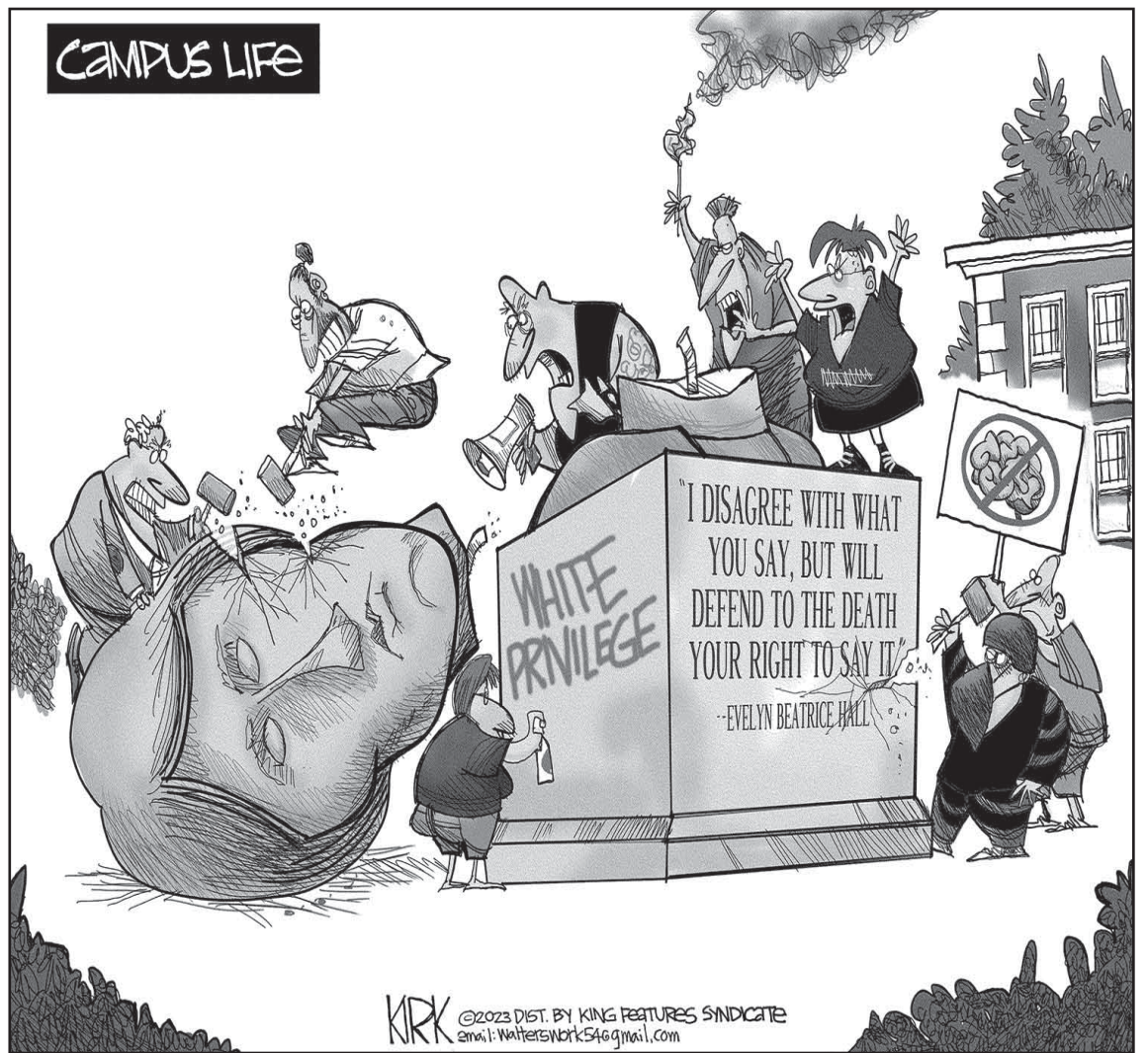
**Cooperation** – In this matter we mean not only having a good relationship with the MARB or the unions, or the department heads. Working with the City Council is a major goal we hope to see in the new administration. While we expect – and at times desire – robust disagreements in the making of policy, ultimately, the parties must come together and reach a commonality of purpose.

One of the great problems facing the city over the last several years, if not decades, was the cross-purposes we have seen at times between the legislative and executive branches. Those cross-purposes have degenerated into enmity, especially if political factionalism entered the discussions.

The next administration must be able to bring the various factions together working toward what is best for the long-term benefit of the taxpayers instead of the short-term benefit of political dealers.

In the coming weeks we hope the candidates of both parties will address these matters and offer the voters a clear direction of purpose should they be elected to office.

West Haven is in dire need of real, substantial leadership with a vision toward the future. The candidates must address that vision and how they attempt to make it a reality.



## Having the same objectives

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

There's being fortunate in your enemies, and then there's having enemies who are helping you take the first step in your political comeback.

Donald Trump and his adversaries want profoundly different things in the long run -- Trump wants to be back in the White House; Democrats want him in an orange jumpsuit.

Yet, in the shorter term, they both are seeking the same thing -- Trump as the Republican nominee, either so he can sweep to victory (Trump's view) or be beaten again and held to account for his crimes (the Democrats' view).

The serial indictments of Trump, even if it's not their primary purpose, advance this mutual interest. With every indictment, Trump dominates media attention and rallies Republicans to his side based on charges of selective prosecution.

The routine is so predictable, it's become boring. The first indictment of a former president had some novelty, but now it feels as commonplace as a pork chop on a stick at the Iowa State Fair.

The pushback against the notion that Trump's prosecutorial pursuers know that they might as well be 'MAGA' agents is that it's too clever

by half, that Trump has these legal vulnerabilities and is simply paying the price. No theories about underhanded political motivation are necessary.

