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## Voice Feature

*An in-depth feature*

**Steven Mullins  
recalls RNC**

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# *Festival music & fun*

Photo by Michael P. Walsh

Right -- Broadway star and "American Idol" winner Nick Fradiani headlines Day 2 of the Savin Rock Festival in Old Grove Park on Saturday. Fradiani, a Guilford native and former city resident, played to one of the largest crowds in festival history, performing original songs, classic covers and Neil Diamond gems while sharing stories of "American Idol" and living on the West Haven shoreline -- on Ocean Avenue near Woody Crest -- during his "Idol" run and subsequent win on Season 14 in 2015. Right corner -- People cut loose to the music of Covergirl on Friday evening. Below -- Children enjoy the bounce house on Saturday afternoon. All tickets sales went to West Haven Professional Firefighters Local 1198's annual fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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Alexander Lesesne, age 2, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., predicts warm weather for August and to look out for jellyfish!



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### Tomato harvest

Children at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. planted and grew their own food this spring and summer. This week they harvested the tomatoes to eat for lunch.

### INVITATION TO BID

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### On this Date

**1981 -- Music Television is launched.** The channel, popularly known as MTV was mostly known for showing music videos.

**1980 -- Vigdís Finnbogadóttir takes office in Iceland.** The Icelandic politician was the fourth president of Iceland and the world's first democratically elected female head of state.

**1951 -- Japan Airlines (JAL) is founded.** The flagship airlines of Japan, JAL started operating on October 25, 1951

**1936 -- The XI Summer Olympics are opened in Berlin by Adolf Hitler.** Initially, Jews and people of African descent were to be barred from the games, however, a boycott was threatened by several countries and the German organizers relented.

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# NEBCO abandons Savin Rock project

The two-plus-year struggle to put a popular brewery on the site of an abandoned Savin Rock building has come to an end. New England Brewing Company (NEBCO) has decided to vacate its plans for a facility at the former Savin Rock Conference Center site. NEBCO, meanwhile, will not seek another location in the city, losing a promising development and commercial taxpayer.

The city will go out to bid and request proposals

to develop the vacant former Savin Rock Conference Center on the West Haven shoreline, Mayor Dorinda Borer announced.

The city-owned site at 6 Rock St. had been proposed for a taproom for the Woodbridge craft brewery, but a lengthy appeals process initiated by the owners of Jimmies of Savin Rock restaurant was one of the major obstacles in derailing the multimillion-dollar project.

“It is unfortunate that after many meetings and correspondence with the owners of Jimmies, there was no reasonable resolution, and NEBCO has indicated that the lengthy legal journey ahead does not fit into their timeline, nor does changing the footprint, which would eliminate the production component,” Borer said.

The mayor also indicated that while she connected  
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The Savin Rock Conference Center was closed by the city in 2019. NEBCO, a Woodbridge-based craft brewery has abandoned plans for the site after a settlement to the ongoing lawsuit filed by Jimmies, Inc. could not be reached.

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# Dear Felicia

'Twas quite a time at the Savin Rock Festival last weekend, sweets; and for once, the weather wasn't sweltering, but a mighty fine couple o' summer days. Mixed with the breezes it was quite pleasant, and not anything like the Turkish bath humidity we had over the previous couple o' weeks. I can tell you that things in the manse were getting quite damp with the hovering humidity. But, as someone pernted out, in no time we'll be complaining about the on-coming cold. With August rolling around, you start seeing that summer is fast fleeting, and the chill of fall will be here sooner than we realize.

Over here in our little Asylum by the Sea, the big news is that NEBCO, or the New England Brewery Company, has decided once and for all to abandon the plans for the Savin Rock Conference Center. The reason: the ongoing law suit that Jimmies has on the plan. And, that's perty much where Herroner put the blame in her statement this week. She was none-too-happy about it.

Sooooo, the plan that was approved in 2022, litigated soon thereafter, altered and resubmitted for new approval and approved, and relitigated has now done what many of

us thought was gonna happen, deep six the project.

Remember, the plan was pulled once and it took a lotta negotiations to get the plan back on the boards, only to have the litigation resumed. No developer wants to be hung up for months and months in court, spending thousands of dollars.

Now the city is lookin' to rebid the project out with other developers. How much you wanna bet the thing becomes kryptonite? Restaurants are gonna pass on the property for fear that either Jimmies or the Land Trust of West Haven will haul them into court. The NEBCO project was pared down more than once, and never resembled the original plans only to find itself on the business end of a summons.

And the question arises, effen it ain't a restaurant, what else could go down there? That building has not had the best of histories, and was always some type of bistro throughout its life, until the city tried to make it a conference center.

The developer was offered to get into contact with the Haven owners and maybe get some shorefront property there, but that wasn't in the mindset of the owners of NEBCO, who had a certain plan and business model

they are follying. So, that idea quickly went the way of all flesh.

There might be some hope in making it a wedding venue, which was one of the ideas floated when the place was closed five years ago by the city, but one wonders effen lawyers will be drawing up some writ or t'other once that plan is put into place.

And, don't forgit that the street has been closed off for a couple o' months now due to some undermining of the roadway, according to the stories we're hearing. It's got a gate shutting it down, and those who wanna traverse to Jimmies – though most locals don't it's mostly out-of-towners – they hafta go through the overflow parking lot adjacent to the building from Capt. Kangaroo Boulevard (haven't called it that in years!).

What happens now is anyone's guess, but I fear developers won't exactly been stampeding into our little corner of the universe to get that property. Like I said, it is kryptonite. And Jimmies? Like most locals effen Cobina wants a taste of Old Savin Rock, she crosses the street on the Boulevard.

So, we are back to square one with the Conference Center, and the city takes another black eye on trying to

git something done. You can't make it up!

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 Meanwhile, Sammy Bluejay told me the developers over on the former Chick's property have got their approvals to put in an eatery over there. The condominiums, which are part of the overall development are completed with only some landscaping being done, and from what Sammy sez, they are all sold, and people are moving into their new domiciles.

Work should be commencing perty soon, and we hear it's gonna be quite something once it is finished with a sun deck indoor eating and amenities. That thing had been held up due to the reconstruction of Beach Street, and until the final vote was cast last week there was some apprehension as there any time businesses work with municipal boards and commissions, not to mention the various inspectors and setch.

Try to remember that our little burg has a very nawsty reputation when it comes to dealing with developers and whilst we have a new administration, and one hopes a new attitude, the reputation the city has is a hindrance to people coming in here.

It seems now that all the approvals are in, we can see the completion of something that has gone on for almost a decade since Chick's was closed and a buyer was sought by Chick Celentano's estate. Cobina chugged by there in the gassamobuggy and it's quite a piece of property, I must say. It'll be interesting to watch the new establishment get constructed.

