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Broadway star, Fradiani, heads 2024 Savin Rock Festival's bill

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Broadway star and "American Idol" winner Nick Fradiani will headline the Savin Rock Festival on July 27 in Old Grove Park, 1 Palace St.

On July 26, the festival's opening night will feature the tribute band Foreigner Journey Experience.

Mayor Dorinda Borer said the annual event will pay homage to West Haven's proud amusement park heritage.

According to Borer, the shoreline festival will showcase the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of Savin Rock Park, once known as Connecticut's Coney Island and locally as "the Rock."

The event is presented by the Savin Rock Festival Committee from 5-10 p.m. July 26 and 9 a.m.-10 p.m. July 27.

Along with live music, the festival will include the traditional midway of rides and games by Marenga Amusements and, of course, boatloads of seafood and other mouthwatering dishes.

Marenga will offer wristbands for unlimited rides for \$25 and 25 tickets for \$20.

According to committee Chairman Ed O'Brien, a number of nonprofit organizations will have informational booths in the 154-year-old Grove, and a fleet of food and dessert trucks will offer burgers, hot dogs, chicken, fried dough, lobster rolls, gyros and meatball bombs, as well as ice cream.

The craft fair, a festival staple, will also take place, spread beneath the park's oak trees.

Parking costs \$10 for nonresidents and is free for residents, provided their vehicles are registered in West Haven.

Parking is available in the grass lot off Oak Street, across from the Surfside public housing complex at 200 Oak St., and in the municipal lot at 6 Rock St., the former Savin Rock Conference Center.

Handicapped parking is available in the municipal lot on Altschuler Plaza, off Captain Thomas Boulevard.

Parking is also available at West Haven High School, 1 Circle St. The city will run a shuttle from the school to the Grove starting at 5 p.m. July 27.

The festival will open at 5 p.m. July 26 with a greeting by Borer and the national anthem sung by West Haven High sophomore Paige Kenny.

Radio personality Brian Smith will serve as the "ringmaster" of ceremonies for a seventh time.

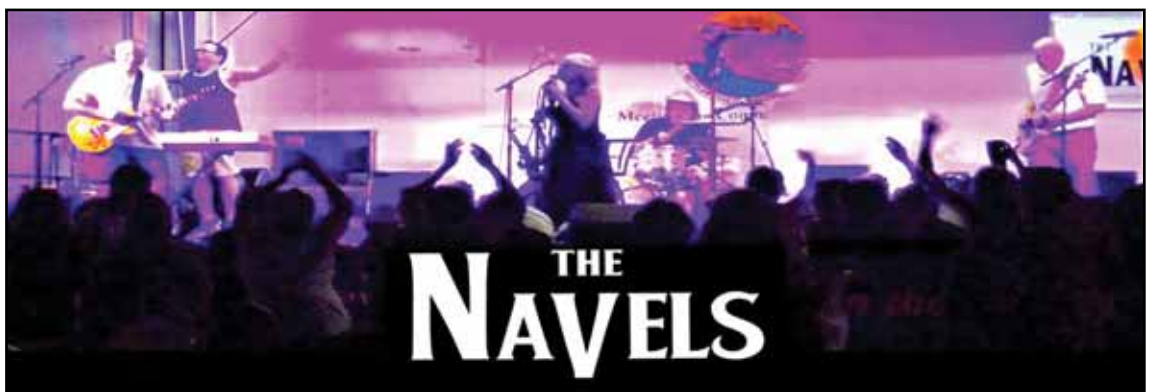
Covergirl, "Connecticut's premier party band," will play "the hits you love in an unforgettable style" from 6-7:30 p.m., followed by the Foreigner Journey Experience, performing the radio anthems of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame bands, includ-

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Left -- Broadway star and "American Idol" winner Nick Fradiani will headline Day 2 of the Savin Rock Festival at 8:15 p.m. July 27 in Old Grove Park, 1 Palace St. Fradiani will entertain festivalgoers with original songs, classic covers and Neil Diamond gems during a high-energy show. The Guilford native and former West Haven resident won Season 14 of "American Idol" in 2015. Below Middle -- The Foreigner Journey Experience, performing the radio anthems of bands Foreigner and Journey, on day 1. Day 2 The Navels performing the best of Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks and others.



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Borer jump starts Fair Rent Commission

West Haven was ahead of its time in the early 1970s when it was one of the state's first municipalities to establish a fair rent commission. After two decades of service, however, the commission became defunct in the early 1990s.

In 2022, the General Assembly passed legislation requiring each municipality with a population of at least 25,000 to enact an ordinance creating a

fair rent commission.

According to the Fair Rent Commission Act, the commission "shall make studies and investigations, conduct hearings and receive complaints relative to rental charges on housing accommodations."

Rental units include apartments, mobile homes and houses. They do not include accommodations rented on a seasonal basis, such as

through the vacation rental website Airbnb.

Upon taking office in December 2023, Mayor Dorinda Borer breathed new life into the city's Fair Rent Commission, appointing individuals with a wide range of backgrounds, including property management, business and civil service, to the refreshed panel.

"COVID-19 exacerbated

the challenges regarding the rental process, and this resets the process to allow for a fair approach," Borer said. "This commission is not a nice-to-have. It is law, and we needed a well-rounded commission in place to ensure the city is abiding by the rules and regula-

tions set forth. This new group is both professional, dedicated and hardworking."

"The Fair Rent Commission will be receiving complaints from tenants regarding what they believe to be unfair or unreasonable rent increases

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Photo by Nora E. Mullins

The members of the West Haven Fair Rent Commission are photographed in the Harriet C. North Community Room at City Hall recently. Sitting, from left, Vice Chairman Cristian Sanchez, Chairman Steven R. Mullins and Secretary Jaime Connellan. Standing, from left, Commissioners Killian Gruber, Effie Prokopis and Colleen O'Connor and alternate Rich Deso.

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Dear Felicia

Moving along with the summer season, I see we are in preparation for the annual Savin Rock Festival at the Old Grove Park. Whilst it is the last weekend of the month, yew know that things are prepped earlie than that as the rides and amusements are put up in the area near the Grove.

It also means that July will be over, and we'd be headin' into the Dog Days of Summer. With it comes more mugginess (more than we've had), and the beginning of the late summer-early fall fishing season. Blues and other fish bring out hundreds of people along our piers and jetties. It jest means summer is rolling along and will be over before we know it.

Heck, Cobina has started to see "back to school" commercials already. I remember as a kid, when hearing those ads in the heyday of radio, when those commercials came over our Atwater Kent, m'self was none too pleased.

Tennyrate, with the Savin Rock Festival in the offing, 'tis interesting that Cobina got this note in the post a few days ago. I thought I'd share it. It came from a friend of ours, and it speaks of a problem that was mentioned and dealt with last year, but like the seasons has to be dealt with each summer.

"The area around the Lone

Sailor has again become a hangout for loud, drunken vagrants and people with off-leash dogs. I tried taking the grandkids down there yesterday and had to go elsewhere. Wasn't this spot supposed to be West Haven's Pride and Joy?"

Two things. Foist off, when this became a problem last summer, and this papyrus reported upon it, there was the usual hue and cry from certain quarters that we were picking on those in lowly estate (to put it poetically). The question of "what could be done to help these poor people?" was mentioned several times.