It's certainly true that Trump had major exposure in the documents case, but the Alvin Bragg indictment is gossamer-thin, and we don't know yet what Special Counsel Jack Smith has next or what District Attorney Fani Willis is working with in Fulton County, Georgia.

Consider this thought experiment: If the Justice Department and the other prosecutors knew that the indictments guaranteed a Ron DeSantis or Tim Scott nomination, would they still go through with them? If they thought they made Trump a stronger general election candidate and the favorite to beat Joe Biden, would they still pull the trigger? Or would they find some reason for forbearance when there's plenty to be said for forbearance in the first place?

It doesn't require a fine-grained understanding of Republican politics to grasp what's going on. Certainly, after the passionately pro-Trump GOP reaction to the Mar-a-Lago search, it was obvious that targeting Trump would benefit him. If there were any doubt, the Trump

surge in the polls after the Bragg indictment should have removed it.

Still, Trump's pursuers have persisted.

For Trump, the Leninist logic of the worse, the better applies -- the more he's indicted and the weaker the cases, the more Republicans are inclined to believe he's the victim of a politicized justice system.

For Trump's adversaries, meanwhile, quantity trumps quality; everyone gets a piece of the action, and it increases the odds that a trial or two happens before the November 2024 election.

If the indictments boost Trump in the primaries, they hurt him in the general, and trials and guilty verdicts would presumably wound him even more.

Again, if Trump's prosecutors believed that rushing to trial would somehow boost Trump against Biden, it's hard to see them being so desperate to get him in courtrooms as soon as possible.

Of course, Trump doesn't like getting indicted more than anyone else. His denunciations of "these vicious Communists, Marxists, Fascists, and Radical Left Democrats," "THESE LUNATICS AND THUGS" who are out to get him are wholly sincere.

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh



## Rehab at Surfside

West Haven Housing Authority Executive Director John Counter, center, shows Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy the dilapidated roof of the Surfside public housing complex at 200 Oak St. on July 24.

Counter led Rossi and McCarthy on a half-hour tour to show the complex's outdated roof and efficiency apartment units before long-overdue renovations are completed over the next 20 months.

The 254-unit complex is composed of efficiency and one- and two-bedroom units.

In early 2020, the 12-story complex was designated as obsolete by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Counter recently announced that Savin Rock Communities Inc., which manages Surfside and other public housing properties across the city, is borrowing up to \$29.29 million for a multiphase plan to improve the authority's housing stock, including a new roof, boiler, generator and fire sprinkler at Surfside. Along with new windows and remodeled units, the complex will also receive an exterior face-lift and electrical and mechanical upgrades.

The extensive project kicked off July 20.

Also touring Surfside were Housing Authority Assistant Executive Director Meagan Golde and Board of Commissioners Chair Wayne Orio and Vice Chair John R. O'Connor. They were joined by Eric Stokes, the director of facilities and modernization at Savin Rock Communities, and Karen Kravetz, Savin Rock's general counsel.

Rossi, Counter and Savin Rock Communities have been working to enhance affordable living opportunities for West Haven residents with the greatest housing needs, including older and disabled people with fixed incomes, homeless veterans and families with low incomes.

## Viet Vets seek names for memorial addition

Current and former city residents who served in the Vietnam War are sought by the West Haven Vietnam Memorial Inc. Committee to have their names inscribed on a new section of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Bradley Point Park.

To qualify for name recognition on the memorial "wall," Vietnam veterans must apply and meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must live or have lived in West Haven. Veterans living in West Haven must provide proof of residence, such as a utility bill.

- Applicants must have served in-country during the Vietnam War.

- Applicants must have been honorably discharged from military service. A DD214 form (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) is required.

- Applicants must share potential costs, if any.

The committee does not have a formal application. Veterans must mail all documents, which are due Oct. 1, to West Haven Vietnam Veterans, City Hall, lower level, 355 Main St., West Haven 06516.

Those with questions can call Bill at 203-521-2356, Steve at 475-655-2993 or Paul at 203-500-2159.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial includes a black granite wall inscribed with the names of those from West Haven who served or gave their lives in Vietnam from 1959 to 1975, along with three white flagpoles draped with the American, Connecticut and prisoner-of-war flags.

The memorial, dedicated Nov. 12, 2003, also includes a black granite map of the four battle districts of Vietnam bearing the inscription "All Gave Some, Some Gave All," as well as five bronze insignia markers atop black granite posts representing each branch of the U.S. armed forces.

## Lowry: *Mutual objectives*

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But without the vicious Communists et al., he might well be 10 points lower in the polls, and anything that makes the primary race look more competitive is bad for him.

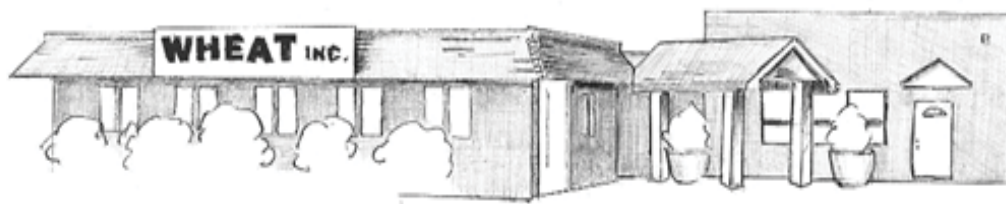
The legal handiwork of the "LUNATICS AND THUGS" is one of the former president's most valuable political assets.

Trump and his enemies may despise one other, but they are working toward the same immediate outcome, i.e., a high-stakes, hate-filled, Third World-ish Trump-Biden rematch with the possibility of jail for one of the contenders if he loses and intense prosecutorial scrutiny for the other if he comes up short.

And everything so far indicates that they're going to get it.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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# Endorsements: *Town committees choose*



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"Seeing the unity of the West Haven Republican Party has bolstered my desire to further unite our greater community beyond party lines, returning City Hall back to the people."