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 Whilst we are thinking of things at the Rock and elsewhere along the shore, one wonders whatever happened to the carousel that was supposed to be brought into the city. Originally planned for the Conference Center as a pavilion of the Savin Rock Museum (now closed), the plan was to bring a Victorian/Edwardian carousel similar to the one that rolled at the amusement park.

That carousel was moved to Magic Mountain in California, and its carved horses and figgers were remade into fiberglass, with the originals disbursed to the diaspora. The museum was able to git one of the original horses.

Tennyrate, the plan was designed and was not immediately embraced by the powers-that-bee. That was more than 20 years ago, and, though there was a flurry of activity in the mid-20teens, nothing more has really happened.

Now that the Conference Center's fate is in limbo, one wonders exactly where the idea for a carousel is now. Mikey Mercuriano was the chairman of that committee, and every once in a while he reminds this office that the

idea ain't dead – but it ain't kicking either!

Effen this city could somehow find a commercial way to sell its ideas as commodities we'd be as rich as Greenwich. Lots of ideas, not much on follow through...and this ain't a criticism of the carousel or the committee. It's jest that soooo many good ideas have died on the vine in this town over the last half century, and not much is done to put those ideas into reality.

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 Nelly Nuthatch came in t'other afternoon and she had the giggles. Two weeks ago, the city had a street grater chewing up street after street, getting them ready for the summertime ritual of paving. With the coming of July 1 and the new fiscal year, you can set your watch to the fact that some type of paving and roadwork will be done.

The grater was all over town, and going from place to place with an entourage of other vehicles in tow. It got quite funny. It seemed every time one was going to another part of town, the same parade of vehicles with the grater was traveling somewhere else.

Cobina tested out Nelly's com-mints, and sure enuff, the streets all over town were grated and are now awaiting paving. The fliover did not like some of the results, and myself had to keep both hands on the wheel at all times to keep things on track.

Still, Nelly was giddy about the fact that wherever she went that grater seemed to be heading to another street to chew up.

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 Iva Lootey was in tow the other day and wondered why we haven't hoid from the MARB, otherwise known as the Municipal Accountability Review Board. Ever since the budget was approved and all the other matters that are with it, we ain't hoid much from the board.

Of course, I told Iva that "no news is good news" when it comes to the MARB. Me-thinks, also there might be a new relationship betwixt it and the new administration. We might still be in the honeymoon period, but one would think that would have ended during the run up to the budget approval. Budgets have a way to test one's mettle and one's patience. The MARB is not known for patience.

Then again, there is talk that the panel is looking to exit the scene sooner rather than later, but will continue to monitor things from afar, so to speak. Again, no news is good news.

Let's hope once they see the city in the rear-view mirror, we don't hafta see the again.

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 Cobina

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**Gripe Vine Readers:**

It has been some time since you have heard from me, and I must begin my column today with an apology. Your issues are of the most importance to me, and I will address them in each future column.

However, my absence from this page was attributed to an accident from a fall that injured my shoulder and left arm. This unfortunate occurrence placed me in a hospital bed for three weeks. However, here I am, back at my desk continuing to provide answers to your complaints and concerns:

Here are some of the issues I will be covering before my next column; comments on West Haven's music festivals, lack of public interest in future use of vacant buildings throughout the city, neighborhood complaints of privacy parking on streets off Ocean Avenue, out-of-town parking cars on private streets blocking private entrances, city trees limbs on private property, private property owners harboring overgrown weeds, creating eyesores to other properties, new recycling containers in city, trash cans permanently displayed in front of private homes, accumulating trash in



**ELEANORE TURKINGTON**

neighbor's yards, more senior center gripes and noise levels in West Haven noted.

Gripe Vine will continue to investigate your gripes and will anticipate responses from authorities to publish in my column.

Continue to let me know what your gripes are and I will be addressing the above issues and recent complaints entering my mailbox.

You can send your gripes, and issues to Gripe Vine 840 Boston Post Road, West Haven 06516 or email them to gripevineatwh@yahoo.com.

## Mosquitos test positive for the West Nile Virus

Four mosquitoes collected over the past two weeks have tested positive for West Nile virus, Health Director Maureen B. Lillis said.

Lillis said the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station is responsible for trapping, identifying and testing mosquitoes for encephalitis viruses.

According to Lillis, mosquitoes are collected annually from 108 sites in 89 municipalities statewide from early June through late October.

West Haven's trapping site is located on Thill Street. Collected female mosquitoes are identified by species and submitted for virus testing, Lillis said.

West Nile virus has become the main cause of mosquito-borne illness in the U.S. since its introduction to North America in 1999. The virus is maintained in a bird-mosquito transmission cycle. Humans and horses can become infected when mosquitoes feed on infected birds and then mammals.

Mosquito larvae are most abundant in urban and suburban habitats, developing in water that collects in roadside ditches, catch basins and artificial containers, including tires.

The Agricultural Experiment Station recommends the following four precautions for mosquito prevention:

~~ Defend: Use an Environmental Protection Agency-registered mosquito repellent, such as DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

~~ Dress: Wear light-colored clothing with long sleeves, socks and pants to minimize mosquito bites.

~~ Dusk/dawn: Avoid areas where mosquitoes are active from one hour before sunset to one hour after sunrise.

~~ Drain/dump: Check around the home for containers or areas that hold water. Dump out once a week.

Check the West Haven Health Department Facebook page for updates and information: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063595150511>. Anyone with questions can call the department at (203) 937-3660.

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## Festival another success

It is hard to believe it has been more than 40 years since the first Savin Rock Festival took place at West Haven High School's Ken Strong Stadium and adjacent fields. The idea was one that came from the leadership of the defunct (but absorbed into Milford CC) West Haven Chamber of Commerce, and it was that organization that shepherded the idea to reality and kept it going when it seemed the political powers-that-be were willing to see it die. Some four decades later, it is a festival that is eagerly awaited by the public, and one that is permanently tied to the Old Grove Park, site of much of the old amusement park. Such was the case last weekend when thousands made it to the concerts and other attractions.

It was the amusement park and of West Haven as a resort community for much of its history that was the reason the Savin Rock Festival came into being. In the years since the city saw the destruction of that stretch of buildings housing amusements, rides, and shows in 1966, a new attitude arose among many swaths of the community. In those years just after the park became a memory there was a strong feeling among many the city should forget its past and move on to a new – and uncertain – future.

But a new generation had grown up by 1982, and it wanted to know about the things it had heard from an older generation. It heard about the Virginia Reel, the Skyblazer, and the Laff in the Dark, but all it had to connect with it were stories and aging photographs. The West Haven they heard about might as well have been a thousand miles away. They wanted to know more.