Cobina is always amazed that for some, the question is always an either/or. If the city is trying to keep its public areas clean, presentable and usable by keeping the "night culture" out of the way, we become Simon LeGree. Many of those people can be helped and there are programs to help them, but they don't seek that help.

Nobody wants to put them in prisons or workhouses, but people have a right to have their public areas without having to climb over people sleeping on the benches or making a mess by pitching a lean-to. The "night culture" in this town has been a well-known secret for decades.

Secondly, we see the City Council is considering an ordinance against off-leash dogs on the beach. Most people know better. Some either don't know better, or won't know better. Anyone who walks the shore at any pernt of the day, but particularly early in the morning or later in the evening, know the number of dogs being walked (or walking their owners). Given the fact there are many people down there, no dogs should be unleashed.

There shouldn't be the need for the City Council to pass an ordinance, it should be common sense, but we know there are a lotta people who somehow missed the boat when that was divvied out.

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Sammy Bluejay was here t'other afternoon and we got talkin' about the ground survey that was done to find out if there are any remains of Adj. William Campbell, late of His Majesty's forces that landed on Savin Rock 245 years ago. We have always made a joke that the reason things in West Haven are so screwy sometimes goes way back. After all, what other community can claim that its main drag is named after the enemy? Methinks that makes us unique.

Well, Campbell was killed as the redcoats moved toward New Haven. Snipers fired upon the

marching soldiers, and Campbell was a casualty. He was buried on the Allingtown Hill, and his monument has been a place of historic moments for a while. Last year, his descendants came across the pond from Scotland and honored him.

The gizmos they used at the monument site were to see effen the soldier's remains were still extant in the burial location. I know local historians were interested in the project and who knows what happens next.

Whatever happens, it's a good story to tell new generations of West Haveners. It has decency, conflict, and is part of our history. Effen they do find any remains, let's hope they don't dig them up. Campbell has done enough. He's earned the rest.

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Hang onto yore hat, Felicia! As if getting in and outta this burg isn't hard enough, the next two-plus years are gonna be Hades and then some. Effen yew haven't hoid, the state is gonna do replacement work on two bridges that are part of I-95: the First Avenue overpass, and the span that goes over the railroad tracks and the West River estuary.

As we noted in this week's editorial, this ain't the foist time that the DOT has worked in these parts. It's been less than 10 years since the real Exit 44 was eliminated in that same area, and the configuration we have now has been in use. Let's jest say getting into the city at rush hour is not a "rush." It's more like a crawl.

For 27 months this is supposed to take place, meaning that I-95 is have lanes rerouted and all kinds of back ups effen past projects like this are any indication. Because of the problems with the new configuration over on Kelsey Avenue, many people have avoided that exit and gone via First Avenue or Sawmill Road when going south.

I might hafta bring Madame Olga here to look at her crystal ball, but effen lanes are closed or rerouted, that makes using those exits a bit more difficult going south. We ain't really seen the way the DOT guys have planned it. Supposedly, it's still in the "planning stages." But how much you wanna bet this burg is gonna be a traffic nightmare for more than two years? Effen Cobina was a bettin' gal, she'd drop the mortgage on it.

It ain't gonna be pleasant, and people will try to use backroads or alternate routes. That will only show how difficult getting into and outta our little corner of the universe is.

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As I am scribing this missive, Herroner and the governor are gonna be having a press conference to discuss rehab that's

gonna happen on Melloy School on Meloy Road (yeah, yew read that right). The plan is to make it a community center for various things. A few kopecks have been set aside for the project, and, of course, this gave everyone an opportunity to have a presser and the usual photo op.

Well, on a practical note, as mentioned by Iva Loothey, the former school, which is currently housing the students from Washington School whilst the new building is being constructed, is perty centrally located to all parts of the city, is on a major artery, and already has some community cred as the Community Garden is there in the back. Soooo, I guess making it a community center of sorts was a no-brainer.

It'll be interesting to see how this pans out. We've had schools used as community centers before, but always housing just one or two different agencies or groups. This seems to be a more "under one roof" approach. We'll see where this goes.

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The Wag came in t'other day and we were discussing the two PD officers that saved those young toddlers a few weeks back. Luckily, they got there in the nick of time, which means Providence was looking down, and they apprehended the culprit.

But, it got us to talkin'. Remember a couple years back and "Defund the Police" was all the rage, and certain quarters of the city determined this was a good idea? In this community the movement didn't takeoff like it did elsewhere. And that might've helped the fack that these kids were saved.

In today's "victim culture" everyone wants to put themselves in the position of underdog, and they make silly buzz statements like "defund the police." Aside: they always seem to be two- or three-word phrases.

Tennyrate, like we said earlier, things don't hafta be either/or, they can be both/and. Our police do a job nobody wants these days. And incidents like the one a few weeks ago shows why we need them, and the way they protect our community.

Here endeth the rant.

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I'll end this installment with an observation that we've had another two weeks since our last publication, and nothing has been done on the erstwhile Haven property. Maybe, the reconstruction on I-95 will have a stalling effect on that as well. Who knows? Everything else has kep' that area from being developed, why not reconstruction of a major highway?

With that bit o' chatter, I'll close mitt luff und kizzez,

*Cobina*

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### Convention interview

Fair Rent Commission Chairman Steven R. Mullins being interviewed by a local news agency at the opening day of the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, WI. Mullins, as well as former Republican Mayoral candidate Paige Weinstein and her husband Andy are attending the convention this week at the Fiserv Forum Arena in downtown Milwaukee. The Convention ends tonight (Thursday) with the acceptance speech of former President Donald J. Trump.

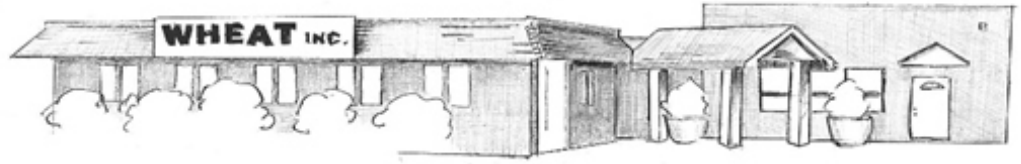
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Please call 203-937-3585 to schedule an appointment. The deadline is noon Monday, July 22, 2024.

Proper identification is required to claim goods. A \$10.00 cash deposit is required for all those who intend to place bids on bins. The deposit may be returned to you after the auction. In cases where you have a winning bid, this deposit may be applied towards payment. Bidding for lots will begin at \$10.00 with the balance to be paid in cash immediately following the auction. The successful bidder must have all items removed by 12 noon. Stored items to be auctioned are to be sold in lots only.

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## A 27-month headache!

"Fasten your seatbelts, it's going to be a bumpy night!"

Bette Davis made that quote famous in the classic movie "All About Eve," for West Haveners the "bumpy night" is going to be a 27-month-long purgatory of reconstruction along the Exit 43 entrance and exit ramps.

Last month, the Department of Transportation announced a project to demolish and reconstruct two bridges on the highway. One is the First Avenue overpass, and the other is the long expanse over the Metro-North railroad tracks. The DOT terms both bridges to be "in poor condition," and in need of replacement.