Weinstein, who is a married mother, grandmother, and co-owner of Star Tires Plus Wheels in Allingtown, has grown her involvement in West Haven politics over the last 6 years. Putting aside her business interests, Weinstein has regularly participated in City Council and local board meetings to demonstrate her investment in West Haven as both a businesswoman and

resident.

"We are all stakeholders in this city," said Weinstein in her address Tuesday. "Whether you are a lifelong resident, or have just joined our community, each one of us has invested something meaningful in West Haven. Unfortunately, decades of corruption and recycled politicians have neglected our stakeholders and devalued our personal investments."

She said her first days in office will be transformative.

"In my first 100 days as Mayor I will hire a full-time Economic Developer, appoint dedicated grant

writers to secure funding for West Haven, and audit our town for wasteful spending so that we can tear off the 'distressed municipality' label, and become a competitive and prosperous shoreline community. I will not put our city's needs on pause in times of need but step up to the challenge of putting West Haven back on track," she said.

Pushing the idea of an outsider, she said she was unlike any other candidate.

"I am the only candidate with no ties to former administrations or elected positions that can guarantee the fresh start West Haven deserves," she said. My platform is simple: reestablish transparency in City Hall, open West Haven for new businesses and families, hold city employees accountable, and expand accessibility to city services. What sets me apart is my plan to address the forgotten backbone of our community being our seniors, youth and families, veterans, and small businesses."

The full list of candidates includes: Mayor: Paige Weinstein; City Clerk: Joseph Viola; Treasurer: Pat Bolleter; Tax Collector: Justin Prat; Board of Education: Bob Guthrie, Pat Libero & Mike Southworth; Board of Assessments: Lori Jenson & Dave Riccio, Jr; Council at Large: Silvana Appicella & Meli Garthwait; District 1: Ryan Ford; District 2: Bonnie Posick; District 3: Nyrell Moore; District 4: Dominic Broccoli; District 5: Bob Wittkofske; District 6: Dominic Konareski; District 7: Open; District 8: David Riccio, Sr; District 9: Jeff Christman; District 10: Steve Johnstone.

## Surfside Vets slate 2 events

Surfside Veterans have scheduled two events for the coming weeks.

Surfside Veterans and Budget Car Wash are sponsoring a Veterans Car Wash fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Budget Car Wash, 936 Boston Post Road, from 11-5. DJ Marc Mecca will be on hand to play during the event. Proceeds go to support Surfside Veterans LLC, and the group's programs to help "Veterans Help Veterans."

The second event is set for Sept. 29. The "Veterans Bash at the Beach" will be a day of fun and fundraising for the organization.

Plans are incomplete, but organizers are looking for sponsorships for its ad book. Stage performances, music and special events are planned. Call Rich Deso, (860) 710-18333 or surfsideveterans@gmail.com.

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# Scholarship to honor lost brother

An alumna of St. Lawrence School is looking to memorialize a family member through establishing a sustaining scholarship to the parochial school in his name.

Michelle M. Lorenzo-Caprio is attempting to establish the John Lorenzo, Jr. Scholarship for deserving students

attending the school.

The scholarship will be established through a non-profit organization, Do Good, Feel Good, Inc. and will provide an ongoing scholarship, though final plans on just how the grant will be administered and its criteria are still to be determined.

"I spoke with Mr. (Frank) Arnone, principal at St Lawrence, so he knows my efforts and ideas," Caprio said. "I would like to provide a scholarship to a student to attend in memory of John."

A meeting between herself, Arnone, Fr. Jose Mercado, pastor, and Bambi Grestini,

the new Director of Alumni Services, was planned for this week. In the meantime, Caprio has begun efforts to fund the scholarship.

Westies Nutrition, 153 Sawmill Road, is teaming up with Caprio, hosting a give-back day to help raise funds. Patrons who come in from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be helping with the effort. Letters have been sent to friends of both Caprio and her late brother, hoping to enlist help, and Facebook has been utilized.

"The event at Westies Nutrition will have a few raffles and they will be giving 10% back of the day's sales," Caprio said. "Both my daughter's Michaela and Chloe, John's only nieces, will be working at the event."

Caprio remembered her years at SLS, but said her brother made a big impression during his years there, graduating in 1984.

He then attended West Haven High School, Class of 1988. Never married, he went into the business world, finally working for Yale-New Haven Hospital until he was diagnosed with an illness that eventually led to his death on Sept. 21, 2020, four days shy of his 50th birthday.

"He was well loved and respected and was an assistant

coach to several semi-pro football teams in the area," Caprio said. "He was the kindest, most loving man, who was loved by so many and is truly missed."

According to Kathleen Joyce, outgoing Director of Alumni Relations at the school, there are programs in place, but none similar to that which Caprio is proposing.

"We currently have an alumnus, Tom Prete, Class of 1976, who graciously provides a \$500 scholarship for seventh graders (moving into eighth grade) who exhibit promise in engineering. Tom is the VP of Military Engineering at Pratt and Whitney," she said. In addition, the Sisters of St. Joseph, who opened and ran the school for almost 100 years, provided a \$10,000 scholarship, which was used for students in 2020. This is, however, the first time an alum is raising money in honor of her brother, to provide full tuition assistance to one student."

Once the organizational hurdles are cleared, Michelle Caprio and her family hope to continue the scholarship for future students of St. Lawrence. Donations can be mailed to: Do Good, Feel Good, Inc  
PO Box 16823  
West Haven 06516



Michelle Lorenzo-Caprio is shown with brother, John and daughters, Michaela and Chloe. The sister is hoping to establish a sustaining scholarship for students at the siblings' alma mater, St. Lawrence School.

## Seniors to visit Aqua Turf, Sept. 12

The West Haven Senior Center is offering a bus trip to the Aqua Turf Club in Southington on Sept. 12 for an afternoon of '60s and '70s classics performed by Rainere Martin as Donna Summer and The Brass Attack Band.

