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Festival ready to 'Rock' the shore

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Bohemian Queen, "the ultimate Queen tribute band," will headline the Savin Rock Festival on Saturday in Old Grove Park at 1 Palace St.

On Friday, the festival's opening night will feature Bee Gees Gold, performing its Las Vegas tribute show to the one and only Bee Gees.

West Haven's annual shoreline festival pays homage to the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of Savin Rock Park, the legendary amusement park once known as Connecticut's Coney Island and locally as "the Rock."

The heritage event is presented by Mayor Dorinda Borer and the Savin Rock Festival Committee from 5-10 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday. The sponsors are Premium Parking, Riva Bar & Restaurant, Carmody, Torrance, Sandak & Hennessey LLP, The Frankson Fence Co. Inc., and Greenskies.

In addition to live music, the festival will include a kids zone with a variety of free activities, including inflatables and firetruck rides, along with boatloads of seafood and other appetizing dishes.

According to committee Chairman Andrew Chartier, a number of nonprofit organizations will have informational tables in the 156-year-old Grove, and a fleet of food and dessert trucks will serve up eats and sweets on nearby Palace Street.

The food trucks are: Cousins Maine Lobster (lobster rolls), Crave (tacos), Habesha Flavor (Ethiopian), Heaven's Delights (Jamaican), Louise's Home-

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Photos courtesy of Michael P. Walsh



The Rum Runners (above) rocked the Old Grove Park in last year's appearance at the Savin Rock Festival, and they are set to return this weekend along three other top performers. The event is the city's premiere celebration of the summer, focusing on its history as a resort community, and the once-famous Savin Rock Amusement Park. As seen (left) thousands turn out for the two-day event, with booths provided by artisans, fraternal and civic organizations and local businesses.

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Maya Boyd, a West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. student, age 2, predicts sunny beach weather just right to look for crabs at the beach.

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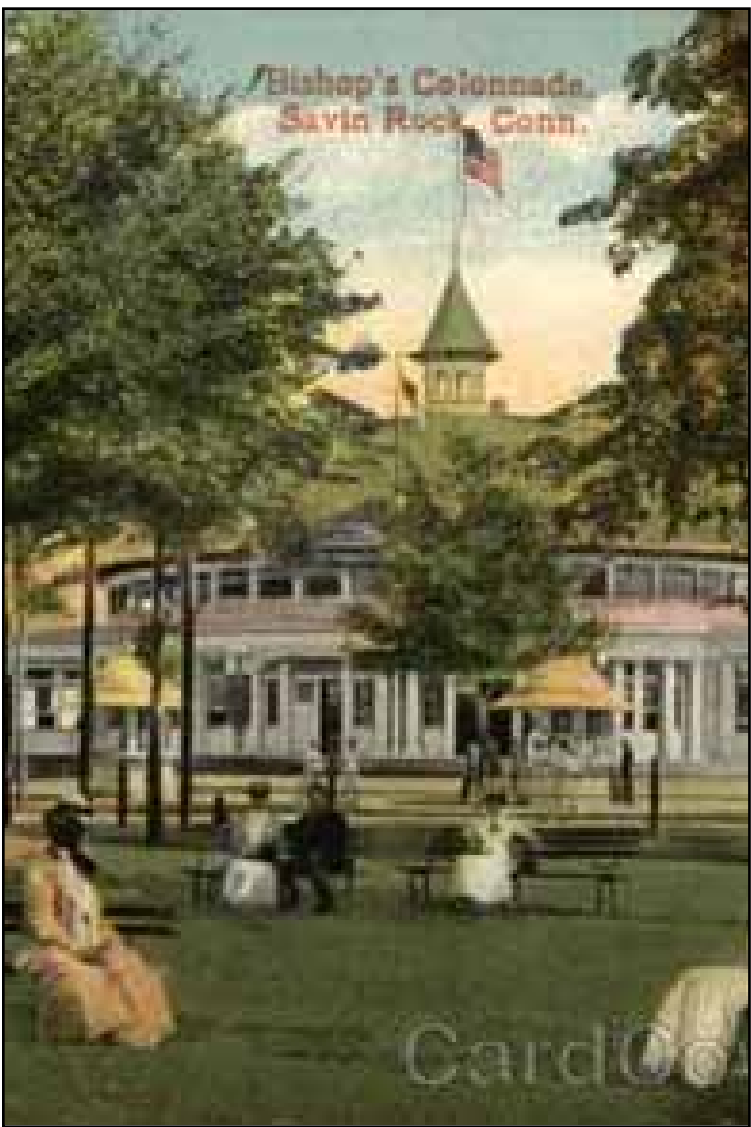
1995 – Comet Hale-Bopp discovered. Also known as C/1995 O1 by the scientific community, this well known comet was discovered independently by Alan Hale and Thomas Bopp.

1992 – Abkhazia declares independence from Georgia. The Republic of Abkhazia, is a disputed territory of Georgia and is recognized as an independent state by only a handful of countries.

1982 – International Whaling Commission bans commercial whale hunting. The International Whaling Commission (IWC) passed a resolution to restrict commercial whaling and ban it completely after 1986. 25 countries voted to put the ban in place.

1972 – Landsat 1 launched. The first satellite in the US’s LANDSAT program, the Landsat discovered an uninhabited island off the eastern coast of Canada in 1976. The island is now called Landsat Island.

1962 – First live transatlantic television signal. Telstar 1, a communications satellite relayed the world’s first transatlantic television signal in the form of a show that featured Walter Cronkite.



Bygone era

This psst card from the turn of the 20th Century shows Bishop’s Colonnade, a popular attraction in the resort community borough of West Haven, which was then part of Orange.

Fireworks ushered in nation’s 250th

By Michael P. Walsh
Special to the Voice

The Savin Rock Fireworks Spectacular on July 3 highlighted the city’s observance of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

This year’s display was “launched” by Woodlawn Duckpin Bowling owner Bob Nugent and granddaughter Avery Washington, 4, who recently won the Savin Rock Fireworks Committee’s “Light the Night” raffle fundraiser.

The moment they pushed down on a red, white and blue plunger box, fireworks blasted off Bradley Point and exploded over Long Island Sound, dazzling thousands of patriotic revelers along West Haven’s 3 miles of public beaches with a display of brilliant lighting and booming sound effects.

The pyrotechnic show was presented by the fireworks committee, and the major sponsors were University of New Haven, Winkle Bus Co., Riva Bar & Restaurant, Baybrook Remodelers Inc., Mrs. Roper Romp, West Haven Italian American Club and Fitzgerald’s Florist.

In addition, West Haven firefighters passed the boot to help collect money for the fireworks — the city’s largest single-day spectator event, which attracts tens of thousands of residents and visitors to the West Haven shoreline each year.

Mayor Dorinda Borer was joined onstage in front of the city’s historic Savin Rock landmark by Nugent and his granddaughter, WOW Radio personality Brian Smith, who served as the master of ceremonies, and the fireworks committee.

Borer welcomed the all-ages crowd and thanked the city’s Police, Fire and Public Works departments, as well as committee members, including co-Chairwomen Sandy McCauley and Marianne Drapeau, for helping to organize the large-scale event.

But before the fireworks shot off and burst over Bradley Point in showers of colored sparks, people danced to a two-hour set of party rock hits performed by Rhythm City.

As the music played, a fleet of food and dessert trucks dished up eats and sweets on Captain Thomas Boulevard, near Dyke Street.

Police once again closed Captain Thomas Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, between Kelsey Avenue and South Street, for See Fireworks, page several hours to give the festivities a block party vibe.