It is hard to remember that I-95 opened in 1958. To put it into perspective, the tracks underneath the highway were owned by the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad, one of the largest passenger carriers in the nation at the time. Much has changed since President Dwight Eisenhower was in office, but the infrastructure along Connecticut's I-95 corridor has not.

No one doubts the spans need replacement. The bridge over the tracks has been named several times as one needing rehab.

The First Avenue viaduct is not one of those mentioned heretofore, but it makes one wonder what other overpasses need a little TLC.

Regardless of the need, the reality of rerouted and piecemeal reconstruction is going to make traveling into the city, around the city and out of the city difficult at best.

Since the Exit 44 reconstruction eight years ago, commuters have stayed away from the new configuration, opting for other exits. Getting to those "other exits" will be made more difficult once the project is begun.

The key takeaway from the DOT is this line in its brochure about the project:

"During the demolition of the existing bridges and construction of the new bridges, the I-95 northbound interchange 43 entrance ramp will be closed. Traffic that enters I-95 northbound at this location will be re-routed onto other stateowned roadways in the City of West Haven and City of New Haven, utilizing the I-95 northbound interchange 44 entrance ramp. These detours will be in place for approximately 27 months. Detailed information on the detour routes will be posted to the project website."

While there is no cost analysis in the public information, there is confirmation the project will last for the next two-and-a-quarter years once begun.

Getting into and out of the city – always a daunting task in the best of times – will be made even more daunting with the new detours and reroutes. Might we suggest the city attempt to reopen Water Street to alleviate some of the congestion? Held up once before, the situation might be serious enough that whatever hurdles stand in the way, the situation is such the street needs opening.

Besides traffic, this makes us wonder about the future of the former Haven project property as well as other projects in the city. Difficulty in accessing an area means people stay away.

We urge our readers to stay informed. We will do our part to help in that regard. We urge the city and state to act with dispatch in getting this project done.

We urge everyone to resign themselves to the fact that the 27 months from beginning to completion will not be an easy time for anyone.



## The coup against Joe Biden

By Rich Lowry  
*Syndicated Columnist*

The Democratic Party is divided.

On the one side is the faction that wants to dump the presidential candidate chosen by more than 14 million Democratic primary voters.

On the other side is the faction that wants to keep the presidential candidate who almost certainly will not serve out his four-year term, leading to the ascension of an unelected president and unelected vice president.

What the entire party agrees on is that, either way, it is supposedly defending democracy.

There's no doubt that Joe Biden is the democratically selected presidential nominee of the Democratic Party, but also little doubt that his condition was hidden from the public and that, if he had to run in a free and fair nomination contest today, he would lose handsily.

An increasingly feeble President Biden was a crisis waiting to happen, and now that the crisis is upon us, there's no easy way out.

A pejorative, but accurate, description of the campaign to get Biden to quit the race is that it is an attempted intra-party coup. The voters chose Biden knowing he was 81 years old, although the party apparatus did everything possible to deny them a choice

between the incumbent and a plausible alternative, and everything possible to shut down the little-known member of the House who mounted a sacrificial challenge. (If there had been a prime-time primary debate between Biden and Rep. Dean Phillips, Democrats might not have been so shocked at Biden's poor performance against Donald Trump.)

Still, for donors, pundits and elected Democrats to attempt to undo this choice is frankly undemocratic. It looks even less democratic when it is factored in that a small handful of people -- Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer, James Clyburn and a couple of others -- are the ones who have the true power perhaps to force Biden from the race.

Leaving Biden in place isn't any better. If he's this fragile and addled in July 2024, there's no way he's going to serve in the most demanding job on the planet until January 2029. This means the electorate will be, in effect, voting in November to make Kamala Harris president of the United States sometime in the next term, without her being at the top of the ticket and withstanding all the scrutiny and bearing all the responsibility that comes with that.

Her accession will be constitutionally legitimate, since this is how the system works. But it will be doing Harris and

the country no favors to have her take the presidency without winning the office directly herself.

All this was avoidable if Joe and Jill Biden had had the foresight and public-spiritedness to decide last year that he wasn't up for another presidential campaign and another term in office. That way, there could have been a fully open primary contest with a large, robust field. The winner would have had the legitimacy of having won the most votes in the primary and presumably have raised no serious question whether -- absent some terrible unforeseeable event -- he or she could serve out a full term.

The Bidens made that impossible and also created a situation where we don't know whether the sitting president is fully in charge and whether he has a serious medical condition, diagnosed or undiagnosed. Certainly, the White House has been doing everything possible to keep people from knowing about Joe Biden's reduced state, and until his catastrophic debate performance, almost all the insiders who had seen or heard about his alarming condition were happy to keep it to themselves.

"Democracy dies in darkness" is the Trump-era motto of The Washington Post. Well, the inner sanctum of the Dem-

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# Know warnings of child's eye-health issues

**By Dr. Greg Carnevale**  
Chief Medical Officer  
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Eye health is an important factor in our overall well-being. Yet 65.4% of Connecticut children don't regularly see an eye doctor.<sup>1</sup>

With many kids out of school for the summer, screen time may add up quickly and potentially contribute to health issues, making it a great time to shine a spotlight on vision health.

That can include a focus on preventing or treating nearsightedness, also known as myopia, which affects our ability to see far-away objects clearly.

The onset of myopia in childhood has been linked to a greater risk of developing serious eye diseases later in life, including cataracts, glaucoma, and myopic macular degeneration.<sup>2</sup>

Unfortunately, nearsightedness is on the rise, affecting around 42% of all Americans nationwide, up significantly over the last few decades.<sup>3</sup> By 2050, it is projected that 50% of people worldwide will be nearsighted.<sup>4</sup>

While nearsightedness can be a hereditary condition, reduced outdoor time and increased hours on near work, including using digital devices at close range, have also been linked to an earlier onset of this condition.

In an increasingly digital world, it's more important than ever to be aware of this growing issue and how to address it.

This is especially true for kids. According to an international research study, children who spend most of their time on both a smartphone and a computer may have an 80% higher risk of developing myopia.<sup>5</sup>

That is why it's important to consider ways to support eye health for you and your family. Here are some tips:

**Reduce excessive blue light exposure.** Research is showing the potential health implications of excessive exposure to blue light,<sup>6</sup> including disrupted sleep cycles and digital eye strain.<sup>7</sup>

Nearly 60% of U.S. adults report experiencing symptoms of digital eye strain<sup>8</sup> with Americans spending an average of 7 hours per day interacting with screens.<sup>9</sup>

Remember to keep digital

devices at least 30 inches from your eyes to help reduce blue light exposure.

A good rule of thumb is to follow the 20-20-20 rule, which recommends that after 20 minutes of computer work, people take 20 seconds to look at something that's approximately 20 feet away.

Lastly, make sure to spend ample time outdoors, which research has shown may reduce the risk of nearsightedness.