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The trip costs \$120 and includes transportation, driver gratuity and a family-style lunch. It also includes a glass of beer or wine, coffee and doughnuts, as well as door prizes.

Payment is due Aug. 11.

The bus departs at 9:45 a.m. from the Veterans Memorial Park parking lot at 91 Bull Hill Lane, the former Nike site, and leaves at 3:45 p.m. from Aqua Turf.

Senior center membership is not required to attend. Nonresidents are also welcome.

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# Festival: *Concerts rescheduled*

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"I am proud to kick off the 2023 Savin Rock Festival and honor the history of the Rock," Rossi told the festive crowd. "I hope you all enjoy the live music, the delicious foods from over a dozen food vendors, and visit the craft fair, which features 30 vendors."

The mayor thanked city departments, employees and volunteers for making the event possible, including festival coordinator Killian Gruber, Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy, and entertainment coordinators Beth A. Sabo, the commissioner of human resources, and Brian Hayden, a program coordinator at Park-Rec.

"The collaboration between you all has been instrumental in organizing the Savin Rock Festival," Rossi said.

The mayor also thanked the festival's title sponsors, the University of New Haven, Yale University and Frankson Fence Co., as well as sponsors Baybrook Remodelers Inc., Affordable Waste Systems LLC and Adams Hometown Market.

Radio personality Brian Smith, back for a sixth time as the "ringmaster" of ceremonies, then heralded the evening's musical lineup, joking, "Welcome to the 250th Savin Rock Festival!"

The Kathy Thompson Band, performing such hits as Bruce Springsteen's "Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out" and Peter Gabriel's "Sledgehammer," warmed up concertgoers for Day 1 headliner Shaded Soul Band, which played R&B favorites and pop gems, including The Temptation's "My Girl," The O'Jays' "Love Train" and Earth, Wind & Fire's "Let's Groove."

The bands entertained and interacted with the all-ages crowd, turning the concrete pad in front of the portable stage into a giant dance floor.

The groups were complemented by Smith, a former co-host of WPLR's "Smith and Barber the Morning Show," who segued the performers with hysterical bursts of comic relief.

At the craft fair, set beneath the Grove's sun-drenched oak trees, returning vendor Maria C. Zerillo, who owns Besoleze, was joined by first-time vendor Marilyn Wilkes to sell their wares.

Zerillo displayed her handcrafted soaps and candles, and Wilkes showed her handmade, one-of-a-kind earrings, necklaces and bracelets.

At the festival's hospitality tent, Sabo sold signed copies of the book "City of West Haven: Village to Town" from the West Haven Centennial Cel-

ebration in 2021, along with DVDs of the Savin Rock documentary, "See Ya at the Rock!"

West Haven's flagship festival, established by the Chamber of Commerce, debuted on July 24, 1982, to bring organizations, clubs, businesses and families together for a summer festival that celebrates life in one of America's oldest maritime communities.

From the dawn of the Savin Rock House hotel in 1838, the Rock had long been a resort hub until it was officially incorporated as an amusement park by the Savin Rock Park Co. on Memorial Day 1925, when it opened to 300,000 visitors and 66,000 automobiles in one spectacular day.

For the next 40 years, the storied seaside park captured the hearts and imaginations of "Rock rats" young and old. "The playground of New England" closed on Sept. 21, 1966, to make way for the Savin Rock Urban Renewal Project.

### RESCHEDULED

**Magic of Motown, to this Saturday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. in Old Grove Park on Palace Street. Maremma Amusements offering Midway.**

### TO BE ANNOUNCED

Headliner Arena Rock Tribute is being rescheduled to a later date. Stay tuned for details.



Photo by Brian Hayden

## Maltese, Fields defend title

Savin Rock Festival Bocce Tournament coordinator Olivia Quagliani, center, presents a \$50 gift certificate to The Breakwall restaurant to defending bocce champions Dave Maltese, left, and Pete Fields in Old Grove Park on Saturday. Maltese and Fields won the shoreline tournament, held by the Department of Parks and Recreation, for the second year in a row.

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#### Family Day - August 12th

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 Make a wooden pallet sign with *ArtsWestCT*  
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#### August 19th

What's Cooking West Haven? at 11AM

*Dave Foster of Foster's Feasts* shows how to whip up a tasty salad dressing that keeps for a whole month in the fridge

#### August 26th

Percussion by *Moises Vazquez* at 12:30PM

### AUGUST VENDOR LINEUP

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## Christmas in July!

The West Haven Historical Society sponsored its annual Christmas in July fundraiser at its headquarters in the Poli Mansion, 686 Savin Ave. Despite the heat and ongoing humidity hundreds of shoppers and history buffs checked out the various tents and tables, offering many gifts and accessories that would look well under the tree in December.

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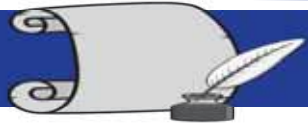
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## The Twilight League Part II

With thanks to Harry Noyes III-

As the forming and early years of the West Haven Twilight League drew to a close, the league entered the next phase of its marvelous history. This era covers the middle years of the league.

Continual strong, dedicated leadership from the league officers rubbed off to the next generation, which resulted in a very high caliber of amateur baseball.

However, a major problem surfaced during this period. The Korean War and the conflict in Southeast Asia, which became the Vietnam conflict put a drain on player personnel, as many young men were called to military service to strengthen our armed forces that were needed to protect the Free World from Communist aggression.

The West Haven Twilight League in the past used players strictly from West Haven.

This long, successful policy needed to change in order for

it to exist as a viable league. To offset this problem, teams were now allowed to add non-West Haven players to their roster.

This rule change proved successful as the league now moved forward and continued to excel.

The league made and continues to make changes in our ever-changing society, but is still a West Haven-based product.

Being able to bend a bit and implement different approaches to problems is the

principal reason the league has been successful for so many years.