The festival was born as a weekend event headed by the Chamber and its leadership, but dependent on the many civic and fraternal organizations that got on board. That first festival saw an estimated 50,000 people fill various parts of the high school's athletic fields. This was the era before the Fitzgerald Complex and its fenced-in ballparks, lights and synthetic surfaces. The eventual reconstruction of the facility into a multi-purpose sports complex we know now commenced about five years after the festival began (1987) and was going to displace the summer event. For a long while city officials were reticent to move the festival to the best venue – the Old Grove Park. Savin Rock Renewal contracts prohibited certain sales and it was feared allowing over-the-counter food and other sales would put the city behind a legal eight-ball. Eventually, an agreement was reached, and since that time, the festival has had permanent digs at Old Grove Park.

Over its history, the festival has attracted in excess of 100,000 people a year, and become a highlight of the summer season. Nightly concerts, shows put on by various local talent and a food court that spotlights some of the best the city has to offer has made it a popular place to be on the last weekend in July. It was missed during the pandemic and the city's financial woes, but it is back!

Many of the people who were instrumental in the foundation of the Savin Rock Festival are no longer with us. But, their mantle has been taken up by a newer generation – and the same city that once worried about violation of a contract now sponsors the organizing committee. As in past years, Yale University and the University of New Haven have contributed sponsorships that have made the annual fundraising efforts easier.

Last weekend's successful festival continued in its storied tradition.



## Democrats lied and got caught

By Rich Lowry  
*Syndicated Columnist*

Democrats lied about Biden and got caught

They didn't soulfully consider President Joe Biden's marked decline and decide, for the good of him, his party and the country, that he had to step down.

They lied, and they got caught.

The Democratic Party line on Biden was that he had turned in an exceptionally effective State of the Union address. He might mess up a name here or there, but he had gotten better with age. He should be judged on his achievements, which rivaled those of LBJ. Anything suggesting he was in decline was a paranoid lie, or -- in a truly ridiculous neologism -- "a cheap fake."

Everything we saw with our own eyes was misleading. No, he hadn't wandered off at the G-7 summit. No, he hadn't frozen up at his Hollywood fundraiser. No, he wasn't having trouble walking and getting up the stairs of Air Force One.

No, everything was fine.

No one formally enforced this party line, but everyone knew to follow it -- Democratic leaders, journalists and donors. The whispered conversations stayed whispered. Then, the debate happened, and the party line was inoperative.

There were attempts to revive it, but it was a little like being a Communist in the

1930s when Stalin wrenched the party into a totally new position. It didn't matter whether the new line had any connection to the prior line; it had to be followed.

So, Joe Scarborough of MSNBC, who months earlier had issued forth with table-thumping assurances that Joe Biden was at the absolute top of his game, suddenly thought he might have to step aside.

George Clooney, who co-hosted the aforementioned Hollywood fundraiser, wrote in *The New York Times* that at that event, Biden was a shadow of his self, and suddenly former Obama speechwriter Jon Favreau could say that everyone he talked to at the event was appalled by Biden's state.

The president can be forgiven for being disappointed and angry that everyone who had been covering for him switched overnight.

There's no honor among thieves, but shouldn't there be at least a little among political co-conspirators?

Biden showed monumentally poor judgment in deciding to run again last year. He almost certainly was in the grips of legitimate self-delusion, though. It's natural that an old person who is in decline is the last to realize or admit it, and his belief that, on paper, he was a stronger candidate than Kamala Harris wasn't crazy. Biden's enablers were the

truly cynical and dishonest ones, hoping that their fake narrative about Biden's continued vitality could see them through until November.

Their credibility should be shot as they make the switcheroo to Harris.

The same Democratic establishment that gave you Joe Biden without offering Democratic voters a legitimate choice (serious primary challengers were warned off this year), now is giving you Kamala Harris without offering Democratic voters a legitimate choice.

The same party that lied about Joe Biden without compunction or remorse now wants you to credit everything it is going to tell us about the marvelous, heretofore unappreciated qualities of Kamala Harris.

The same vice president who insisted, as of roughly the day before yesterday, that Joe Biden was the very picture of energy and effectiveness now wants us to believe everything else she's going to say after he's been forced from the race by his feeble state.

The same people who thought Joe Biden was incapable of doing interviews and teleprompter speeches on the campaign trail will tell us he's perfectly capable of fulfilling his duties in the most trying job on the planet.

Finally, the same Democrats

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## Obituaries

### Marianne Stern

Marianne Jane Boswell Stern departed for Heaven on Saturday, July 13, 2024. We know she was welcomed by those closest to her heart who predeceased her.

Born August 16, 1929, the daughter of Dorothy Lennon Boswell and Harry Boswell, she grew up with her brothers, Donald, James, and David, as well as grandparents, and many treasured cousins, aunts, and uncles in West Haven, Connecticut.

A 1947 graduate of West Haven High School, she married Donald Stern on July 16, 1947. Together, they had two dear sons, Donald and Christopher, three cherished grandsons, Timothy, David, and Andrew, and two beloved great grandsons, Noah and Ayden.

Marianne truly enjoyed children and was a foster mother of pre-adoptive babies. In 1964, she became one of the first teachers at the West Haven Green Nursery School. When the Nursery School needed a temporary playground, she opened her backyard to accommodate the swings and outdoor activities as well as the children.

A devout, life-long, active member of the Congregational Church on the Green in West Haven, she served as the Church Secretary for several years. In 1972, she became one of the first three female deacons ordained by the Church. As a committed volunteer, she spent 45 years supporting SERRV through a shop at the Congregational Church, 18 years as the dessert server at Alex's Kitchen at the Congregational Church, and many years baking bread from scratch donated for church sales and fund-raising events. Her famous and delicious chocolate chip cookies and brownies were much appreciated.

Her exquisite needlework is evident in the many altar cloths and banners which adorn the Congregational Church and beautiful pieces of prayers and fun and interesting images lovingly gifted to friends and family.

An enthusiastic and gifted gardener, her efforts were enhanced by the squirrels who regularly replanted her crocus bulbs. She contributed her talents to the beautification project of the West Haven Green,

literally digging in the dirt to plant flowers at the corner of Church and Savin Avenues.

A talented seamstress, she particularly enjoyed sewing wedding dresses. She sewed the wedding dress and dresses for the bridesmaids for her niece, Cathy Boswell Gillikin's wedding.

She enjoyed travel and spent many winters in Florida as well as trips to Bermuda, Bethlehem, the British Isles, Cape Cod, Hawaii, and the mainland United States. Often, travel was to spend time with her cousin, Robert Bossler and his partner, Jim Simpson, and her brothers and their families in Arizona, California, Georgia, and Maryland.

An avid reader, she supported the West Haven Public Library through patronage and donations. An adept "puzzler" she always had a new puzzle in the works and was an expert Scrabble player, regularly besting her playmates.

Heartfelt appreciation and thanks to her wonderful friends, Pat Carleton, Kim and Pat Cartwright, Christine and Bill Lang, great-nephew, David Klotzberger, his wife, Rachael, and their daughter, Taylor. Particular gratitude to her cousin-by-marriage, Natalie Bossler, for her devotion and care.