**Watch for warning signs of myopia.** Some common symptoms that may indicate nearsightedness include far-away objects appearing blurry while close-by items are clear, squinting to see properly, eye strain and even headaches.<sup>10</sup>

For parents and caretakers, it's important to remember that children may not know they have a vision problem, so pay attention to indicators like frequent squinting and head tilting to read or watch TV, reduced performance at school, a shortened attention span, frequent eye rubbing, losing their place while reading or constant blinking.<sup>11</sup>

**Get a comprehensive eye exam and consider myopia management if needed.** If you think you or a loved one may be experiencing vision issues or if you're a frequent computer user, make sure to visit an eye doctor and get a comprehensive eye exam. These types of exams can detect health problems that a simple vision screening may miss, including conditions not usually associated with the eyes like diabetes and some types of cancer.<sup>12</sup>

For parents and caretakers, it's important to schedule comprehensive eye exams for children – even if they get their vision checked at school. A school's vision check is not a substitute because those screenings usually focus on measuring acuity levels and might miss some common conditions.

Ideally, kids should get annual comprehensive eye exams throughout their school years.

While eye doctors can't cure nearsightedness, they can prescribe eyeglasses or contact lenses to help you see clearly again.

And if you or a family member is diagnosed with this condition, specialized treatment plans may help slow the pro-

gression.

Maintaining good eye health is an important step everyone

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## Lowry: *Coup against Biden*

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ocratic Party tried to keep the public in the dark about Joe Biden, and now either wants to dump him against the expressed will of its voters, or effectively run Kamala Harris for president without admitting to voters that that is what it's doing.

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*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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## Campbell's remains sought at gravesight

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

A state-contracted archaeologist and his two-person team used a ground-penetrating radar on July 2 to determine if the centuries-old remains of British Adjutant William Campbell are buried in a hollow on "Monument Path" near Wade Street in the city's Allingtown neighborhood.

David E. Leslie, the principal of TerraSearch Geophysical LLC of Berlin, used the radar, which resembles a baby stroller, to scan the wooded path for Campbell's remains.

Geophysical specialist Fiona Jones and summer intern Ayden Child took turns pushing the GPR back and forth and collecting data as Mayor Dorinda Borer and West Haven Historical Society President Susan Walker gazed intently at the team's painstaking survey of the grounds.

Borer and Walker were joined by retired city Human Resources Commissioner Beth A. Sabo and author Peter J. Malia, a native of West Haven and an authority on the community's history.

Nearly 245 years to the day, Campbell, a Scotsman serving in the British army, died hours after saving the Rev. Noah Williston of West Haven's First Congregational Church from certain death at the hands of British soldiers and Hessian Jager mercenaries during the British invasion of Colonial New Haven.

On the sultry morning of July 5, 1779, the British army invaded New Haven Harbor in an amphibious assault from a fleet of 48 ships, with 1,500 troops coming ashore at West Haven's "Old Field" under Maj. Gen. George Garth and 1,100 troops landing in East Haven under Maj. Gen. William Tryon.

The survey work is being funded by a \$5,000 nonmatching grant from the State Historic Preservation Office, said Sabo, now a volunteer in the mayor's office who is coordinating the effort for the city.

The high-tech GPR technology helps archeologists uncover buried artifacts without breaking through soil, said Leslie, who has a doctorate in anthropology and is a research scientist at the University of Connecticut Department of Anthropology.

Leslie said preliminary results from his team's three-day radar and metal detection scans are forthcoming.

"Anything that's found would be huge," Sabo said.

If Campbell's remains are detected, Borer said she'll commission an archeological dig, most likely conducted by experts from Southern Connecticut State University.

The sliver of property is owned by the Historical Society and is maintained by the University of New Haven, which skirts the

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## Panel: *Commission gets reconstituted*

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or unacceptable accommodations," said Chairman Steven R. Mullins after an organizational meeting of the commission in the Harriet C. North Community Room at City Hall.

"At our last meeting, the commission adopted bylaws and procedures and created an application questionnaire that will be used to file a claim," Mullins said. "These forms are available in Mayor Borer's office and on the city website. An application in Spanish will be available in due course."

Mullins, a former chairman of the city's Planning and Zoning Commission, worked in residential property management for more than 20 years.

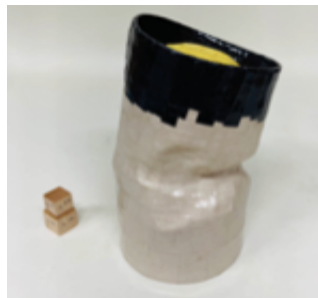
He is joined on the commission by Vice Chairman Cristian Sanchez, a paralegal; Secretary Jaime Connellan, a property manager; Colleen O'Connor, a former Republican councilwoman at large; Killian Gruber, a former executive administrative assistant to former Mayor Nancy R. Rossi; and Effie Prokopis, a businesswoman. Rich Deso, West Haven's municipal veterans representative, is an alternate.

Connecticut General Statutes require that in addition to Democrats and Republicans, the commission is composed of homeowners, landlords and tenants.

"This is to ensure fair hearing procedures," Mullins said.

Mullins, Sanchez and the city's legal team have met with city building, health and fire officials to inform them of their potential roles in the commission's work. The departments will make proper inspections of rental dwellings, depending on the nature of complaints reported.

The Fair Rent Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 355 Main St. Meetings are open to the public. Only called witnesses of the complainant or landlord are allowed to testify during proceedings.



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# Molloy School to become community center

With representatives from various groups from teens to seniors, Mayor Dorinda Borer announced Anna V. Malloy School on Meloy Road will be transformed into a multi-purpose community center, putting under one roof the many disparate programs offered to city residents. The school, closed since 2010, will have some modifications to the current structure and the addition of a gymnasium.

Gov. Ned Lamont stood on the dais with the mayor, confirming the discussion he had with the mayor, and the \$1.7 million allocated for the project. The allocation includes a \$1 million bond from the State Bonding Commission, and a previously approved bond for relocation of the Senior Center.

The idea was part of the mayor's many discussions with the governor, he said. But when the mayor gets a plan, he listens.

"When (Mayor Borer) calls with an idea we talk. Then she calls and calls and calls," he said.

Along with the mayor and governor, were representatives of youth groups, Senior Center members, the Veterans Council, and members of various city departments who had a hand in producing the preliminary plans to get the funding.

"This was a team effort," Borer said. "It's an opportunity to rethink and repurpose a building that could serve many aspects of the community."

She pointed out the location of the school is central to all parts of the city and has easy access from Meloy Road, a major artery.

The school is currently the temporary home of students from Washington School and will remain so until the new building is completed next May, according to schedule. Once vacated, modifications to the current structure will take place, and plans for an additional gym to house athletic events will be constructed.

The plan is still under design, but a graphic showing the various sections of the building, and the position of the gym gave the 100-plus people attending the event an idea of where things are expected to be located. For example, the cafeteria/auditorium will serve as a room for the senior center, according to the preliminary plan.

Staying with the "team effort" theme, Borer introduced Superintendent of Schools Neil Cavallaro as well as State Reps. Bill Heffernan (D-115) and Trenee McGee (D-116), Elderly Services Director Alyssa Maddern, and Veterans Council



Photo by Andrew Kosarko

**Gov. Ned Lamont is joined by Mayor Dorinda Borer, right, on Friday to announce \$1.7 million in state bond funding to convert the former Anna V. Molloy Elementary School at 255 Meloy Road into a community center to provide services and programs for seniors, veterans and youths. With them are, from left, West Haven youths, Board of Education member Heather Shea, state Rep. Bill Heffernan, Municipal Veterans Rep. Rich Deso, Superintendent of Schools Neil C. Cavallaro, Board of Education member Patrick O. Egolom and resident Mary Malenda.**

cil head Dave Ricci.