The West Haven Twilight League has been a dream league: a definite showcase for amateur baseball. The officers who operate the league and the players who perform continue to provide excellence to the league and all of baseball as well.

These intangibles and its wonderful heritage, are reasons to be proud and offer continual excellence in future years.



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

League play continued in the post-war years, with teams from all over the Town of West Haven. This 1946 photo shows the Prospect Beach squad, one of the top teams in the sunset circuit.



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### Twin bill concert in Grove at 6

Today's West Haven Summer Concert Series will feature a twin bill: the classic rock anthems of The Generators at 6 p.m., followed by the horn-powered party hits of Rubber City at 8 p.m. Both concerts will take place in Old Grove Park on Palace Street, not on the West Haven Green, and will include food trucks and craft vendors. The Summer Concert Series will continue at 7 p.m. Aug. 10 on the Green with Silver Steel,

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# 'Breakwall' newest shore eatery

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

There's a new eatery in town.

With the snip of a blue ribbon, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Brendan and Katrina Snow, the husband-wife owners of The Breakwall, ushered in the shoreline restaurant's grand opening at 305 Captain Thomas Blvd. on July 19.

West Haven's newest restaurant is located in the heart of the Savin Rock business district near the beach and specializes in "freshly prepared burgers, succulent seafood, hand-selected wings and irresistible specials that will satisfy every craving," said Brendan Snow, a former longtime employee and bar manager of Beef & Brew Pub and Savin Rock Roasting Co., which previously occupied the site.

"My goal is to provide high-quality food, craft cocktails and live music to create an atmosphere that makes people feel good and happy with their decision to come and spend their time with us," said Snow, who has worked in the hospitality industry for more than 20 years.

Rossi welcomed the Snows to the city and thanked their many family and friends for attending the late-afternoon ceremony.

"We're very excited about a new business coming to West Haven!" Rossi said.

The ribbon-cutting was attended by City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath, Councilwoman Colleen O'Connor, R-at large, and City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown Commissioner Frederick Brown.

Also marking the event were Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce President Michael Moses, Director of Membership and Marketing Simon McDonald and event coordinator Wendy Terenzio, along with chamber members Peggi Vetro of the Irish Heritage Society of Milford, West Shore Associates of West Haven owner Erin Eberhardt and Edward Jones of Milford financial adviser Jay Borelli.

Brendan Snow said The Breakwall's open floor plan offers flexible seating for large and small gatherings, a designated area for live music, and space for private parties in the renovated dining area.

He said the nautical-inspired name refers to a wall that breaks the impact of waves in a harbor.

Home to "food, drinks and music," the restaurant and bar offers a wide variety of local beers on tap and daily food specials, including the Bacon Jam Burger, a half-pound

burger patty topped with melted cheddar cheese, bacon onion jam, lettuce and tomato.

The diverse menu includes house-made soups and salads and features "incredible" dishes created by Snow and head chef Julio Morales, in-

cluding Nonnie's Chicken, a chicken breast sauteed with spicy Italian sausage, roasted garlic, onions, and hot and sweet peppers in a white wine sauce.

Snow said he is excited to present some of the best in

regional and national music talent to produce an "intimate and uniquely special experience for guests."

In addition to offering trivia on Tuesday nights, he plans to offer menus for happy hour and Sunday brunch.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

The Breakwall has 15 employees and serves food from 4-10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, noon-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon-9 p.m. Sunday. Otherwise, the bar is open late on those days. Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, center right, cuts the ribbon with The Breakwall owners Brendan and Katrina Snow, center left, to celebrate the restaurant's grand opening at 305 Captain Thomas Blvd. on July 19. With them are, from left, Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce Director of Membership and Marketing Simon McDonald, City Clerk Patricia C. Horvath, Councilwoman Colleen O'Connor, R-at large, and City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown Commissioner Frederick Brown.

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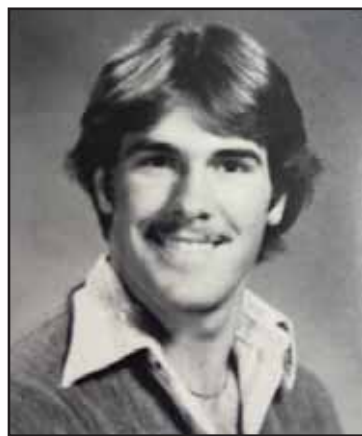
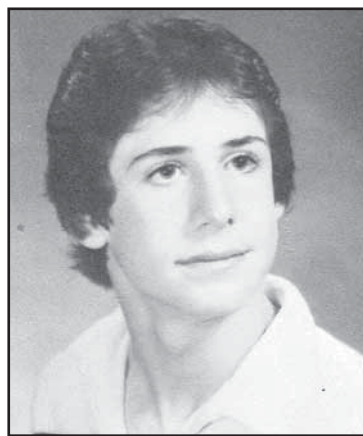
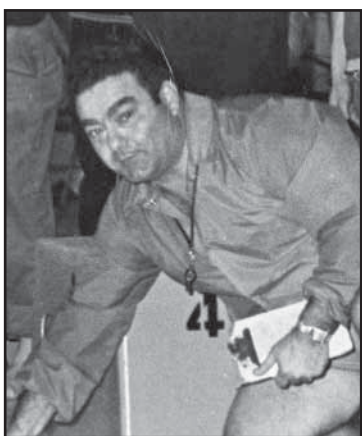
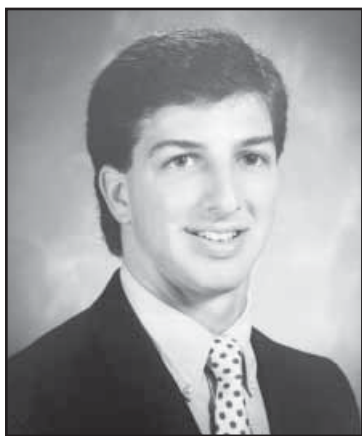
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Named for induction into the West Haven High School Hall of Fame's Class of 2023 include: Mark Anquillare, Richard Boshea, Shannon Connor, Jackie Coyle (Tinker Blake Community Service Award), Coach Fred DeDomenico, George Hines, Michael SanGiovanni, and Monica Yanez.