St. Lawrence School seventh grader Anthony Milano reads the Declaration of Independence with Mayor Dorinda Borer on July 4 at a public reading ceremony on the steps of City Hall marking the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Photo contributed by Steven R. Mullins

Land Trust sponsors Eco-Park info series

The Land Trust of West Haven is hosting a series of “conversations” to explore the beauty and ecology of the city’s shoreline through a new program. Coastal Conversations at Eco Park is a free public speaker series beginning Sunday, July 26, at 10 a.m. at Eco Park, Old Grove Park Building, 1 Palace St.

The six-part series brings together leading scientists, conservationists, educators, and environmental professionals who will share their expertise on some of the most important issues affecting Long Island Sound and Connecticut’s coast. Topics include climate resilience, shoreline restoration, pollinator conservation,

beach-nesting birds, native plants, and the impact people have on coastal ecosystems.

“We created Coastal Conversations to help people better understand the incredible natural resources that exist right here in our own community,” said Marilyn Wilkes, President of the Land Trust of West Haven. “Eco Park was designed as a living outdoor classroom, and this speaker series is a natural extension of that vision. Whether you’re an avid gardener, bird enthusiast, beachgoer, or simply someone who loves our shoreline, these conversations will leave you with a greater appreciation for our coastal environment and practical ways you can help protect it.”

The inaugural series features presentations by experts from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), Save the Sound, Connecticut Sea Grant, Audubon Connecticut, and leading ecological professionals.

The 2026 schedule includes:
~~ July 26 – *Climate Change in Our Backyard: Building a More Resilient Connecticut Coast*; DeAva Lambert, Connecticut DEEP;
~~ Aug. 9 – *Human Impact on Long Island Sound*; Colin Puckett, Save the Sound;
~~ Aug. 23 – *Shoreline Restoration and Climate Adaptation in Long Island Sound*; Deb Abibou, Connecticut Sea Grant;
~~ Sept. 6 – *Pollinator Party at Eco Park*; Juliana Barrett, Connecticut Sea Grant; Maggie Cozens, Connecticut Sea Grant;
~~ Sept. 20 – *Beach Nesting Birds: History, Monitoring, Management & Enforcement*; Will Perret, Audubon Connecticut;
~~ Oct. 4 – *Native Plants and Building Your Home Garden*; Laura Schwanof, Landscape Architect & Ecological Practice Leader

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Dear Felicia

Howdy-do, sweets! It's been a while since last we writ, but schedules change and hafta be adapted to whot's going on in our little corner of the universe. And whilst, there ain't a whole lotta meaty stuff going on in these Dog Days, there is enuff fodder for our grist mill of whot's happening hereabouts.

I guess the foist thing to note is that the fireworks went off as expected and a good time was had by all and sundry. There was some angst about the weather, as there always seems to be, and word is that things went back and forth with city officials, including Herroner, watching their weather apps as well as the local updates trying to figger out if the storms that were supposed to arrive would be late.

As it toined out, they were not only late, they weren't much and the show was determined to go on as usual. Of course, there was enuff noise here and abouts to let anyone know a show was in progress. Then, there was the inevitable "little shows" that went on after the big one was over. At a few points it sounded like the third battle of the Marne (sans taxies) around the neighborhood, but it quieted down soon enuff that those of us who wanted to git a bit of shut eye did, in fack, do so.

Meanwhile, that wasn't the big news over the last little while. Last week was quite something. A bit of a forest fire is raging in Canada, and (Iyam told) upper parts of New York State, and the smoke decided to follow the winds and park itself in our area.

Honeybunch, on Wednesday of last week Cobina thought there was gonna be a tornado! The sky was a pale orange color and it looked like the Gates of Hades. It was jest the smoke from the fire, and whilst that was goin' on the acrid smell of burnt wood hovered over the city and the region.

It was like that for a couple o' days, and then the winds shifted and we were able to git things somewhat back to normal. But, there was a faint smell of burnt wood still in the air. This is the second year in a row that fires in Canada have found their way down to our shores, but last year was nothing like what we experienced these last days. Quite something.

The Wag was in for tea t'other afternoon, and sez he was getting quite the kick outta watching videos of foreign visitors traversing our country for the World Cup. He was quite amused, and proud, by the way people appreciated not only our nation, but our people.

The media in Europe is much like the media here, snotty, snobby, and uppity enuff to talk down to people. Well, the bad publicity the foreign press, and much of our own press, give this country was put to rest in the minds of many, many people.

Whilst much of the good stuff came from the south with Southern Hospitality, even our brethren from the Massachusetts Bay Colony and New Yawk behaved themselves and were up for high praise from a lot of people.

The Wag sez he couldn't stop watching videos as they were posted.

One visitor mentioned in a post that he couldn't understand why people from this country complain so much, when, compared to where he was from, things were freer and friendlier. Why, indeed, Felicia, why, indeed.

Closer to home, the end of July means the annual Savin Rock Festival, which is this weekend, and we see that things are ready for a good time and, we hope, good weather. That little variable has been hit or miss over the years.

Tennyrate, Cobina gits a bit nostalgic when this festival comes around, cuz she remembers when it was foist planned by the West Haven Chamber of Commerce (since deceased) with several others involved. Names like John and

Mary Perrone, the dynamic duo of Dodie Ireland and Mary Tracy, as well as others worked to make the foist Festival quite something.

It was held in the Ken Strong Stadium at the high school, before it was the showcase it is now. The football field was there, but oldtimers remember when the area where Biondi and Piurek Fields are was just muddy, swamp brown dirt that flooded with the least sprinkle.

The first festival was not the concert-laden thing it is now, it was more a showcase of what the city had to offer – and remember, in those days, the city was a destination town, where people moved in cuz of what we had to offer. That was before the financial crash of 1988-89, and the subsequent folly of the 1991 budget battle put the city behind the eight-ball.

Tennyrate, it was quite something, with estimates that first weekend being around 100,000 spectators. Of course, the high school renovated the fields, and it morphed into what we have now. So, while the work was done, another venue had to be found to handle the fest.

The event almost died a premature death cuz, effen yew remember, the Old Grove was the site that John and Mary, et al wanted. That was the era, which was recently highlighted by Steve Hildrich both in the papyrus and during a talk, where the shore was in flux.

The redevelopment plan that was still in force banned over-the-counter sales on the plots of land withing its purview. It took some razzle dazzle and some negotiating, but the festival was saved, and has been over there ever since.

It's hard to believe eh foist one was some 46 years ago, and there has been a lotta water under several bridges, but here we are. Let's hope the weather cooperates and the people show up for what promises to be a fun event.

Nelly Nuthatch came by and we were talking about the recent spate of problems the city seems to be having with watering holes in the city. In fact, two establishments seem to have gone the way of all flesh after officials determined they were violating a few ordinances, not only concerning health codes, but legal hours.

The closures happened around the 4th of July, and many of the cited venues have got their act together. But it did bring up a discussion from Nelly about the fame our main drag seems to have here and about concerning the number of watering holes that seem to be planted along the avenue from the shore to Allingtown.

We know that the local univer-

sity still has the "tradition" of the Campbell Avenue Crawl, wherein a student tests his or her mettle by visiting and imbibing each establishment. I ain't sure if anyone has completed the circuit, but many have tried. One wonders what their heads felt like the next morning.

Nelly's take on the whole matter was that at least the city is taking inspections and ordinances seriously, especially when some ne'er do wells seem to have infiltrated and done some dangerous thing. Doesn't help the city's image, and doesn't make residents feel good about their town.

Keeping the lid on the nonsense, however, is the thing that will clean up matters and help both the image, and the attitude.