Cavallaro emphasized the fact the repurposing of the former school is in keeping with his philosophy of all schools.

"This is a space that all members of the community can enjoy," he said of the project. "Schools are community buildings. This can turn into something special."

Heffernan emphasized the building repurpose will fill a need the city has felt for some time.

"People have had to go to other communities to get the programs this center can offer," he said. "We have lacked something like this for so long."

McGee remembered when she was a teen going to other towns.

"I would go to other communities because we didn't have a teen center or place to go. This is desperately needed."

Maddern said the opportunity for a new, larger space is something her department has been hoping to accomplish.

"I thank Mayor Borer and Gov. Malloy for making this possible," she said.

Ricci, meanwhile, said the Veterans Council and Vietnam Veterans have been confined to a small office in the basement of City Hall, and have had no place to call home. Space will be provided in the restructure that will offer meeting space.

"We will be able to do expand our membership in this new space," he said.

Youngsters were present and individually expressed their excitement for a new teen

center that will be housed in the building.

Lamont offered a final comment during the program, saying the new project is an indication of a new direction for

the city.

"You've encountered some difficult headwinds over the last several years in this city. You're turning it around. It is important to have this type of

community center."

After the presentation, Borer said the plans are still in design. She said the concept should change into something more definite later this year.



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### 'Way to Go!'

Social workers and guidance counselors from Bailey Middle and Carrigan Intermediate schools receive West Haven Youth and Family Services' "Way to Go!" award from Director Diane Dietman, center, on July 8. From left, Kara Kaczynski, Maura Izzo, Alexis Stewart and Kate Scalesse. Dietman presented the award certificates "in recognition and appreciation for your ongoing commitment and dedicated service to Bailey and Carrigan students by collaborating with Youth and Family Services in offering an after-school social-emotional team building group in the 2023-24 school year."

Photo by Mackenzie Gardner

### Happy Fourth of July!

Mayor Dorinda Borer, left, makes the rounds to wish residents a happy Fourth of July, including stopping by the West Haven Senior Center on July 2 to join Director Alyssa Maddern, second from left. Borer said she hopes everyone had a wonderful holiday





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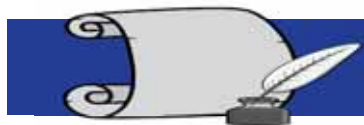
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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## The Malley Murder Mystery Part III

In cases where someone's death is sudden or unexplained, it is common to conduct an autopsy as well as an inquest. The former is a very thorough examination of the body with the intent of collecting evidence; the latter uses witnesses, but in these times suspects are not per-

mitted to defend themselves. The verdict of an inquest can be, for example, natural death, accidental death, misadventure, suicide, or murder.

If the verdict is murder or culpable accident, criminal prosecution may follow, and suspects are able to defend themselves there.

The medical practices of 1881 were a far cry from

those of today, and would seem quite primitive by our standards. But they were the tools of the day, and such as they were, they had to suffice. Likewise, the legal conventions of 1881 were quite different from those that we know today. Most prominently, the attorneys of the day generally had a very casual attitude toward the truth when it came to legal testimony.

On the Monday following her death, Jennie's body was removed from the refrigerated room at Stahl and Hegel's Funeral Home where it had been stored (refrigeration was supplied by great blocks of ice) and her autopsy began. Those conducting the autopsy included Drs. Shepard and Painter of the coroner's jury, plus a number of other medical experts of the day.

Over the next seven hours, the group removed Jenny's brain, tongue, windpipe, esophagus, and just about every organ occupying her torso. These tissues were examined, the results recorded, and the organs were placed into glass jars. What little that was left of Jenny was then placed into a rosewood coffin with her name on it.

At this point, the most popular theory was that Jennie had been drugged and taken advantage of, and that the drugs had killed her.

Her killer, wanting to make it appear to be an accident, had placed her body in the harbor, so as to give it the appearance of drowning.

However, this was speculation; the physical results of the autopsy shed little if any light on the cause of death.

The next day, the inquest began at Thompson's Hall (today's Altschuler building, at the corner of Campbell Avenue and Main Street) which acted as the courthouse and jail during that era.

The three "persons of interest," James Malley, Walter Malley and Blanche Douglass arrived by carriages that Tuesday morning for the inquest; at this point it should be noted that no arrests had been made. Each party was questioned at