The Home Going / Memorial service was Saturday, July 20, 2024, followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall at The First Congregational Church of West Haven. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the First Congregational Church of West Haven.



### Lowry: *They all knew!*

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who were threatening Joe Biden with ignominy and exclusion if he stayed in the race a couple of more weeks now want us to buy their paeans to his great statesmanship.

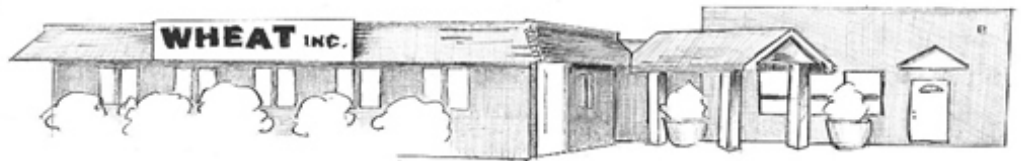
In sum, the perpetrators of a shameful cover-up want us to move on as if nothing happened, when the stink of their rank deception should dog their candidate and their party the rest of this campaign.



Photo by Joan Bennett

### Testing vision

Lions Club members used a special camera called Hilton Spot Vision Screener as part of the Kidsight National Lions Program at the West Haven Community House during Head Start registration last week. "This initiative is to assist parents, childcare providers and educators find and treat juvenile vision problems," said West Haven Lions Club President Steven R. Mullins, seen here using the device on three-year-old Stephen. The program is funded by the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation. "The West Haven Club is HIPPA compliant and have trained members dedicated to solving critical issues of eye care in children." Mullins said. Lions Clubs International, founded in 1917 has focused on work for the blind and visually impaired since 1925, when Helen Keller addressed the international convention at Cedar Point, Ohio in 1925 and challenged the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind." The West Haven Lions Club will resume meetings this fall. Contact Mullins at (203) 824-4262.



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# Big crowds enjoy Festival

By Michael P. Walsh  
Special to the Voice

The Savin Rock Festival shined once again thanks to Broadway star and "American Idol" winner Nick Fradiani, who took the musical entertainment to a new height by performing a 90-minute show for the ages.

The festival's 2024 edition,

held in historic Old Grove Park, paid tribute to West Haven's storied amusement park heritage with two days of great food, rides and music, of course — especially on Saturday night.

After a spirited introduction by Mayor Dorinda Borer welcoming Fradiani "from Broadway to West Haven,"

the Guilford native and former city resident played to one of the largest crowds in festival history, performing original songs, including "Beautiful Life" and "Coming Your Way," and Neil Diamond gems, including "America" and "Sweet Caroline."

Fradiani and his five-piece band kept the party going

with a Tom Petty medley, including "The Waiting" and "American Girl," before slowing things down with an acoustic duet of Marc Cohn's "Walking in Memphis" with his father, singer/keyboardist Nick Fradiani Sr.

With an estimated 4,000 people lounging on blankets and lawn chairs in the Grove and dozens dancing and singing along in front of the stage, Fradiani entertained the masses with an energetic set while sharing stories of "American Idol" and living on the West Haven shoreline — on Ocean Avenue near Woody Crest — during his "Idol" run and subsequent win on Season 14 in 2015.

Fradiani just finished starring as Diamond in the production of "A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical," which ended its Broadway run on June 30.

In addition to a midway of rides and games by Marenda Amusements, the festival featured a baker's dozen row of food and dessert trucks that served up burgers, hot dogs, chicken, fried dough, gyros, baked potatoes, smoked shrimp, deep-fried stuffed meatballs, and lobster rolls and quesadillas, as well as ice cream, Italian ice and tropical slushies.

The annual event opened on Friday with Borer greeting the festive crowd and followed with a beautiful rendition of the national anthem sung by West Haven High School sophomore Paige Kenny.

Onstage, the mayor individually thanked the members of the Savin Rock Festival Committee, along with city departments, employees and volunteers, for making the event one of the best in recent memory.

"They all worked very hard to bring this festival together for all of you," said Borer, who also gave a shoutout to West Haven's first responders.

WOW Radio personality Brian Smith, back for a seventh time as the "ringmaster" of ceremonies, then heralded the evening's musical lineup, joking, "Welcome to the 300th annual Savin Rock Festival!"

Local party band Covergirl, playing such diverse hits as Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean," Bananarama's "Cruel Summer" and Toto's "Africa," warmed up concertgoers for the Foreigner Journey Experience, which played two hours of radio anthems from the acclaimed catalogs of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame bands, including Foreigner's "Double Vision," "Hot Blooded" and "Juke Box Hero" and Journey's "Separate Ways (Worlds Apart)," "Any Way You Want

It" and "Don't Stop Believin'."

On Saturday morning, the festival kicked off with the Rotary Club's free pancake breakfast, followed by the Department of Parks and Recreation's annual bocce tournament, with Sammy Centola and Tejay Mejias winning the title and receiving a Dunkin' gift card from tournament coordinator Olivia Quagliani.

During the afternoon, the Grove, fanned by a cool summer breeze, provided a stunning setting beneath the sun-drenched oak trees for children's activities, including balloon twisting and face painting and princesses and superheroes, and concerts, including the Rock House School of Music's Echo Box and MeltDown, which each played a set of rockers.

Faster Things followed and performed a faithful tribute to the Allman Brothers Band, including "Melissa," "Ramblin' Man" and "Jessica."

Before Faster Things took the stage, West Haven's own Grace Kelly Nowak sang a spectacular rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" to rousing applause.

The bands were complemented by Smith, who segued the performers with his signature bursts of comic relief.

Also in the afternoon, the inaugural "Great Bartender Race" provided nonstop fun and laughs on Oak Street Beach, with teams of four competing in relays of skill, including mixologists from Lorenzo's Restaurant, Z's Corner Cafe, The Breakwall, Oak Beach Bar + Grill, Dive Bar & Restaurant, Reruns Bar & Grill, Billie Martin's Neighborhood Pub and Moby Dick's Oyster Bar + Grill.

The contest, which is sure to become a festival tradition, called for flipping a cup, throwing a pingpong ball into a cup, spinning around a plastic baseball bat, carrying a tray of cups filled with water, and emptying the water into a pitcher and filling it above a red line.

The teams were moderated by celebrity judge Councilman Gary Donovan, D-4, while Borer chief of staff Rick Spreyer, holding a megaphone, served as the hilarious play-by-play announcer.

Lorenzo's bartending squad of Ron Phifer, Donald Coletta, Selena Izzo and Nicole Conca won the 90-minute event and received the coveted "West Haven Great Bartender Race 2024" trophy.