Sammy Bluejay happened by, and mentioned that things are moving along at the Kelsey all of sudden. The shell of the new building is starting to take shape with walls being put up. Over on Beach Street construction on the new coffee shop is moving along with windows now installed, and some other work taking place. Across the street, the new pumping station is still in progress, and the Debonair Motel site is being cleaned up after demolition was completed. Soooo, it seems like things are moving along.

'Twasn't too long ago that each missive I would mention the problems over there on Beach Street – and that was more than a decade ago, come to think of it. Now, all of a sudden, things seem to be moving in the right direction.

Then there is the natural habitat that was once the Haven site over on First Avenue. It's been about four years since demolition started and about three since it was completed, give or take. Needless to say nothing has occurred over there, with the exception of some survey work that was done last summer.

No one knows what's going to happen, but Cobina would be nicely surprised effen something happened before the year was out. It's only been 12 years since the Haven was announced, and 29 years since the "Water Street Project" was ballyhooed.

As the saying goes, "I wouldn't want to hang as long" as we've been made to wait.

Felicia, our national delegation from the state, particularly our two senators and our own Rosa DeLauro Greenberg have been making themselves quite the talk of the town – and not in a good way. One writer said, "bat-guano crazy. It was apt.

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Behind the stacks

Welcome back to Behind the Stacks! Have you ever heard of the Village Improvement Association?

The Village Improvement Association, or VIA, are the governing body of the library. It was established in 1906, even before the City of West Haven was established!

The original reference room was the entire Main Library, which was also built thanks to a Carnegie grant. The goal of the VIA is to help the library provide people of all ages with free public access, and quality direction and guidance to books, media, and cultural events in a comfortable, user-friendly environment that meets the informational, educational, and life-long learning interests of the entire community.

This year the VIA provided scholarships to six graduating West Haven students who plan to further their education.

Each selected applicant received a \$750 scholarship to put towards their continuing educational journey! Five out of the six scholarships are named in honor of people with affiliation with the VIA; Una Burns, Gert Beckwith, Pam Gardner, Charlie Gunning, and Connie Sacco.

We are excited to announce that West Haven Library will be adding a new, state-of-the-art Bookmobile to our library services in September.

This 40-foot vehicle will have a browsing collection of books to check out, Wi-Fi, and space for patrons to use internet access and get on location reference help! Stay tuned to see where the Bookmobile will be all over town.

Finally, we will be once again collecting non-perishable food donations for WHEAT until Aug. 31. We accept any non-perishable items including but not limited to macand cheese, pasta, rice, beans, peanut butter, jelly, and pop-top canned items such as soup, broth, tuna, veggies, and fruit.

Anyone interested in donating food items can bring them to the front desk of either the Main Library on 300 Elm Street or the Ora Mason Library on 260 Benham Hill Road any time during

operating hours.

It's time once again to get acquainted with another library worker, Tatiana Franklin. Tatiana (affectionately known as Tots or Tati around these parts) is our Children's Librarian for our Ora Mason branch. Take it away, Tots.

How did you get into library work? Interestingly, I wanted to be a librarian when I was a kid because I've always loved books. As I got older, though, I never really knew what the path to becoming one looked like, so I ended up studying psychology instead. I enjoyed my classes, but I quickly realized I wasn't interested in the statistics side of things—it humbled me, honestly.

While working towards my bachelor's degree, I became a library assistant at the West Haven Public Library, where I got to see how everything operates behind the scenes. I ended up enjoying the environment far more than I expected. What really surprised me was how much the field was evolving and expanding.

As I learned more about librarianship, I also began seeing people from a wider range of backgrounds represented in the profession. Seeing librarians who looked like me helped me picture myself in the role and made me feel even more connected to the field. Before working in a library, I mostly associated librarianship with books, but I quickly learned it also involves programming, community outreach, technology, creativity, and connecting people with resources.

The more I learned, the more I realized it was the right fit for me. I also discovered I could become a librarian with a master's degree, and since I didn't want to spend years going through additional schooling, I found a program I could complete in a year.

In a way, I ended up right where I was supposed to be. It definitely feels like something my younger self would be really happy about.

Do you have any pets? My family has a senior dog named Bentley—he's 16 and still has some spunk left.

We got him when he was 3 from a Craigslist ad for free, which I

always tell people like it's a fun fact. He's been with us ever since and definitely runs the household.

Any hobbies? One of my hobbies is painting and sketching cartoon characters.

I also like fishing and spending time relaxing at the beach. It's a nice way for me to unwind and reset.

Any fun/unusual facts about yourself? A fun fact about me is that I can almost make it through an entire box of frozen taquitos in one sitting. It's a skill I didn't plan on having.

Do you have any hidden (or not so hidden) talents? One of my hidden talents is being able to put together a PowerPoint in one night—usually when I'm trying to persuade someone of my point.

Favorite TV shows/films? My movie taste is very 2000s-coded—I'll always have a soft spot for the movies I grew up with. As for TV shows, SpongeBob SquarePants and Regular Show are two of my all-time favorites, and I'm also a big fan of reality TV.

Favorite thing to cook or eat? My favorite meal is pork chops, mashed potatoes, and corn. A few years ago, I made it for dinner and stepped away for a minute. When I came back, Bentley had helped himself to part of my plate. Let's just say I briefly considered putting him back on Craigslist.



The newest Children's Librarian is Tatiana Franklin at the Ora Mason Library. Stop in Wednesday mornings for her Tots and Tales Storytime starting in September.

Farmers Market Thursday, Saturday

The farmers market is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday on the Green, at Campbell Avenue and Main Street, and every Saturday next to the Oak Street Beach parking lot, off Captain Thomas Boulevard.

The market features homegrown fruits and vegetables, baked goods and homemade crafts through Oct. 10.

Parking is available on Campbell Avenue and in the City Hall municipal lot, 355 Main St., as well as in the Oak Street municipal lot and on Palace Street. Oak Street is on the senior shuttle route and the CTtransit route.

The farmers market was dedicated in 2010 in memory of Anthony F. "Tony" Inzero, a leader in the downtown business community who co-owned Flower Affair on Campbell Avenue with Betty DelVecchio for many years.

Inzero was a founding member and longtime president of the West Haven Business Association who spearheaded a variety of events and programs to drum up business for fellow merchants, including the first farmers market in 2000.

Inzero, who lived in Hamden, died in 2009 at age 59.

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Savin Rock Festival '26

It is hard to believe it has been more than 40-plus 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.

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.



Iranian deal comes undone

By Rich Lowry
Syndicated Columnist

Another sham deal with Iran comes undone

An early period of World War II was known as "the phony war." What we may be witnessing now in the U.S.-Iran war is the end of a "phony peace."

The nearly five-month-long conflict has featured a couple of sham ceasefires, each marked by supposed Iranian pledges to reopen the Strait of Hormuz that came to nothing.

With the Iranians firing on shipping in the Strait again, Trump has declared the so-called memorandum of understanding signed about a month ago to be a dead letter. After lifting sanctions on Iranian oil and ending the U.S. blockade of Iranian ports, Trump has reinstituted both. He maintains that the U.S. will control the strait and, at some point, charge a 20% fee on all shipping for our trouble (a bad idea that Trump appears already to have abandoned).

It was clear a couple of days into the war that the Strait of Hormuz had become the key strategic variable and that President Trump wouldn't easily be able to walk away from the conflict without reopening the strait again.

The MOU was an illusory means of achieving this goal via diplomacy. The problem is that we thought -- or wanted to believe -- that the agreement

said the Iranians would allow unobstructed passage again, while the Iranians thought -- or wanted to believe -- that it said they would control the strait. That the MOU was subject to these starkly divergent understandings made it a memorandum of obfuscation.