The inductees will be honored at a banquet at Amaranthe's Sea Cliff Inn, 62 Cove St., New Haven, Nov. 18.

# Hall of Fame announces class

## *Eight named for Nov. 18 induction*

The West Haven Hall of Fame Committee has announced its newest inductees to be honored, Saturday, Nov. 18 at Amaranthe's Sea Cliff, 62 Cove St., New Haven.

The new soon to be inductees include Jackie Coyle (Tinker Blake Community Service Award), Shannon Connor Lang, Monica Yanez, Fred DeDomenico, Rich Boshea, and Mark Anquillare, George Hines, and Mike SanGiovanni, who comprised one of the best lines in the history of West Haven hockey.

With eight new members, there will now be 203 inductees in the prestigious club since the start two decades ago.

Yanez is a 2010 graduate who starred in girls soccer, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field. The three-sport star played all four years in each sport.

Playing for coach John Camara, Yanez was an outside midfielder, while starring in the 100 meter hurdles, 300 meter hurdles, long jump and triple jump for Hall of Fame track coach Modestine Vaughn.

The Cheshire resident went on to play all three sports at the University of New Haven where she graduated Cum Laude in 2014 with a degree in Chemical Engineering / Chemistry.

Boshea is a 1979 graduate, who is now the head football coach at the high school. Affectionately known as Coach Bo, Boshea has been the head football coach at West Haven since legendary coach Ed McCarthy retired, taking over the reign in 2015.

Boshea has been with the football program since 1985 as an assistant coach, helping lead the Blue Devils to state titles in 1986, 1987, 1989, and 2002.

In 2002, Boshea was named the Assistant Coach of the Year. He was named a 2006 Jimmy Fund Award winner, and he is a 3-time Southern Connecticut Conference Coach of the Year.

Boshea is also a member of the Widener University Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the National Championship team, he and has also been inducted into the District League Foot-

ball Hall of Fame.

DeDomenico had a 37-year teaching career, 33 of which were in West Haven. His teaching at West Haven led to his involvement in the West Haven High School sports community.

An assistant coach for the football program at West Haven for six years, DeDomenico was a key piece to the 1968 undefeated football team as one of the offensive line coaches. His teachings led to a bruising ground game as the Westies took home the title.

DeDomenico may be most remembered for his achievements with the swimming teams as he started the program from the ground up. Coaching for several years without West Haven having a pool, DeDomenico was instrumental in having the West Haven pool built.

The inaugural coach led the team for 16 years and was honored with the scoreboard in the pool being named in his honor.

DeDomenico is a member of the New Haven Gridiron Club High School Hall of Fame, and he was also a recipient of the West Haven Twilight League Gold Bat Award.

Coyle is being recognized as the Tinker Blake Community Service Award recipient, as he is universally appreciated with great affection by generations of West Haven hockey players and enthusiasts for his lifelong dedication to the sport and a friend to many.

Hired in November of 1969 by the West Haven Board of Education, Coyle began his 31-year career at the Edward L. Bennett Rink as only the second full-time hire at the rink.

During Coyle's tenure, the Bennett Rink became known as one the finest, if not the finest, ice hockey facility in Connecticut. From the playing surface to overall upkeep and cleanliness, the rink was unmatched, due in large part to Coyle's dedication and hard work.

A longtime member of the West Haven Penalty Box Club, Coyle received the club's Appreciation Award for his years of dedication and service to West Haven hockey upon his retirement in

2001. The annual Jamboree to open each season is named in Coyle's honor.

Connor Lang is a 2011 graduate, starring in three different sports. The versatile athlete was a 4-year starter on the softball field for Hall of Fame coach Frank Biondi, played three years of volleyball for John Anderson and Kate Coldren, and two years of basketball for Jim Egan.

Playing for Biondi, Connor Lang rang up the honors on the softball field as she finished her career with over 100 hits, was named the team's Most Valuable Player in 2009 and 2010, and she helped her team to the state quarterfinals in 2010.

Connor Lang was named to the Connecticut High School Coaches Association Class LL All-State teams in 2009 and 2010, was a New Haven Register All-Area and All-State selection in 2010, was named to the Academic All-State team in 2011, and was the Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2011. Connor Lang was also an All-Quinnipiac Division selection in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Named team Rookie of the Year in both volleyball and basketball, Connor Lang played every position in her high school career in volleyball, and she was a guard on the basketball court.

The 3-sport star was named captain of her volleyball and softball teams as a senior. Connor Lang, who finished fourth in her class academically, went on to play Division II softball at Bentley University, where she was named captain her senior year.

At Bentley, Connor Lang was named to the Academic All North-East 10 Conference Softball team (2014, 2015), placed on the All-Northeast-10 Conference softball third team (2013), and finished with 100 career hits. Connor Lang is tied for seventh in program history for most hits, and fourth in program history for most singles.

As part of one of the most feared hockey lines in the state in 1984, SanGiovanni was a force to be reckoned with. Finishing his high school career with 103 career points, SanGiovanni's senior year was every bit impressive.

The senior co-captain and right wing under legendary and Hall of Fame coach Art Crouse finished his senior campaign in 1984 with 20 goals, 25 assists and 45 points, joining the 100-point club in the state championship season.

A 4-year player, SanGiovanni was named to the All-Tournament Second Team and All-State Second Team his senior campaign. SanGiovanni was also a co-recipient of the Michael Green Scholarship Fund.

SanGiovanni was a 4-year player on the baseball diamond as well under Hall of Fame coach George Hanchette, making his mark in the outfield on the state championship team in 1984.