Back in the Grove, firefighters of the WWest Haven Fire Department, led by Fire Marshal Roger Sicotte, demon

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Photo by Tianna Greene

Mayor Dorinda Borer on Friday evening applauds members of the Savin Rock Festival Committee for their volunteerism, hard work and dedication. From left, Killian Gruber, Heather Scutti, Bill Johnson, Rich Deso, Brian Hayden and Rick Spreyer.



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# Delegate Mullins recalls convention

The Republican National Convention was held in Milwaukee, WI the week of July 15, and as expected, the convention nominated former President Donald J. Trump for a final term in the White House. Trump chose Ohio junior Senator JD Vance as his vice-presidential running mate. Those are the results, for a West Haven resident and Connecticut delegate, it was the event of a lifetime.

“The energy of the convention was unbelievable,” said Steven R. Mullins, Chairman of the West Haven Fair Rent Commission and former Republican mayoral nominee. Mullins attended the convention as part of the Connecticut Republican Delegation. This year’s convention was the first that Mullins, a long-time member of the Republican Town Committee, had attended. Also attending were former Republican mayoral candidate Paige Weinstein and her husband Andy.

The convention began two days following an attempted assassination on Trump’s life at a campaign rally in Butler, PA. Trump was injured when a bullet fired by 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks grazed his right ear, causing serious bleeding. Crooks was killed by return fire from a United States Secret Service sniper. The attack also killed rally attendee Corey Comperatore, a local Pennsylvania fire chief and injured two others.

There were questions as to whether Trump would appear during the convention, but that question was answered on the first night.

“Everyone at the arena was very concerned about the President’s health and wellbeing. When he suddenly appeared on the convention floor, everyone erupted in cheers and applause,” Mullins said. “President Trump attended all four nights of the convention.”

There were numerous speakers at the convention that included politicians and civic officials from all levels of government, as well as regular everyday Americans going through struggles with current Democrat policies. Connecticut speakers included World Wrestling Entertainment Chief Executive Officer Linda McMahon, who served in the Trump administration as Small Business Administrator and Republican National Committee-woman and former US Senate nominee Leora Levy.

Each night had a theme. Night one, “Make America Wealthy Again,” focused on the economy. Night two, “Make America Safe Again,” centered on crime and illegal immigration. Night three, “Make America Strong Again,” highlighted national security and foreign policy. And the signature Trump theme “Make America Great Again,” was the theme of the final night of the convention, with the climax being Trump’s acceptance speech.

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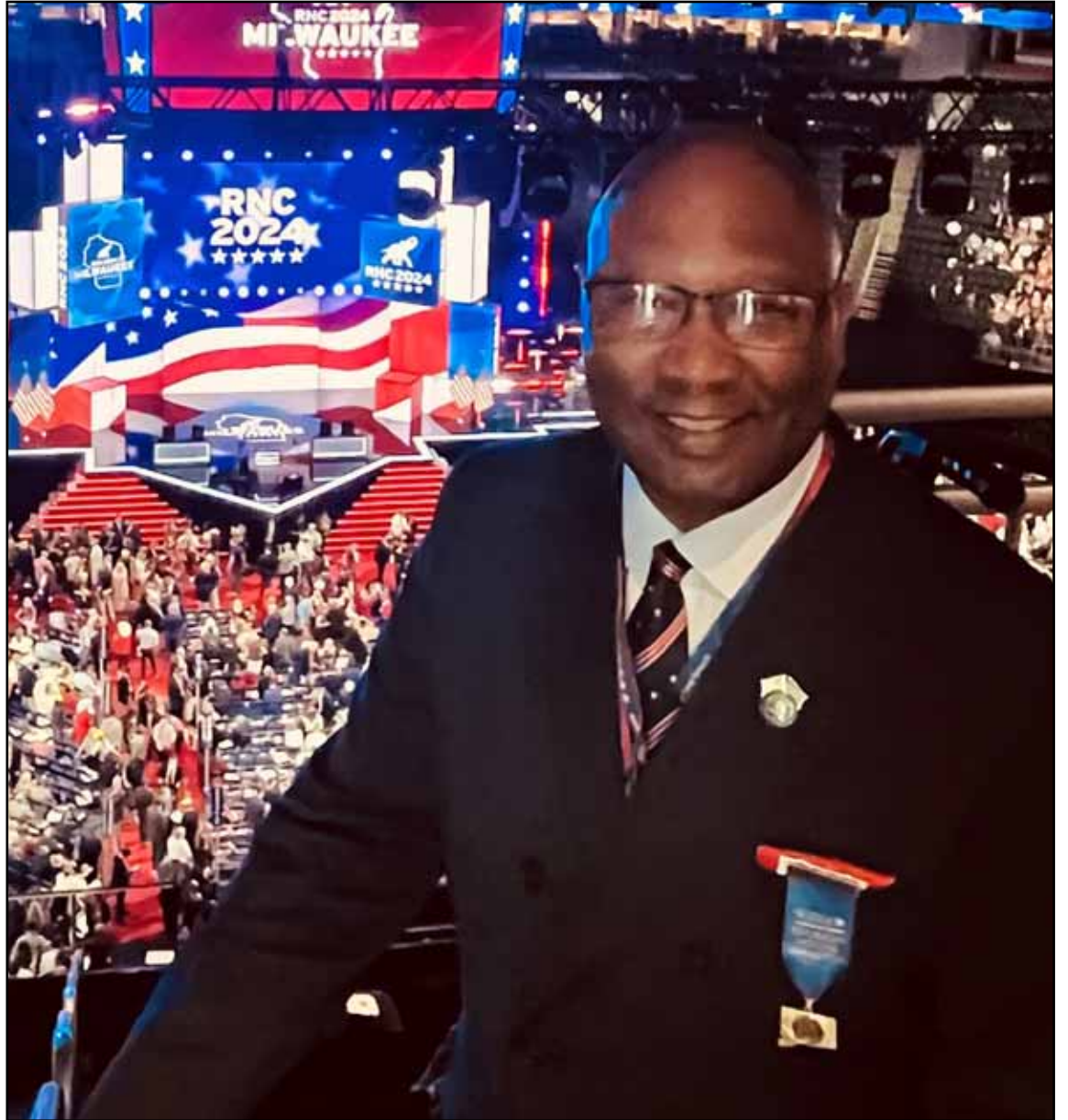


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Steven R. Mullins at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee.



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Mullins (right) conversing with United States Congressman and retired New York Jets Safety Burgess Owens at the RNC. Owens is a representative from Utah.



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# Festival: *Crowds pack Old Grove*

strated the department's 35-foot smoke trailer and showed children what to do in case of a fire.

Firefighters also demonstrated the Jaws of Life tool by prying open parts of a vehicle to free those trapped inside.

Members of West Haven Professional Firefighters Local 1198 held their annual fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. All proceeds went to MDA, including sales from beverages, popcorn and chips and ticket sales from a bounce house, two raffles and a speed pitch.