The Iranians, of course, aren't operating in good faith, but it is a point in their favor that the MOU didn't simply say, "There shall be freedom of navigation in the strait." Instead, it talked of how the Iranians would "make arrangements" for ensuring "the safe passage of commercial vessels, with no charge for 60 days only." In other words, the Iranians held the whip hand in the strait and could charge a fee for transit after a two-month interval. Furthermore, Iran would conduct dialogue with Oman "to define the future administration and maritime services in the Strait of Hormuz."

Amazingly enough, then, a war that had started with optimistic talk of toppling the Iranian regime was ending with an agreement allowing the Iranians to figure out how to run a waterway vital to the international economy that they hadn't controlled at the outset of the conflict.

Is it any wonder that the Iranians, who must have been stunned at the success of their gambit in the strait, have been pressing their luck? It must

have emboldened them even more to hear Trump say that he was so eager for the MOU because the economic costs of Iranian disruption of the strait threatened to make him a new Herbert Hoover.

Effectively turning over the control of the strait to the Iranians -- coupled with the inconclusive U.S. war against the Houthis to try to eliminate their threat to shipping in the Red Sea -- would have been a black mark on the Trump administration's record regarding a long-standing tenet of American grand strategy.

Freedom of navigation has always been considered essential to U.S. national security and a linchpin of global commerce. Trump is right to want to take back the Strait. The question, though, is whether he will be willing to apply enough force and have the staying power to bring a battle for the strait to a successful conclusion. The domestic politics are difficult, given that the American public is not supportive of the war and has now been repeatedly told that it is about to end with a brilliant diplomatic deal.

While we have an enormous firepower advantage, the Iranians have proven that they can disrupt the Strait with threats and a few projectiles. They aren't going to give up their strategic windfall easily, as two bogus but highly touted peace deals demonstrate.

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WHHS Class of ‘64 sets reunion

The West Haven High School Calss of 1964 is sponsoring its second Get-Together on Saturday, Sept. 19, from noon to 4 p.m. at Biagetti’s Restaurant, 77 Campbell Ave. Dinner is \$50 per person with walk-ins accepted at \$60 per person, cash only. Interested classmates should contact Judy Oberempt at nanna244@aol.com, or (203) 934-9504. Payment is due Aug. 8. Checks should be made payable to Patricia W. Massey, and mailed to 238 Cosey Beach Ave., East Haven, 06512.

Retired Teachers plan picnic

The West Haven Retired Teachers’ Association (WHRTA) will host a picnic lunch for its members at Stappa Winery, 403 Derby Ave, (Rt.34) Orange, at 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 20, 2026. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy the beautiful winery and its grounds. Dessert provided. (No outside beverages). For details see your WHRTA newsletter or our Facebook page. Contact aglagowski@att.net to RSVP or to join WHRTA. Dues are \$20 per year.

Merola plays Acoustic Sunday

The city’s Acoustic Sunday Morning Concert Series continues with John Merola from 9:30-11 a.m. Aug. 2 at Oak Street Beach, off Captain Thomas Boulevard. Grab a coffee and a beach chair and chill out to smooth-sailing songs performed by Merola. The free concert is presented by Mayor Dorinda Borer and the Department of Parks and Recreation and is spo nsored by The Breakwall.

Avenue Groove set for Grove

The West Haven Summer Concert Series continues with Avenue Groove at 7 p.m. Aug. 7 in Old Grove Park, 1 Palace St. Get ready for high-energy covers of R&B, dance, funk, country and pop hits. The free concert is presented by Mayor Dorinda Borer and the Department of Parks and Recreation. To check if the concert has been rescheduled because of rain, visit Park-Rec’s website at <https://www.rec.us/organizations/city-of-west-haven>. The rain date is the following Monday at the same time and venue.

Center offers Cape Cod trip

Tour the land of Cape Cod with the West Haven Senior Center on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 15- 16. Bus departs at 8:15 a.m. from the Vertical Church parking lot at 225 Meloy Road. The cost of this trip is based on per person occupancy; \$475 for 1 person, for 2 people, \$400 each, for 3 people, \$375 each, and for 4 people, \$360 each. Payment is due by Friday, Aug. 7. The cost includes 1 night stay at the Holiday Inn Hyannis, 2-hour Cape Cod Canal Cruise, a guided tour of Hyannis, 1-hour Hyannis Harbor Cruise, admission to the Cape Cod Maritime Museum, admission to the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum, 1 full breakfast and 1 dinner, meal taxes, meal gratuities, room taxes, housekeeping gratuity, and local guide gratuity, and roundtrip coach transportation. For a more detailed itinerary of this trip, please visit or call the West Haven Senior Center. Non-Residents & Non-WHSC Members are welcome! To reserve your spot, please call the West Haven Senior Center at (203)-937-3507!

Park: Series announced

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Practice Leader. All programs begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings and are free and open to the public. No registration is required. Eco Park, which officially opened earlier this summer, was created by the Land Trust of West Haven in partnership with the City of West Haven and numerous environmental organizations. The park features native coastal plants, educational interpretive signs, pollinator habitat, and demonstrations of shore-line resilience and ecological restoration. Community members are encouraged to attend one session or the entire series and are welcome to bring family members and friends. For more information, contact: Marilyn Wilkes, President, Land Trust of West Haven; (203) 415-4712; marilynwilkes@icloud.com.

Expert gives public 9 tips to stay well in the summer

By Dr. Ana Stankovic
United Healthcare

Summer brings long days, family vacations, afternoons by the pool and more time outside. But as temperatures rise and families head to the water, it’s also a time to be extra mindful about staying safe. From heat-related illness to sun exposure and drowning risks, a few simple precautions can help make sure summer fun stays just that – fun.

Here are some tips to help you stay safe in the sun, especially around water:

Take Swimming Lessons to Reduce Risk of Drowning: According to the latest CDC data, unintentional drowning remains a leading cause of death for young children in the United States. More children ages 1-4 die from drowning than any other cause of death, and drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for children ages 5-14. Every year in the United States, there are

over 4,000 fatal unintentional drownings – an average of 11 drowning deaths per day.

Wear a Life Jacket During Water-Based Activities: Pool toys, such as noodles or inner tubes, should not be used in lieu of a life jacket as they are not designed to keep swimmers safe. For children, choosing bright-colored swimsuits can also make it easier to spot them in the water.

Learn and Practice Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR): When performed by bystanders during an emergency, CPR can help save lives and improve outcomes for drowning victims. The sooner CPR starts, the better the chance of a positive outcome.

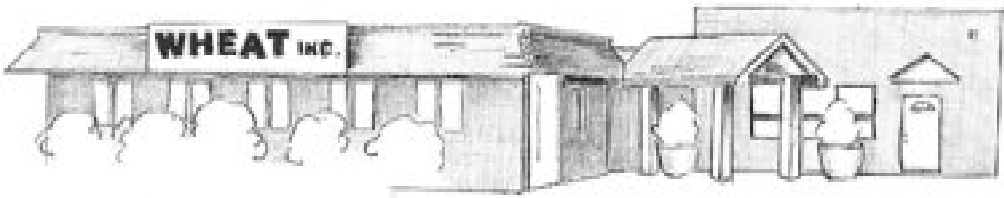
Prepare for Weather: Strong winds and thunderstorms can be dangerous when you are in or around water, so check the forecast before boating or swimming and head to shore right away if storms develop.

Reapply Sunscreen Every Two Hours to Protect Your

Skin if You Remain in the Sun: Sunscreen protection levels are categorized using a sun protection factor (SPF) number that rates how well they block UV rays with higher numbers indicating more protection. Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher and reapply at least every two hours, or more often after swimming or sweating.