A 4-year player, who graduated in 1984, Anquillare was another key player on the famed all-star line under Crouse.

A center for the Westies, Anquillare was an All-District selection in 1983 and 1984, and an All-State selection in 1984 when he finished with 24 goals and 34 assists for 58 points.

Anquillare finished his hockey career at West Haven with 52 goals and 64 assists and a member of the esteemed 100-point club. The West Haven sniper went on to play collegiate hockey at the University of Notre Dame.

Hines was a four-year hockey star, who was also from the class of 1984. A forward and senior co-captain, Hines finished with 74 career points, including 45 in the memorable senior campaign.

As part of the 1984 state championship team, Hines finished the season with 21 goals and 24 assists, being named to the All-District Second Team and Honorable Mention All-State. Playing for coaches Crouse and Art DeLucia, the prolific scorer had his number 15 retired following the campaign.

For information regarding the induction ceremony, please contact West Haven athletic directors Joe Morrell and Mike Anquillare at joseph.morrell@whschools.org and Michael.anquillare@whschools.org.

# Field Turf to recycle Ken Strong's carpet

FieldTurf, a world leader in artificial turf, is enhancing Ken Strong Stadium and the Frank Biondi Softball Field this week by replacing the fields and track while recycling the old material. This project puts West Haven High School as the first school in Connecticut, and just one of the first 10 in the entire country, to have FieldTurf recycle its old field.

"We are excited to partner with West Haven to provide them with a safe and attractive facility, while also maximizing our recycling efforts by being the first field in Connecticut to be sent to our internal recycling center instead of adding to a landfill," said Andrew Dyjak, Regional Vice President New England.

The project encompasses replacing the synthetic turf field at Ken Strong Stadium, a new track, and a natural grass-to-turf conversion on the softball field. The old fields are net-zero carbon emissions, so everything gets recycled.

In some turf-replacement projects, the carpet and InFill would be tossed in a dumpster or landfill, but FieldTurf instead used large white bags to put all recycled materials in, which are then shipped out for recycling. Additionally, the rolled-up carpets and InFill were loaded onto a truck to bring to FieldTurf's newest facility in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

At the facility, which is the largest of its two plants, FieldTurf will separate the InFill from the carpet. During this process, the InFill is separated and cleaned into separate sand and rubber, and is repurposed for other projects. The carpet, meanwhile, gets shipped to one of FieldTurf's partners that makes plastic wood composites.

**Field Turf is working on laying down a new artificial surface at Ken Strong Stadium in time for the fall sports season. The old carpet is being recycled by the company. Right -- the old carpet is shown rolled up for recycling. Below-- The remnants were then bagged for shipment to a recycling facility.**

Photos courtesy of Michael O'Brien



## U-19 baseball ends season with split

The West Haven U19 baseball team opened the final regular season stretch with a 12-2 loss against New Haven at Piurek Field. West Haven fell behind early and never got back on track in the loss.

Trailing, 3-0, in the first on five walks and an error, West Haven got on the board in the bottom of the inning when Cam Cruz reached on an error to score a run.

New Haven added three more in the second, but West Haven had a chance to get closer when Zach Bouteiller drew a two-out walk and Mike Madera singled to center, but both were left stranded.

The Westies got within 6-2

in the third as Cruz reached on a two-out error, Haygen Axelrod walked, and Justin Wilson singled to load the bases. A walk to Lucas Forgette forced in Cruz, but West Haven again stranded runners on base.

The inability to get closer hurt as New Haven scored five times with two outs in the fifth.

Josh Osborne and Haygen Axelrod also had hits in the contest for West Haven.

After rain forced postponements, West Haven finally got back on the field and posted a 12-1 victory over New Haven. Ray Gilbert led the offense with two hits and two runs batted in.

Leading, 5-1, in the third, West Haven blew the game

open with seven runs. Jacob Fowler singled to score Cruz, an error and a wild pitch scored two more runs, Haygen Axelrod knocked in a run with a double, a double steal scored Osborne, and Gilbert's double knocked in Jeremiah Douglas and Madera for a 12-1 lead.

The Westies fell in the nightcap, 7-3, as they managed just three hits in the contest. Cruz knocked in a pair with a double in the sixth, but West Haven never got closer after scoring three in the inning.

West Haven concluded the regular season with a 6-4 loss to the Yanks. Trailing 2-0, West Haven scored four times in the bottom of the inning on two walks, two singles, and an error.



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### Firm a 'favorite'

Five Star Complete Asphalt Services, based in West Haven, has been named to the winning list of Nextdoor's 2023 Neighborhood Faves, where neighbors vote to celebrate their favorite local businesses. This year, Neighborhood Fave winners like Five Star Complete Asphalt Services will receive greater visibility and ranking on the Nextdoor app as well as a sticker to showcase their win in the real world.

"We're very excited for this award from Nextdoor," said Dustin Morgan, owner of Five Star Complete Asphalt Services. "We make it a priority and it is an important part of our business model to make sure the customer is fully satisfied with the project. We want to create a positive experience from start to finish. This award from Nextdoor, as voted on by neighbors, is a testament to the hard work we put in to satisfying our customers."

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### CITY OF WEST HAVEN

#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

RFQ # 2023-32

#### AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) BUSINESS LEASE/RENTAL INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM - EXTENSION

The City of West Haven, hereafter referred to as, "the City" is inviting small businesses that experienced a negative economic impact from the pandemic, to apply for a one-time assistance grant for lease and/or rental of commercial properties located in the City.

ARPA was enacted to provide local government funds to give direct aid to their communities, including businesses, to assist in the recovery from the pandemic. The City recognizes the vital importance of small, local businesses to the City's well-being. Grants will be awarded to small businesses to assist in their recovery and future growth by providing leasing and/or rental assistance for businesses committing to maintain operations in the City.

Criteria will include renewal of an existing lease agreement, or execution of a new lease agreement within the City of West Haven.