As part of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown's Child Safety Car Seat Installation and Inspection Program, firefighters installed car seats for people. They also inspected those already installed to ensure that the portable seats were properly fastened for securing small children.

At the craft fair, longtime vendor Diane Della Camera of Savin Rock Printing and returning vendor Marilyn Wilkes were among two dozen vendors selling their wares.

Della Camera sold old Savin Rock T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, tote bags and fuzzy dice, and Wilkes showed her handmade, one-of-a-kind earrings, necklaces and bracelets.

At the hospitality tent, committee members sold official 2024 Savin Rock Festival T-shirts.

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 legendary seaside park captured the hearts and imaginations of "Rock rats" young and old. "The playground of New England" closed on Sept. 21, 1966, to pave the way for the Savin Rock Urban Renewal Project.

Photos by Brian Hayden and Michael P. Walsh

Savin Rock Festival Bocce Tournament coordinator Olivia Quagliani, holding the tournament bracket, presents a Dunkin' gift card to bocce champions Sammy Centola, left, and Tejay Mejias in Old Grove Park on Saturday afternoon. From left, Lorenzo's Restaurant bartenders Ron Phifer, Donald Coletta, Selena Izzo and Nicole Conca show the team trophy for winning the Savin Rock Festival's inaugural "Great Bartender Race" on Saturday afternoon.





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# Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

## The Malley Murder Mystery Part IV

By now it was becoming clear that Blanche Douglass was guilty of perjury, as much of her testimony was contradicted by eyewitness accounts to the contrary. When she concluded her testimony at the inquest, she left New Haven, bound for New York. During her testimony, she had given two addresses of residence in New York, and now neither one of them checked out. Some detective work revealed that her actual residence was

Lizzie Bundy's house of ill repute.

Blanche was the weak link in the chain, and it was time to break that link. On August 13, Blanche Douglass was arrested in New York and charged with perjury. She was extradited back to New Haven, where she agreed to cooperate, in order to save her own skin.

Blanche objected to being jailed, so she was put up at the home of Sheriff Peck, which angered West Haveners: Why was a common prostitute being put up in a private home at

a cost to the taxpayers of \$6.00 per day?

As the inquest dragged on, it was evident that a number of witnesses were now revising their testimony: memories were getting hazy and stories were changing, and it was suspected that the Malley family was engaging in widespread bribery, in order to save their sons.

Speculating over the actual cause of Jennie's death had become the favorite pastime of West Haveners, who offered a multitude of theories. And the newspapers fueled that specu-

lation; as a result, newspaper sales soared.

On Aug. 15, based upon Blanche's new testimony, warrants were finally issued for James and Walter Malley, who were placed in cells number 13 and 15 at the New Haven County Jail—with an empty cell in between so that they could not communicate. Jail food did not agree with their palates, so they arranged for food to be brought in from a local restaurant that they favored.

And meanwhile, Professor Russell Chittenden of Yale was quietly going about his analysis of Jennie Cramer's organs; and the results of these tests would bring a new clarity to all the speculation concerning her cause of death.

The late summer progressed, and each day the front page of the newspaper was evenly divided between the latest news on Jennie Cramer and the latest news on the condition of President Garfield who had been shot and gravely wounded just before Jennie's death. On the streets, vendors hawked photos and engravings of the principals for a quarter apiece.

West Haven citizens now complained that Savin Rock was being taken over by "toughs" and "libertines," and was no longer a safe place for families to visit; they often griped about a shortage of police supervision at The Rock.

Meanwhile, the conclusion of the inquest was intentionally delayed as everyone waited impatiently for Professor Chittenden's long-awaited chemical analysis, which finally arrived. His report stated that he had found eight-tenths



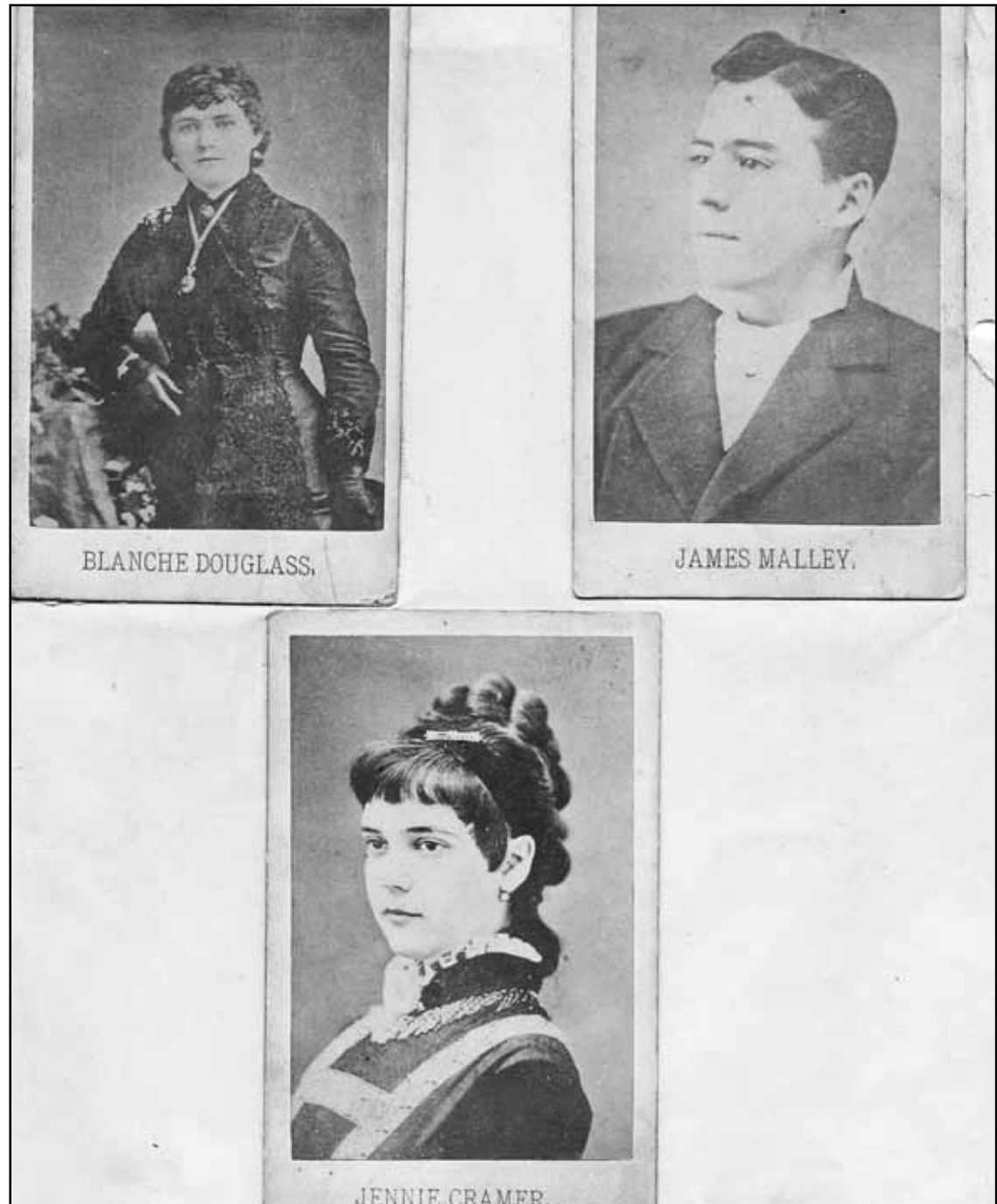
Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice, and local history buff

of a grain of arsenic distributed throughout the stomach, esophagus, liver, kidneys, heart, lungs, intestines and brain. His conclusion was that Jenny had ingested a fatal amount of arsenic prior to death.