Wear Protective Clothing, a Hat and Sunglasses: When possible, wear long-sleeved shirts, pants or skirts that can help protect against UV rays. Clothes made from tightly woven fabric, along with hats that have wide brims to cover the face, ears and back of the neck, provide the best protection.

Protect Infants and Children From the Heat: Infants and young children rely on adults to help keep them cool and hydrated. Dress them in loose, lightweight clothing, offer water frequently
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Ceremony marks Firefighters' promotions

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Six career firefighters of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown were promoted during a swearing-in ceremony at City Hall on July 16.

Allingtown Chief Michael R. Terenzio, joined by Deputy Chief Keith T. Flood and Board of Fire Commissioners Chairwoman Iris Diaz, administered the oath of appointment promoting Capt. Stephen Panza to fire marshal, Lt. Michael DiMassa to captain, firefighter Joseph DeGrand to lieutenant and deputy fire marshal, and firefighters Daniel Hall, Christopher Iadarola and Peter Redding to lieutenant.

Each firefighter was presented with a new helmet adorned with their new rank.

The evening ceremony, held in City Hall's Harriet C. North Community Room, was attended by Mayor Dorinda Borer, family, friends, and commissioners, chiefs, officers, firefighters and union stewards from the 119-year-old Allingtown department and West Haven's two other fire departments.

Terenzio said he plans to strategically deploy the four new lieutenants to supervise and staff the recently re-



City Photo

Six career firefighters of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown are promoted during a swearing-in ceremony at City Hall on July 16. From left, new Capt. Michael DiMassa, new Fire Marshal Stephen Panza, Mayor Dorinda Borer, Board of Fire Commissioners Chairwoman Iris Diaz, Chief Michael R. Terenzio, Deputy Chief Keith T. Flood, new Lts. Christopher Iadarola, Peter Redding and Daniel Hall, and new Lt. and Deputy Fire Marshal Joseph DeGrand.

opened Admiral Street fire station, just off Route 1 near the Allingtown Green.

"This directly showcases our commitment to expanding neighborhood coverage and

strengthening our front-line leadership structure." Terenzio said.

West Haven's storied fire service includes the 3rd District's formerly independent

Allingtown Fire Department, which was taken over by the city in July 2012 and is now known as the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown. It also includes the

independent West Haven Fire Department, which serves the First Fire Taxation, or Center, District, and the independent West Shore Fire Department, serving the 2nd Tax District.

Cat colony irks Allingtown neighborhood

By Dominic Konareski

Voice Writer

Cats. People either love them or have a very fond dislike of them, but for several residents of a section in West Haven's Allingtown cats are something that have interrupted their lives and even has impacted their finances.

"I don't want to smell cat pee and poop in my yard," said one frustrated Westie.

Across neighborhoods in Allingtown, residents are increasingly reporting sightings of stray cats wandering through their properties and along the streets.

There have been an estimated 65-75 cats that are believed to come from a house in the Rangely Street area of Allingtown, located in the Sixth District of the city. All of the estimated number of cats seem to be without true ownership and victims of breeding.

Several residents of Rangely Street and the neighboring streets have reached out to the Voice in hopes of this issue gaining more light. All who have reached out wish to remain anonymous in fear of potential harassment for coming forward.

The area, which appears to have affected roughly a one-mile radius stretching from Fairfax Street to parts of David Street, has seen cats overcome West Haven residents on both a daily and nightly basis. The growing visibility of cats in the affected areas has raised concerns of public safety, animal welfare, and their own human welfare as well.

When asking the residents for any evidence of cats on their property, they produced a number of photos and videos of all various cats. "The stench of cat urine smells foul and is so potent it leaves a bad taste in my mouth," said a resident.

According to the West Haven Animal Shelter and West Haven Animal Control, there are an estimated 65-75 loose cats in this area. West Haven Animal control is currently in the process of catching the cats, which will then be neutered and spayed, and later be released back into the neighborhoods of which they were captured. This is an lower and ultimately pre-

vent the overpopulation of cats for 2027.

Overall, the system that is being used by West Haven Animal Control is commonly known as TNR, or Trap-Neuter-Return. Under this widely accepted and used method, feral cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and returned to the area that they were originally found. The process prevents future breeding and is widely accepted as a more humane and effective long-term solution, which would have the established colony decline over an unknown period of time

When reaching out to the West Haven Animal Shelter and Animal Control for comment, the Voice did not receive an answer back.

Meanwhile, residents have raised many of their own questions as the issue which started several months ago in April continues on. One resident asked who is paying for the neutering?

"We as taxpayers should not be responsible."

While another resident stated, "Neutering doesn't stop them from roaming around loose and getting into our yards.

According to several residents, the cats have ruined their yards due to urinating and eating their plants. Several cats have also reportedly been found deceased either in the yards or on the street as a fatality from a car.

One resident said the cats have ruined a memorial fig tree for her late husband in her yard by getting under the protective tarp to live and eat. This resident produced a list of everything she has purchased to try to deter the cats, with the amount spent adding up to nearly \$200.

Although cats are generally not considered dangerous to people when loose or feral, residents fear exposure to numerous risks such as diseases and other predators. One Allingtown resident is worried about their dogs as the cats likely are not and never have been vaccinated, increasing the potential risk of rabies if the dog was attacked and bitten by one of the cats.

While residents deal with the cats in their neighborhood, the West Haven Animal Shelter is working on a solution to help decrease the number of loose cats in the city.

With help from Milestone Construction, the shelter will be getting an entire new section to the already existing building. The section will house a cat playroom and greeting room, along with a dog greeting room. The section will have a projected width of 18'-8" with a depth of just overall 19-feet, giving roughly a 360 square feet addition to the already existing shelter.

The construction officially began on Thursday, July 16 and is being funded by ARPA, according to the city's website. Once finished, the shelter will have a wider indoor area specifically designated for cats.

However, for many residents, the shelter expansion does little to address the immediate concerns they face each day.

As Animal Control continues trapping and sterilizing cats throughout the area, residents say they remain hopeful that the number of loose cats will gradually decline over time. Until then, with no clear new solution, the residents of the Allingtown section will have to continue living with a problem they believe



A feral cat colony has a neighborhood upset.

Festival: *City celebrates*

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made Food & Baked Goods (fried dough, meatballs, sausage and peppers, eggplant), Lucky Dogs (hot dogs), Old Mexico (birria tacos, burritos, steak nachos), Shoreline Prime (steak and cheese), Spuds Your Way (loaded baked potatoes), Szabo's Seafood (lobster rolls), Taste of Grill (gyros) and What the Truck BBQ (smoked barbecue).

The dessert trucks are: Dad's Cannoli, Repicci's Real Italian Ice & Gelato, Tiki Sweets & Treats (old-fashioned sweet and salty kettle corn), Waffle on Wheels (soft-serve ice cream) and Westies Drink Co. (dirty sodas, fresh lemonades, loaded teas, protein doughnuts).

The two-day event will also include the traditional craft fair, spread beneath the park's oak trees.

Parking costs \$10 for nonresidents and is free for residents.

Parking is available in the grass lot off Oak Street, across from the Surfside public housing complex at 200 Oak St. Parking is also available at West Haven High School, 1 McDonough Plaza.

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

The festival will open at 5 p.m. Friday and will include a greeting by Borer and a rendition of the national anthem at 5:50 p.m.

For the ninth year in a row, WOW Radio personality Brian Smith will serve as the "ringmaster" of ceremonies.

At 6 p.m., the Rum Runners, "one of Connecticut's most popular cover bands where the party never ends," will play a set of "the best classic and new music out there," followed by a career-spanning performance of the Gibb brothers' chart-topping hits by Bee Gees Gold at 8 p.m.