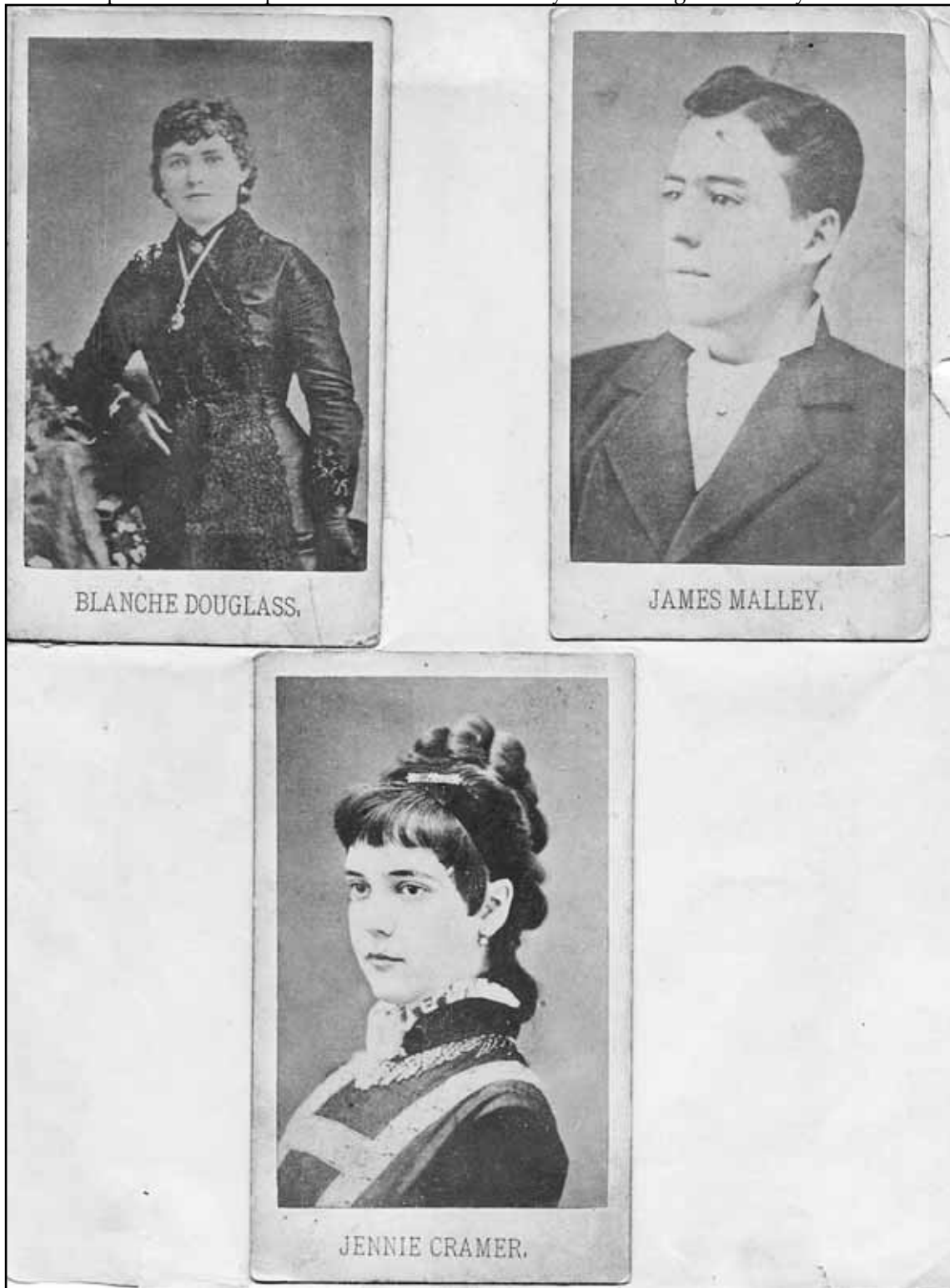


Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice, and local history buff

length but they were excluded from hearing each other testify.

Together with their lawyers, the trio had devised a story that they would hold to. James was clever, and Walter was very intelligent, and they handled themselves fairly well; but Blanche couldn't keep her lies straight. In the end, it was apparent to the audience and the reporters on hand that there were a variety of contradictions between the three stories told, and that Blanche was ill-equipped for this task, and way over her head in the legal process. Her versions of things did not carry a note of credibility to those in the courtroom; and after that day, investigations into her life in New York gave the picture of someone who had much to hide.

To be continued.



The major players in the murder are shown above. What happened that night was to be determined during an inquest in Thompson's Hall, now known as the Altschuler Building (right). James Malley was son and heir to the family that owned one of the biggest dry goods stores in New Haven.



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# Festival: *Fradiani* heads bill

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ing Foreigner's "Double Vision" and Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'," from 8-10 p.m.

Day 2 will kick off at 9 a.m. July 27 with the Rotary Club's pancake breakfast, followed by the Department of Parks and Recreation's bocce tournament at 11 a.m.

From 10 a.m.-4 p.m., firefighters of the West Haven Fire Department, led by Fire Marshal Roger Sicotte, will demonstrate the department's 35-foot smoke trailer and show children what to do in case of a fire. Sicotte will also have a fire safety and public education table with informational materials.

From noon-1 p.m., the Savin Rock Theatre Company will present a performance by

Broadway singers.

At 1 p.m., don't miss the inaugural "Great Bartender Race," which is sure to serve up nonstop fun and laughs. Teams of four will compete in a relay race at Oak Street Beach to determine who has the best bartenders in West Haven.

At 2 p.m., West Haven firefighters will demonstrate the Jaws of Life tool by prying open parts of a vehicle to free those trapped inside.

From 2-3:30 p.m., two bands from the Rock House School of Music, Echo Box and Melt-Down, will open the diverse musical lineup by playing respective sets of rockers.

From 2-4 p.m., children's activities will fill the Grove, including airbrush tattoos,

balloon twisting and face painting. Also, look out for princesses and superheroes — even Dennis the Clown — interacting with children around the park.

From 4-5:30 p.m., tribute group Faster Things will play the hits of the Allman Brothers Band, including "Melissa," "Ramblin' Man" and "Jessica."

Then, in their farewell concert from 6-7:30 p.m., popular local rock band The Navels will perform the best of Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks and other '70s and '80s favorites.

Before The Navels take the stage, West Haven's own Grace Kelly Nowak will sing the national anthem.

At 8:15 p.m., after a spirited introduction by Borer welcoming Fradiani from Broadway to West Haven, the Guilford native and former West Haven resident will entertain festivalgoers with original songs, classic covers and Neil Diamond gems during a high-energy 90-minute show. Fradiani won Season 14 of "American Idol" in 2015 and just finished starring as Diamond in the production of "A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical," which ended its Broadway run on June 30.

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Lieutenant Sam Manuel

## Allingtown volunteer heading to South Pole

By Steven R. Mullins

Allingtown VFA

Allingtown Volunteer Fire Association Lt. Sam Manuel has been hired by Amentum, an organization that supports the National Science Foundation and the Arctic Exploration and Research Program.

Manuel will be a firefighter/emt with the Antarctica Fire Department at the McMurdo Station. "I chose to do this, because it's an incredibly unique opportunity that allows me to see some of the world, challenge myself and hopefully make me a better and more resourceful firefighter/emt." Said Manuel. "I made the decision long ago that I wanted to continue to seek out new challenges and never stop learning for as long as possible, while doing the job I love." He said.

A 2023 graduate of the University of New Haven, Manuel holds a B.S. degree in Homeland Security and Emergency Management. He will turn 24 years old on Aug. 31.

A native of Warrenton, VA, Manuel attended Kettle Run High School. He started volunteering with his local fire department, the New Baltimore Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company 1110 when he was a 14 year old cadet. He earned his Firefighter 1 and 2 and Hazardous Materials certifications by taking nine month night school academy courses during high school and became an operational interior firefighter at 16 years old.

Manuel earned his Emergency Medical Technician certification through the Commonwealth of Virginia at age 18.

"Sam will be missed as an asset to our recruitment team with the younger members," said Center District Fire Commissioner and Allingtown Volunteer Fire Association Chief John Carew.

In addition to firefighting, Manuel is a trained cellist and played in youth orchestras in his native Virginia.

Manuel's journey to the South Pole will begin Aug. 26. He has a seven-month contract with Amentum that can be extended to 14 months, if he desires.

"I am grateful to the AVFA for providing me an opportunity to come in and rebuild the department as it has allowed me to learn more about myself and leadership while also challenging me by putting me into my first officers position. I hope to be able to return in the future after I get back," he said.

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# Campbell

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On June 8, 2023, Campbell descendants George F. Campbell, then 70, and his daughter, Miriam Campbell, then 17, of the Pollokshields suburb of Glasgow, Scotland, paid their respects at the final resting place of their revered fifth- and sixth-generation grandfather at the summit of Monument Path, just off the north side of Route 1 and up the hill from the hollow.

According to a mayoral proclamation presented to the Campbells in June 2023: "William Campbell is one of the first true 'American' heroes and is revered by West Haven. To this day, the adjutant is the only known enemy combatant recognized by the very American town he invaded with both a monument and principal avenue named in his honor. Campbell Avenue runs through the heart of our community and has been a vital commercial and transportation artery since it was christened by townspeople in 1874."

As Leslie's team scanned for any anomalies in the ground, including human remains, Malia talked about the invasion and some of the actions that occurred on that fateful day.

"We're not only known as a city of rich history but as a city of rich historians who have the knowledge to share the story of West Haven with future generations," Borer said.

Hours after sparing Williston's life, Campbell was shot in the chest atop Milford Hill in present-day Allingtown on his way to New Haven by a local farmer turned defender, according to Malia.