In a decision that took three and one half hours, the inquest jury reached a verdict that stated: "That said Jennie E. Cramer came to her death by poison and violence and that James Malley, Jr. of New Haven, Conn is criminally responsible for her death. We also find that Walter E. Malley, of New Haven, Conn and Blanche Douglass, of New York City are morally responsible for same." September 3, 1881.

The case would be tried by the Justice Court; proceedings would begin immediately.

To be continued.



Above -- Malley's at its original Chapel Street location in New Haven, circa 1880. Below -- the three major figures in the murder case, Blanche Douglass, James Malley, and victim Jennie Cramer.



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# Teen phone use and keeping them safe

When it comes to kids and phones, the discussion focused on what age was appropriate for them to get their first one. Now, it centers more on how to keep them safer using them, and for good reason. There are many risks involved with our youth using phones, and we must do things to help keep them safer. The good news is that people can do numerous practical things to help keep their kids safer on their phones.

"Kids are going to have access to smartphones, even if it's not theirs," says Kirk Smalley, co-founder of Stand for the Silent. "We have to take steps to help ensure their safety. It's the best way to allow them to use the technology and yet not

fall victim to the risks."

According to a March 2024 report by the Pew Research Center, today's teens are more digitally connected than ever, and most have access to smartphones and social media. They report that 95% of teens have access to a smartphone. Many kids are getting their first phones around the age of 12.

Regardless of when kids get their phones or start using someone else's, it is essential to take safety measures. Parents need to be aware of a variety of safety concerns so they can help keep their kids safer. These include being mindful when using it, knowing about predators, mental health risks, and bullying issues. Phones can even cause problems with



a child's sleep quality if they are not taught good boundaries about using them.

Here are 5 practical tips for parents to help keep their kids safer using phones:

**Determine acceptable options.** Parents should determine what they want their kids to be able to do on the phone and then choose a device. The features are important and will determine how much the child can do. This includes determining acceptable types of devices, apps, and websites.

**Consider helpful tools.** Parents can use tools, such as Bark, to monitor their child's online usage. The system has been designed to monitor email, texts, and more and conduct risk assessments. The parent will receive an alert if a risk is assessed, such as a predator interaction. Another good tool option to consider is Teen Safe.

**Set expectations and rules.** Discuss with the child what you feel is acceptable phone usage and what will happen if they don't follow it. This goes for acceptable social media usage, taking photos, how long they can use it each day, and more.

**Discuss cyberbullying and predators.** This is a critical topic that parents need to discuss with their child. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, reports of cyberbullying (bullying done online or on the phone) are highest in the middle, followed by high school. Add to that the fact that the U.S. Department of Justice reports that sexual predators are shifting their contacts with kids to cell phones.

Kids need to know about each of these, what they look like, how to identify it, and what to do if they see it. They also need to know it's not acceptable to participate in cyberbullying of any kind.

**Set an example.** Parents must set an example of how to use phones and all technology in a healthy manner. This includes not using it while driving a car, riding a bike, overusing it, etc. In the Pew Research report, nearly half of all the teens surveyed said that their parents are sometimes distracted by their phones when they try to talk to them. When parents establish healthy phone habits and boundaries, they are providing a good example for their kids.

"There are no absolute ways to keep our kids 100% safe on their phones," adds Smalley. "But doing these things can go a long way toward helping to reduce risks and keep them safer. That's a step in the right direction for every parent."

Stand for the Silent offers online tools and information to help guide parents regarding all types of bullying, in-

cluding cyberbullying. Parents can visit their site for information on their cyberbullying prevention program, warning signs, and more.

They offer a social bullets program to help parents with this issue and they provide a free downloadable handbook that provides key signals to recognize, guidelines for in-depth discussions, action suggestions, and more. To get more information, visit the site at: <https://standforthesilent.org/for-parents/stopcyberbullying/>

Smalley and his wife, Laura, started the organization following their 11-year-old son, ending his own life due to bullying.

They turned their pain and loss into a mission of helping others. He travels the country giving presentations about bullying to schools, providing bullying prevention, giving out scholarships, offering intervention strategies, and more.

Those interested in getting involved can start a chapter of the group in their area, obtain a free K-2 bullying prevention curriculum or cyberbullying handbook for parents, host a presentation at their school, intro of how all started video, and donate to help support the cause. To get more information, visit the site at: <https://standforthesilent.org/>

Started in 2010, Stand for the Silent is an organization on a mission to help eliminate bullying nationwide. Kirk and Laura Smalley founded the group after their child took his own life due to bullying. They offer free resources for parents and educators and travel to schools to host presentations. They have been to over 6,025 schools and spoken with more than 4.15 million students. To get more information, visit the site at: <https://standforthesilent.org/>.

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# NEBCO: *Bails on project*

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NEBCO to developers interested in buying the 26-acre waterfront site formerly known as The Haven, the brewery indicated that building a brand-new facility does not work into their business model.

This is a blow to the administration, which was hoping to keep the new business in town and on the site of Haven, a proposed upscale mall complex that was nixed by its developers more than a year ago.

Borer hopes the new request for proposal will spur interest in the location, which has eluded city officials since it was determined to close the site more than five years ago.

"We can no longer allow this dilapidated, vacant, eyesore conference center to sit on our beautiful shoreline when we know this site is a jewel waiting to be polished," Borer said. "With its bountiful opportunity and incredible views, I'm confident this site will come back to life, but at the same time, we need to capitalize on the location to drive revenue to our bottom line."

The mayor said she's excited to see the various developers' official proposals for the conference center building, as she has been inundated with interest in recent months.

The city will start requesting bid proposals from interested developers this month and "will work with any successful bidder from Day 1 to ensure the proposal does not run into similar challenges," Borer said.

To enhance the redevelopment of the 22,000-square-foot conference center building, the mayor said she's looking to expand parking for the site and has commissioned a traffic feasibility study for parking on Captain Thomas Boulevard, which also was a challenge for previous proposals.