Day 2 will kick off at 9 a.m. Saturday with the West Haven Rotary Club's free pancake breakfast, followed by the city Department of Parks and Recreation's annual bocce tournament at 10 a.m.

Back by popular demand, the festival will showcase helicopter rides for \$60 per person. From 9 a.m. to dusk, the five-minute rides — offered aboard two helicopters this year — will take off from a cordoned-off grass area off Oak Street, adjacent to the former Jimmies parking lot, and will fly up and down the West Haven shoreline.

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.

To help people stay cool and hydrated, the Fire Department will have a cooling tent and misters, and the Regional Water Authority will have its Water Wagon.

From noon-2 p.m., the kids zone will feature Bache the Klown, crafts, face painting and games, including a beach scavenger hunt and a sandcastle contest sponsored by Surfside Veterans.

The zone will also include a children's concert by West Haven's own Judy Pancoast at 1:15 p.m. The Grammy-nominated recording artist will host a meet-and-greet after the concert.

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.

Members of West Haven Professional Firefighters Local 1198 will hold their annual fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. All proceeds will benefit MDA, including sales from beverages, popcorn and chips and ticket sales from a bounce house, a dunk tank, a speed pitch and raffles.

At 3:15 p.m., the second annual cornhole tournament will pit West Haven's finest against the city's bravest, a no-holds-barred contest that is fast becoming a festival staple.

At 6 p.m., Bo and the Hot Heads, featuring local music scene veterans Rich Weber, Rob Hames, Lou D'Amato and Max Capello, will perform high-energy covers of party rock anthems.

At 8 p.m., Bohemian Queen will entertain festivalgoers with costume changes and musical gems galore from Freddie Mercury and company's acclaimed rock 'n' roll canon.

West Haven's flagship festival was established in 1982 by the Chamber of Commerce — initially under the direction of Brian M. Stone, David Gesler and Michael Shiner and later by John L. Perrone and wife Mary Perrone — to bring organizations, clubs, businesses and families together for a summer event that celebrates life in one of America's oldest coastal 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 four decades, the famous seaside park captured the hearts and imaginations of "Rock rats" young and old. "The playground of New England" shuttered on Sept. 21, 1966.

Right -- Bohemian Queen, the Rum Runners, BeeGees Gold and Bo and Hot Heads are set for weekend appearances.



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\$10m gift boosts business school efforts in Riyadh

The University of New Haven Monday announced a \$10 million philanthropic gift from alumnus Douglas D. Schumann '69 to support the launch of its College of Business and Digital Innovation at its new campus in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, a historic first that positions the University at the forefront of global higher education.

The gift supports the development of University of New Haven – Riyadh (NHU-Riyadh), the first independently licensed U.S. international branch campus in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Approved by the Saudi Council of Ministers in 2025 and the University’s U.S. accreditor earlier this year, the campus will open in Misk City, the not-for-profit innovation district in the heart of Riyadh, welcoming its first students in fall 2026.

The new College of Business and Digital Innovation will prepare students to lead in a fast-changing global economy, combining a rigorous American business education with a focus on the digital skills, entrepreneurship, and innovation at the center of the Kingdom’s transformative Vision 2030. Schumann’s gift will underwrite the college’s launch, from its facilities and technology to the programs and faculty that will define its earliest years.

NHU-Riyadh’s College of Business and Digital Innovation will be housed within a new 62,000-square-foot campus in Misk City that is designed to provide a world-class learning environment for students from Saudi Arabia and across the region. The state-of-the-art facility will feature advanced classrooms, collaborative learning spaces, innovation and entrepreneurship hubs, and technology-enabled labs supporting hands-on education in business, analytics, artificial intelligence, digital transformation, and other emerging fields. Designed to encourage collaboration, creativity, and industry engagement, the campus will serve as a catalyst for talent development in support of the Kingdom’s Vision 2030.

A distinguished entrepreneur, philanthropist, and longtime supporter of the University, Schumann earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of New Haven in 1969 and received an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree in 2003. His latest investment reflects a lifelong commitment to expanding educational opportunity and preparing future generations of leaders to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world.

For Schumann, the gift is deeply personal.

“This gift is, above all, a tribute to my parents, Dorthy Dunlop [Dot] Schumann and Charles Frederick [Chick] Schumann,” said Douglas Schumann. “They believed that opportunity

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President-Jens-Frederiksen (left)-and-Doug-Schumann

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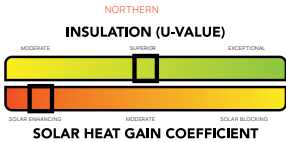


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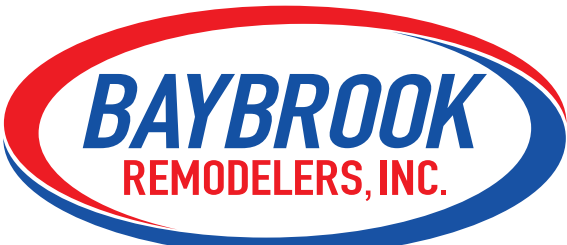


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Fireworks: *City celebrates nation's 250th*

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To build community spirit leading up to Independence Day, Borer rolled out an assortment of patriotic activities to celebrate America’s 250th, including a commemorative lawn sign, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, a bell-ringing and a time capsule.

Standing as a display of love for West Haven and the red, white and blue, the dark blue lawn sign featured “West Haven Celebrates America” in white lettering alongside a swirling red, white and blue “250”

in the middle, a city seal at the top, and “1776-2026” adorned with white stars at the bottom.

To mark the semiquincentennial, West Haven joined the rest of the nation at 1:45 p.m. July 4 for a public reading of the Declaration of Independence by Borer and St. Lawrence School seventh grader Anthony Milano on the steps of City Hall.

To see a streaming of event, go tot h city’s YouTube site at https://youtu.be/ON-u-AslmiU?si=qRJW_a5p8M1NtyLM.

At 2 p.m., bells across the city rang 13 times, once

for each of the 13 American Colonies that declared their independence from Britain in 1776. Residents then tolled their own bells for freedom for 1 minute.

At 6 p.m. Aug. 4, Borer and other city leaders will bury a time capsule on the Green for a future generation of Westies to discover. The burial of the capsule, which is about the size of a breadbox, will commemorate the week the Declaration of Independence was signed.

According to organizers, the burial ceremony will include music and food.



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From left, friends Hailey Croce, Emilie Werle, Mia Mencio, Gianna Cavanna and Ari Rose watch the Savin Rock Fireworks Spectacular at Savin Rock Park on July 3.