According to oral traditional, Campbell's body was wrapped in a blanket, placed on a sheep rack, and transported to a hastily dug grave



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

David E. Leslie, the principal of TerraSearch Geophysical LLC of Berlin, second from left, supervises geophysical specialist Fiona Jones and summer intern Ayden Child while they collect data and use a ground-penetrating radar on July 2 to determine if the 245-year-old remains of British Adjutant William Campbell are buried in a hollow on "Monument Path" near Wade Street in West Haven's Allingtown neighborhood. Looking on are, from left, author Peter J. Malia, a native of West Haven and an authority on the city's history, along with Mayor Dorinda Borer and West Haven Historical Society President Susan Walker. Up the hill is a memorial to Campbell, a Scotsman serving in the British army who died hours after saving the Rev. Noah Williston of West Haven's First Congregational Church from certain death at the hands of British soldiers and Hessian Jager mercenaries during the British invasion of New Haven on July 5, 1779.

on the north side of the Post Road in a hollow by the edge of the woods. An adjacent strip of land was donated by resident John Prudden.

In October 1831, a small stone bearing the inscription "Campbell, 1779" was erected by resident John Warner Barber to mark the adjutant's approximate gravesite, but it was destroyed by vandals on Oct. 22, 1872. The stone was followed by the existing memorial to Campbell.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Wetlands) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) funding for an action located in a floodplain and adjacent to wetlands. Funding would be provided through Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) to the City of West Haven for the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) and Main Pumping Station (MPS) floodwall project.

The action is located on Beach Street and Blohm Street in West Haven, CT. The project would construct a sheet pile floodwall around WPCF and MPS locations to protect against the 500-year flood (plus 2 feet). A sheet-pile floodwall would be installed around the facility perimeters extending 10 feet above and 20 feet below grade at WPCF, and 5 feet above and 10 feet below grade at MPS. Residential street facing portions of the floodwalls would include aesthetic treatments (i.e., concrete embossment). One floodgate at WPCF and two floodgates at MPS would be installed. New pump stations would be constructed within the floodwalls at each location to address internal flooding from rainfall events. Equipment staging areas would be limited to on-site previously disturbed areas and site access would be near the existing entrances.

The project is within a mapped special flood hazard area (1% annual chance flood), coastal high hazard area, and near estuarine intertidal wetlands. The project would protect the critical infrastructure and ensure continuity of operations at both WPCF and MPS during future flooding events. A map of the area is available upon request.

The project must be in a floodplain because the facilities are a part of a larger existing system which serves as critical infrastructure for the community. Alternatives considered include a concrete floodwall, a temporary flood panel system, and no action. The sheet pile floodwall is the most practicable alternative because it would provide the desired level of protection while minimizing site impacts and allowing the flexibility to address aesthetic concerns from residents. Grant conditions would also require compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, including coordination with the local floodplain administrator.

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Notice is hereby given to all persons liable for payment, to the City of West Haven, of property taxes and sewer use on the Grand List of October 1, 2023, that the first installment payment is due and payable July 1, 2024. After August 1, 2024, interest will be charged on the installment due from July 1, 2024, at the rate of one and one-half percent per month, (subject to a minimum interest charge of two dollars on each delinquent installment of each bill) as prescribed by law. The General Statutes of the State of Connecticut which apply to the levy and collection of property taxes will be enforced against all persons neglecting this notice. The office of the Tax Collector will be open in City Hall, 355 Main Street, Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and a drop box is available outside the tax office weekdays 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. City Hall will be closed on July 4, 2024 for Independence Day.

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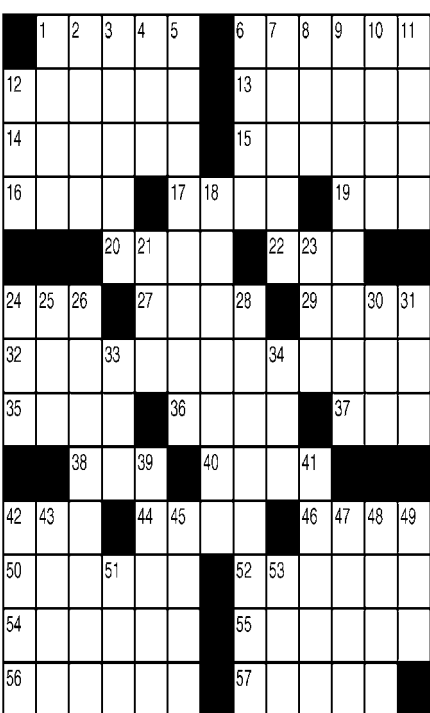
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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Ganges garments
- 6 Stern and Asimov
- 12 Raging rant
- 13 Seafood soup
- 14 Foolish talk
- 15 Guarantee
- 16 Faction
- 17 Overdue
- 19 Days of yore
- 20 Entryway
- 22 Bankroll
- 24 Billboards
- 27 Mooches
- 29 Plunks (down)
- 32 Wake-up calls
- 35 Gambling game
- 36 Poet Teasdale
- 37 Water tester
- 38 Tummy muscles
- 40 Iditarod terminus
- 42 Jazz lover
- 44 Ballet attire
- 46 Slightly
- 50 Loves to pieces
- 52 Cancel out
- 54 Some beers
- 55 Of France
- 56 Constitution writer
- 57 Upright



**DOWN**

- 21 Kimono sash
- 23 Chest-beating beast
- 24 Canine greeting
- 25 Narc's org.
- 26 Revolutionary war battle
- 28 Forage for food, say
- 29 Ring decision
- 30 Away from NNW
- 31 High tennis shot
- 34 Deli meat
- 39 Cubic meter
- 41 Aerie builder
- 42 Young whale
- 43 Purim's month
- 45 Cold War initials
- 47 Body powder
- 48 Bickering abbr.
- 49 Calendar
- 51 Sleep acronym
- 53 Corn unit

## MAGIC MAZE ● — CUTTER

O T Q P N K H D A X U R P M J  
G D T I A X V S Q N D K P I F  
D A X N V T Q O M J R L H F C  
A Y R E E W U R R P A N L E J  
G H F A E M D E H S U R B I B  
Z N X P G V R P M T G R Q K O  
M K I P I I H A F D T B S O Z  
Y P W L W T C P G V S S T O R  
Q O N E L I T C I M A R E C L  
K I H O F I M U E L O N I L D  
C A B Z X W M E G V C U S R Q

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: STOGIE  
  
Bolt  
Brush  
Ceramic tile  
Coast Guard  
Cookie  
Garment  
Gem  
Glass  
Linoleum  
Milling  
Paper  
Pineapple  
Pipe  
Plasma  
Wire



1. TELEVISION: What is the name of the town in the sitcom "Parks and Recreation"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: The Earth's equator runs through how many countries?
3. MOVIES: Who plays the character Morpheus in "The Matrix"?
4. MYTHOLOGY: Which Greek hero was dipped in the River Styx as a baby and made almost invulnerable?
5. EXPLORERS: Which English explorer claimed Australia for Great Britain?
6. HISTORY: Which two Native American leaders fought Gen. George Custer's troops at the Battle of Little Bighorn?