According to city records, the building was originally constructed in 1971 next to the prominent Savin Rock landmark and previously housed Phyllis' Restaurant, the original tenant, which was part of Restaurant Row in the heyday of Savin Rock amusement park. The Casino and Harbour Mist followed, but none were successful at the location.

It was eventually closed and sat vacant for a number of years until then-Mayor H. Richard Borer Jr. secured three grants — two federal and one state totaling \$946,000 — in 1994 to purchase and renovate the building, which reopened in April 1997 as a city-owned banquet and meeting facility.

Through the years, the Savin Rock Conference Center was host to weddings, showers, birthday parties, professional conferences, charitable benefits, plays, concerts and more.

The administration of former Mayor Nancy R. Rossi closed the building in February 2019.

In 2023, NEBCO determined to opt out of the Savin Rock site, and look for other locations that fit it with its business plan. Several weeks after the announcement, a second attempt with pared down specifications was announced, only to have Jimmies, Inc. continue its litigation.

That litigation has held up the project, frustrating the developers, and finally causing the company to bail on the project. Earlier this year, Rock Street was closed to traffic.

**The original design, which was revised last year.**



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**ACROSS**  
1 Swear  
5 Understood  
8 Six-pack units  
12 Slightly  
13 French assent  
14 October birthstone  
15 Sultry Horne  
16 Annoying  
18 Michelangelo works  
20 Pumped (up)  
21 Medit. nation  
22 "- Blue?"  
23 Cook in the oven  
26 Sun spot  
30 Take courses?  
31 Pie - mode  
32 Felon's flight  
33 Fake ally  
36 Cavorts  
38 Mel of baseball  
39 UFO crew  
40 Top floor  
43 Cargo  
47 First-termers  
49 Contrite one  
50 Staffer  
51 Brit. record label  
52 Actress Fisher  
53 Colonial flag maker  
54 "Norma -"

**DOWN**  
1 Baby elephant  
2 Cab alternative  
3 Trig function  
4 Equilibrium  
5 Really dig  
6 Belonging to us  
7 Dead heat  
8 Universal  
9 Per person  
10 Handle  
11 Santa's ride

17 Docile  
19 Chicago winter hrs.  
22 Altar in the sky  
23 Ump  
24 Rowing need  
25 Packed away  
26 Aviate  
27 Carrier to Amsterdam  
28 Napkin's place  
29 Ambulance initials  
31 Invoice fig.  
34 Loud sounds

35 Engrave  
36 GPS suggestion  
37 Egyptian deity  
39 Golfer Els  
40 Miles away  
41 Half a sextet  
42 Turner and Danson  
43 Disaster aid org.  
44 Get overemotional  
45 Prefix with pad or port  
46 Snare  
48 Mal de -

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**MAGIC MAZE • CHESS GAMBITS**

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: STAPLE ASIAN FOOD

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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| 7 | 5 |   |   | 2 |   |   |   |   |
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|   | 4 |   |   | 8 | 9 |   |   |   |
|   |   | 2 | 5 |   |   |   |   | 7 |

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**

**King Crossword**  
Solution time: 23 mins.  
Answers

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Answers

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Answers

**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What was SpongeBob SquarePants' original name when the story was pitched?  
2. MOVIES: Which famous horror film was set at Crystal Lake, New Jersey?  
3. LANGUAGE: In Great Britain, what are stabilisers?  
4. MUSIC: Which band had a hit with the 1961 "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"?  
5. GEOGRAPHY: How many U.S. states have a border with Mexico?  
6. MATH: How many sides does a hectogon have?  
7. INVENTIONS: In what year were flat-

screen TVs first sold?  
8. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of cheese is used in a caprese salad?  
9. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is "The Land of Enchantment"?  
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of dog is Scooby-Doo in the animated cartoons?

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**Answers**

1. Spongeboy.  
2. "Friday the 13th."  
3. Training wheels.  
4. The Tokens.  
5. Four: California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.  
6. 100.  
7. 1997.  
8. Fresh mozzarella.  
9. New Mexico.  
10. A Great Dane.



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### R&B combo at Grove

The city's Summer Concert Series will continue at 7 p.m. Aug. 9 in Old Grove Park, 1 Palace St., with funk and R&B hits performed by All Funk'd Up. The two-hour concert is free and presented by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The rain date is Aug. 12.

### Mullins: *Recalls week at convention*

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Mullins said that he was about 100 feet from Trump on the convention floor during his 90-minute acceptance speech.

"The anticipation in the air was thick, as the arena waited for the President," he said. "Prior to Trump, the crowd was warmed up by retired WWE wrestler Hulk Hogan and music by performer Kidd Rock."

The convention was held at the Fiserv Forum in downtown Milwaukee. It was labeled a National Special Security Event, so security was tight.

In addition to the Secret Service and local Milwaukee Police, Wisconsin Sheriff's Departments and State Police, law enforcement agencies from all over the country provided mutual aid.

"Entering the convention grounds was the same as TSA

screenings at US airports. I welcomed the extra scrutiny, because it made thousands of delegates, guests and media feel safe," Mullins said.

Since the RNC closed, a whirlwind of events have surrounded the 2024 campaign. Incumbent President Joseph R. Biden, who won all state Democratic Party primaries, gave in to the pressure from fellow Democrats to get out of the Presidential contest following his unsuccessful June 27 debate with Trump.

In his campaign suspension announcement, he endorsed his Vice-President Kamala Harris to face Trump in the general election. Harris has not yet chosen a running mate at this writing.

Mullins said when the convention wrapped up, delegates were ready for the work that begins heading toward November.

"All delegates left the con-

vention inspired to work to bring this country back to greatness," he said.

The Democratic National Convention will be held the week of Aug. 19 at the United Center in Chicago, where Harris is expected to receive the Democratic Party nomination for President

## MOVIE MATINEES AUGUST



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## Free Naloxone Training

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# Savin Rock Festival parting shots

Photo by Michael P. Walsh

The inaugural "Great Bartender Race" participants: Lorenzo's Restaurant, Z's Corner Cafe, The Breakwall, Oak Beach Bar & Grill, Dive Bar & Restaurant, Reruns Bar & Grill, Billie Martin's Neighborhood Pub and Moby Dick's Oyster Bar & Grill.



Photos by Michael P. Walsh and Tianna Greene

Above -- The Foreigner Journey Experience headlines opening night of the Savin Rock Festival on Friday. The band fired on all cylinders and played a two-hour set of radio anthems from the acclaimed catalogs of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame bands, including Foreigner's "Double Vision," "Hot Blooded" and "Juke Box Hero" and Journey's "Separate Ways (Worlds Apart)," "Any Way You Want It" and "Don't Stop Believin'." Right -- Mayor Dorinda Borer welcomes people to historic Old Grove Park on Friday.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

The sea of people gathered for the Nick Fradiani concert in the Grove. Thousands gathered during the weekend event, enjoying the food, entertainment and rides that have become expected. Several bands, and special contests were conducted.