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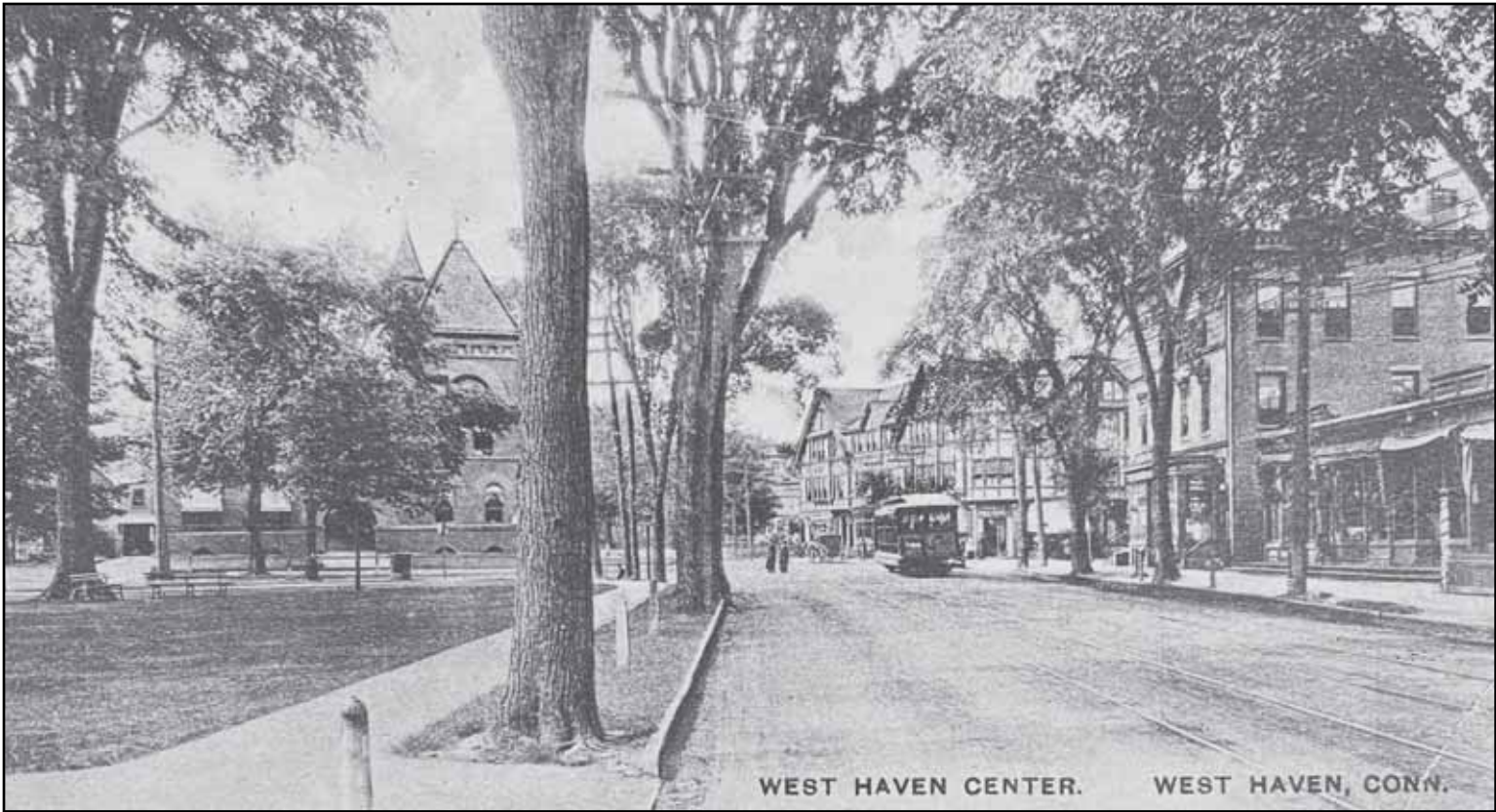
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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine



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

The Rise of Campbell Avenue
Part II

Decades passed, and in 1867, George Kelsey—a force of great and positive change for West Haven—built a horse railroad which would extend from New Haven Green to Elm Street and then south, neatly bisecting the salt grass of Old Field, and extending onward to Savin Rock. The roadbed for the Horse Railroad became a new section of Fourth Avenue, and the name was changed to Railroad Avenue.

On either side of the street were now numerous side streets which extended west to Savin Avenue and east to another new street: Washington Avenue. The former farming area known as Old Field would now be carved into

housing lots, and in due time, Railroad Avenue would be dotted with small businesses. And Railroad Avenue would extend from the shore all the way to Allingtown.

But Railroad Avenue would not be the street's name for long: West Haven's postmaster, Harry Ives Thompson would almost single-handedly campaign to rename Railroad Avenue, calling it Campbell Avenue, in honor of Adjutant Campbell's well-known act of kindness during the Revolutionary War. It is believed that this change was set to coincide with the centennial of the United States, 1776-1876.

By 1900, Campbell Avenue was the established "Main Street" of West Haven. Building booms and factory openings had begun to take place in West Haven, as people liv-

ing and working in New Haven sought to work and live "out in the country." Foot travel was the norm for most at that time, so along Campbell Avenue, a variety of local businesses began to spring up: markets, bakeries, dry goods stores, drug stores, hardware stores and the like. They were convenient, and if consumers needed a greater selection of products, a five-cent trolley ride could take them into New Haven's "Downtown."

The first two-thirds of the Twentieth Century were the peak years for Campbell Avenue as a traditional Main Street-style shopping area. For example, the consumer could find—all on one street—many restaurants, two bakeries, a deli, several drug stores, an appliance store, two auto dealerships, three cleaners, several barbers, two significant fac-

tories, three supermarkets, three churches, three hardware stores, two shoemakers, a dry goods store, men's clothing stores, women's clothing stores, five-and-tens, a department store, a bowling alley, a shoe retailer, a movie theater, a paint store, a post office, a library, town hall, fire station and assorted auto repair and appliance repair shops.

But the world kept turning, and life changed. After World War II, America's love affair with the automobile came into full flower. In 1958, Interstate 95 was opened, and in 1960, ground was broken for the Connecticut Post Shopping Center. Here and elsewhere, consumers' shopping habits began to shift away from the Main Street concept, as shoppers favored the larger stores with larger selections and lower prices found in these decen-

tralized locations.

And so, we arrive at the Campbell Avenue of today, a Main Street that is somewhat past its prime.

What's next? Perhaps some historian in the not-too-distant future will be able to write happily about another George Kelsey-type, who would bring the right leadership, the necessary bright ideas, and the forcefulness needed to return Campbell Avenue to its old glory.

Thanks to Cathie Iaccarino, Peter Malia, James Holt and City Engineer Abdul Quadir for their assistance with this story.



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Tips: Use these to stay safe in summer

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and monitor for early signs of overheating, especially during outdoor play, never leave a child in a parked car.

Stay Cool and Hydrated: As the weather warms up, remember to drink lots of water: Increase fluids during heat or physical activity and consider electrolyte replacement for prolonged exertion. Limit alcohol and caffeinated drinks.

Help Older Adults Stay Safe in Extreme Heat: Adults age 65 and older are more prone to heat-related health problems. Encourage them to stay in air-conditioned spaces as much as possible, drink water regularly without waiting until they feel thirsty, wear loose, lightweight clothing and check in with family, friends or neighbors during periods of extreme heat.

Voice still looking for local writers for neighborhood news

Have a photo or a story that can only be told by you? The Voice is looking for resident correspondents, who will tell the stories from their streets or neighborhoods that everyone should know about.

The program, begun that the beginning of 2025 has been very successful, and has brought in information that is not only interesting to the immediate area of origination, but has touched the entire city.

All photos and information are subject to the same editing and processing that goes into all items for the paper, and remain the property of the publication.

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Contact info@westhavenvoice.com, or phone, (203) 934-6397 during regular business hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.'

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City Author publishes new anthology

October Project Publishing announces the release of *The Intelligence of the Sky*, a new poetry collection by award-winning poet, lyricist, and author Julie Flanders, who resides in West Haven. It was made available July 8 in Paperback, Kindle, and Audible editions through Amazon, the book is Flanders’ fourth collection, following *Watermarked*, *Shadow Breathing*, and *Joyride*.

In *The Intelligence of the Sky*, Flanders explores grief, wonder, love, mortality, memory, and the fragile beauty of being alive.

Moving between the intimate and the mythic, the poems travel landscapes of longing and fulfillment, love and loss.