Small Businesses that may apply must be classified as either:

- (i) Small Business Landlords/Commercial Property Owners in West Haven; renewing existing leases or executing new leases with tenants in West Haven
- (ii) Small Business Tenants/Business Owners renewing existing commercial leases or executing new leases within West Haven

Due to the health impact of the pandemic on the community, this grant is also structured with an additional purpose of seeking to address and provide continued future healthcare services to the community, inclusive of pharmacy services.

Leasing and rental assistance grant awards will be one month's lease/rent for each year of the term of the executed lease. Grant maximum will be capped at 7 month's rent of respective lease.

Interested candidates should go to the City's website: [www.cityofwesthaven.com](http://www.cityofwesthaven.com). Click Businesses tab, then Bid Opportunities to view RFQ# 2023-32 in its entirety. Completed forms are to be submitted in a sealed envelope & addressed to The City of West Haven, Attn: Tammy O'Connell, Procurement Specialist, Purchasing Department, 355 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, West Haven, CT 06516 no later than Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Questions should be emailed to: [toconnell@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:toconnell@westhaven-ct.gov)

Tammy O'Connell  
Procurement Specialist

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23 Drone  
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25 Has  
27 Monastery  
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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**Answers to this week's puzzles**

**King Crossword**  
Solution time: 26 mins.  
Answers

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Answers

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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which European city is home to the Prado Museum?  
2. MOVIES: What is Forrest's hometown in the movie "Forrest Gump"?  
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the only vowel that isn't on the top row of letters on a keyboard?  
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What breed of dog is the TV star Lassie?  
5. CHEMISTRY: What is a common name for nitrous oxide?  
6. MUSIC: Which musical instrument does the singer Lizzo play?  
7. LITERATURE: What is a bildungsroman?

8. U.S. STATES: Which two states share the most borders with other states?  
9. TELEVISION: What decade is represented in the TV sitcom "The Goldbergs"?  
10. FOOD & DRINK: In which century was coffee introduced to Europe?

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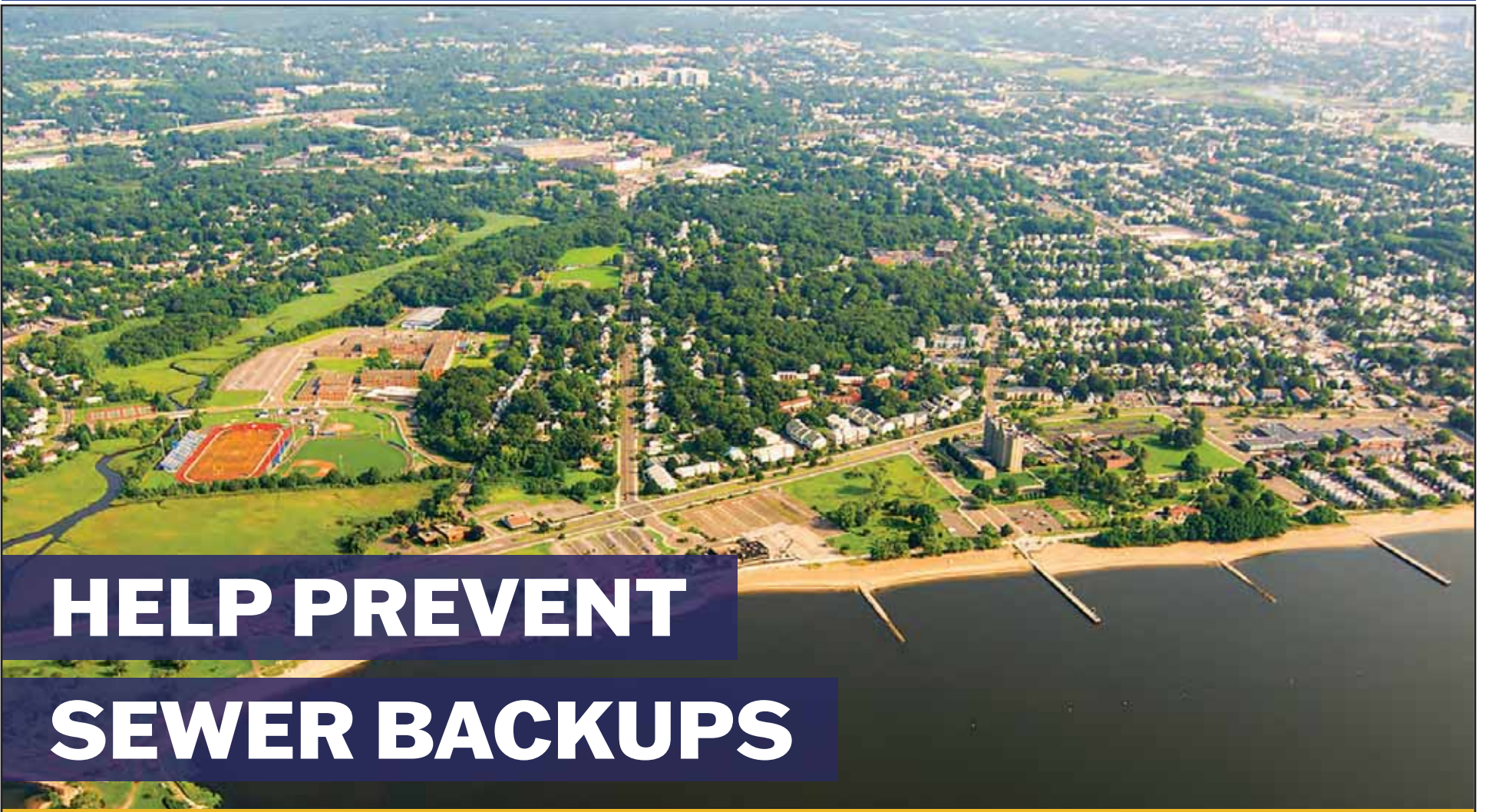
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