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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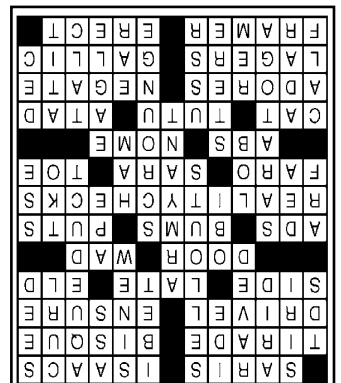
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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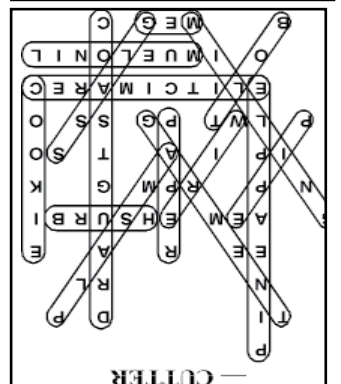
## Answers to this week's puzzles



Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

## King Crossword



CUTTER

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| 7 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 1 |
| 2 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 6 |
| 1 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 7 |
| 8 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 9 |
| 9 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 4 |
| 6 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 9 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 4 |
| 5 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 8 |
| 4 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 3 |
| 3 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 5 |

Answers

7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the two traditional flowers associated with the July birth month?
8. LITERATURE: Which poem begins with the line, "Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary"?
9. ANATOMY: Where is the smallest skeletal muscle in the human body located?
10. INVENTIONS: What medication, originally used to treat eye muscle spasms, later became a success in reducing facial wrinkles?

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10. Botox.
9. Middle ear -- the stapedius.
8. "The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe.
7. Larkspur and water lily.
6. Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull.
5. James Cook.
4. Achilles.
3. Laurence Fishburne.
2. 13.
1. Pawnee, Indiana.

# Fireworks 'Lit up the Night'

By Michael P. Walsh

*Special to the Voice*

Longtime Westie Lois Doerr and her 8-year-old helper, Logan McCauley, flipped a light switch to launch the Savin Rock Fireworks Spectacular on July 3.

The moment Doerr and McCauley flipped the switch, fireworks blasted off Bradley Point and exploded over Long Island Sound, dazzling thousands of patriotic revelers, many wearing red, white and blue, along West Haven's 3 miles of public beaches with a display of brilliant lighting and booming sound effects.

The 20-minute pyrotechnic show, presented by the Savin Rock Fireworks Committee, was held on July 3 for the first time since 2019. Last year's display was postponed from July 3 to July 5 because of thunderstorms.

Doerr, 90, a West Haven Historical Society board member and an ardent fireworks supporter, and McCauley were joined on-stage in front of the city's prominent Savin Rock landmark by Mayor Dorinda Borer and radio personality Brian Smith, the master of ceremonies.

Doerr recently won the committee's "Light Up the Night" raffle fundraiser to flip the switch to set off the fireworks, billed as "They Will Be Heard on the 3rd."

Before turning it over to Smith, Doerr and McCauley, Borer welcomed the Savin Rock crowd and thanked the city's Public Works, Police and Fire departments, as well as fireworks committee members, including co-Chairwomen Sandy McCauley and Marianne Drapeau, for helping to organize the large-scale event.

Smith then led the crowd in a spirited countdown before Doerr and Logan McCauley, who is Sandy McCauley's grandson, flipped the switch and triggered an assortment of rockets that flew and burst over Bradley Point in a shower of colored sparks.

Before the fireworks went off with a bang, families and friends danced to party rock hits performed by Absfunkinlutely on the Savin Rock stage.

As the music played, seven food and dessert trucks dished up eats and sweets on Captain Thomas Boulevard, near Dyke Street, and Ocean Avenue, near Dawson Avenue.

Police closed Captain Thomas Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, from Kelsey Avenue to South Street, for several hours to give the festivities a block party vibe.

The fireworks show is the city's largest one-day event, attracting tens of thousands of residents and visitors to the West Haven shoreline each year.



Photo by Alycia Sandella

Rockets explode over Bradley Point in a shower of red, white and blue sparks at the Savin Rock Fireworks Spectacular on July 3. The 20-minute pyrotechnic show, presented by the Savin Rock Fireworks Committee, was held on July 3 for the first time since 2019.



Photos by Michael P. Walsh

Left -- Mayor Dorinda Borer greets the crowd and introduces party rock band Absfunkinlutely on the Savin Rock stage. Below -- The festive crowd at the Savin Rock stage as the sun sets.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Logan McCauley, 8, waves to the crowd as longtime city resident Lois Doerr prepares to launch the fireworks from a portable stage in front of Savin Rock. Doerr, 90, won a raffle to flip a light switch to set off the fireworks.



# Mayor Dorinda Borer and her Blue Ribbon Panel on Arts, Culture, & Tourism CONGRATULATES these recipients of the ARPA Arts Microgrants



**VIVA Dance & Fitness Center for the Arts** registering now ages 5-17 for 2-week Summer Camp beginning Aug 5 9am-4pm, scholarships available, more info at [vivadancefitness.com](http://vivadancefitness.com)

**Edith Reynolds**, shoreline-themed art on view at the Ora Mason Library, 260 Benham Hill Rd, Lower Level. Painting workshop upcoming at Golden Acre Farms [edithreynolds@yahoo.com](mailto:edithreynolds@yahoo.com)



**Terry Digiaco-Galla**, POUNDfit drumming-based fitness classes Wed 630pm now at VIVA

**Eli Whitney Museum**, bringing art and science lessons to West Haven Public Schools summer camps to serve special needs middle schoolers July 1-19



**Shoreline Artists Collective (SLAC)** visual art by Bill Enck, Jenna Gonzalez, Pietro Spagnulo, & Louise Cadoux on view Saturdays 3-5 and Sundays 11-2 July 6-Aug 18 at 14 Gilbert St.

**Musical Intervention**, bringing songwriting workshops to the West Haven Farmers Market July 20 & 25



**Treasure Beads**, meet founder Twoni Cameron at the Savin Rock Festival July 27, 2-8pm with ArtsWestCT

**Teach Kids Music**, registering now for summer band camp with community Open Mics, call 203-934-2501 to apply



**Arts & Basketball**, July 28 at Carrigan School, 2 Tetlow St. 12-6pm tournament, DJ, & art show tickets available on Eventbrite, vendor spots available contact [eventsbyparadigm@gmail.com](mailto:eventsbyparadigm@gmail.com)

**Ritmo y Son String Quartet** Bringing bilingual concerts to West Haven Green bandstand July 30, Aug 7, & Aug 13, 5:30pm Rain location West Haven Public Library, Main Branch 300 Elm St



**Girl on the Moon**, an original production by Grammy-nominated artist Judy Pancoast, 2pm Aug 24, rain date Aug 25

**Tere Luna**, bringing workshops on Mexican art and folklore into the West Haven Senior Center, Bridges Health Care, and other locations this August and September.



**West Haven Art Crawl 2024**, returning to Campbell Ave Sept 18, 5-8pm. Rain date Sept 19. Interested fine artists email Samantha Violante at [lovelighthandicrafts@gmail.com](mailto:lovelighthandicrafts@gmail.com) to participate.

**FUSE Theater** for its next musical production at Music Back Then Performance Theater Sept 20-29



**West Haven Public Library**, public art coming soon to the Ora Mason Branch's facade, with community input

**LaCroix Artistry**, bringing colorful, nature-themed public art to neighborhoods in the Center District



**Rock House School of Music**, producing innovative materials for music instruction

**Vivan Las Autonomas**, mentoring two young, West Haven emerging artists



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