“These poems are meant to invite the reader into a deeper place of self-connection,” says Flanders, “to open the heart and engage the senses in a lyrical atmosphere of discovery.”

Known for her luminous voice, lyrical intensity, and emotional incision, Flanders reveals the cosmic in the ordinary, the sacred in the everyday. The result is a collection that feels both intimate and expansive, grounded in lived experience yet richly steeped in mystery.

As in her songs, her poems penetrate deeply into questions of love, loss, longing, resilience, and transformation.

Best known as the lyricist and co-founder of the musical group October Project, Flanders has built a multidisciplinary body of work across poetry, songwriting, performance, and visual storytelling. Her creative work has received four Telly Awards, an American Prize, and the ACDA Genesis Prize.

Her poem *Doubts* was adapted into an animated short film that became an Official Selection at over 30 film festivals, and her experimental short film, *The Big Sadness*, written and narrated by Flanders and directed by Samuel Flanders, received a 2024 Telly Award in Writing.

Her award-winning choral works have been performed around the world in such spaces as the Ken-



JULIE FLANDERS

ned Center, Carnegie Hall, and Yale.

The *Intelligence of the Sky* will be available in Paperback, Kindle, and Audible through Amazon beginning July 8, 2026.

A Yale graduate with a B.A. in Literature, and now a Morse Fellow, Flanders is a poet, lyricist, librettist, producer, and co-founder of the internationally acclaimed band October Project.

With composer Emil Adler, she has created an extensive body of work spanning albums on Sony Music (October Project, *Falling Farther In*), independent recordings, and multimedia projects that bridge music, poetry, theatre, and visual arts.

Recipient of the 2020 ACDA Genesis Prize, with Venezuelan-born composer, Carlos Cordero, Flanders’ choral work, *Holding Our Breath*, was debuted in 2021 by *Conspirare* (Craig Hella Johnson) and has since been performed worldwide, including at the

Kennedy Center (Eugene Rogers & EXIGENCE) and Carnegie Hall, also winning awards for young choirs across the world. Flanders’ ongoing work with Cordero includes, *We Are Waves*, premiered in Philadelphia in 2023 (Dominick D’orio), and a 2025 commission by the Yale Glee Club, *Break Silence* (Jeffrey Douma).

Her works have been commissioned and performed by distinguished ensembles and choruses across the U.S. and abroad.

The *Book of Rounds*, *21 Songs of Grace* (Sounds True, Hal Leonard), written by Flanders with Emil Adler, arranged by Keiji Ishiguri, recorded by Chorus Austin (Ryan Heller) and premiered in NYC by Cerddorion (James John), has become a widely performed contemporary choral cycle, sung by thousands of voices worldwide and garnering national awards for its innovative virtual choir productions (*Return to Me*, *The Virtual Choir of Joy*).

A No. 1 best-selling poet on Amazon, Flanders has published three collections of her poems and originated the October Project Annual Poetry Contest, now in its 8th year, attracting thousands of entries in conjunction with the national “April is Poetry Month” campaign.

Flanders has also written and produced award-winning short films, including the animation, *Doubts*, (29 film festival laurels and a best voice award), *The Big Sadness* (Bronze Telly Award), *Return to Me* (Gold Telly, American Prize), *Angels in the Garden*, with sand artist, Kseniya Simonova (Silver Telly), *This Is For You* (Palm Springs Film Festival 2024), and *The Virtual Choir of Joy* (Silver Anthem Award, Bronze Telly), which featured 163 performers from 15 countries during Covid lockdown.=

Alongside her artistic work, Julie is a mentor and trusted guide to high-achieving individuals across creative and professional fields, including Academy, Tony, Grammy, and Pulitzer award-winning artists as well as entrepreneurs and business leaders shaping new ventures and models of success.



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Prepping for the Show

Getting ready for the city’s July 3 fireworks display, these youngsters got a little pre-game excitement lighting some sparklers in the area in front of Savin Rock. Thousands of city residents camped along the shore or found places nearer to home to witness the display, which celebrated the nation’s 250th anniversary. See page 2 for a story and more details.

\$2.1m award to fund safety on shore

The state Bond Commission has awarded West Haven \$2.1 million to fund major infrastructure and safety improvements along Captain Thomas Boulevard.

This marks the latest milestone in the ongoing transformation of the city’s shoreline, Mayor Dorinda Borer announced.

Borer said the state grant will pay for extensive pedestrian upgrades, enhanced modern lighting and median curbing, in addition to paving the parking lots and a portion of the Captain Thomas corridor.

The project will complement a separate upcoming city initiative to install new traffic lights from Campbell Avenue to Kelsey Avenue, drastically improving traffic flow and pedestrian safety, the mayor said.

“We have ordered modern AI-generated crosswalk lights that will detect when a person — not a car — is in the crosswalk and the light follows the person across the road,” Borer said. “I learned of these when I was in (Washington) D.C. I think they are very cool and safe.”

The mayor added: “From Beach Street to the boardwalk to The Kelsey project that is underway, we have been working hard to upgrade this area to be more of a revenue driver and attraction for not only developers but for our residents and visitors. An upgrade to Captain Thomas Boulevard will be an important complement to those efforts, as it’s the gateway to these new projects.”

The new funding builds upon a string of shoreline grants previously obtained under Borer’s leadership. Past allocations have funded critical pumping station upgrades, \$600,000 for boardwalk enhancements, including new fencing and lampposts, and the vital raising of Beach Street.

Borer said the Beach Street elevation project has successfully transitioned a once-run-down area into a vibrant, flood-resilient destination slated for athletic tournaments, retail and dining.

The mayor then moved up the coast to the boardwalk and the former Savin Rock Conference Center, with all investments made through state partnerships.

“West Haven’s shoreline is becoming one of the best examples in Connecticut of what smart, sustained state investment can do for a community,” Gov. Ned Lamont said.

“This investment is about making West Haven’s shoreline safer to walk, easier to get to, and more attractive to families, visitors and businesses. I’m proud to keep partnering with Mayor Borer and Senator Maroney on projects that improve quality of life for residents while strengthening the local economy for years to come.”

State Sen. James Maroney, who worked closely with the city’s leadership to help obtain the funding, emphasized the collaborative effort behind the development boom.

“This funding is a direct investment in West Haven’s future,” said Maroney, D-Milford. “I was proud to work alongside Mayor Borer, Governor Lamont and the West Haven delegation to obtain these dollars, which will transform the entryway to our shore along Captain Thomas Boulevard. It builds on the momentum we’re already seeing with projects like The Kelsey, and it’s another step toward making our miles of shoreline more accessible for everyone who calls West Haven home.”

The revitalization of West Haven’s waterfront has already generated massive economic momentum and private-public partnerships, most notably on Beach Street. Riva Bar & Restaurant opened last year, the former Debonair Beach Motel was recently demolished to make way for new market-rate residences, and a highly anticipated coffeehouse at the former Frenchy’s Bait & Tackle site is expected to open within the next few months.

Just west of Beach Street, at the former conference center site, a \$900,000 state grant jump-started the transformation of the dilapidated building into The Kelsey at Savin Rock, an upscale restaurant and event venue that is expected to open early next year.

With upgraded pumping stations, boardwalk improvements and the upcoming Captain Thomas Boulevard overhaul, West Haven is successfully cementing its shoreline as a premier regional hub for residents, visitors and business investors alike.

UNH: Saudi business school gets boost

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should never be limited by where a person happens to be born, and that education is the surest way to open doors. Helping to launch a college that will do exactly that, for students half a world away, honors their legacy in the truest sense. Their generosity and their faith in others are the reason this gift exists, and I am proud to carry it forward in their name.”

University leaders described the gift as a defining moment, both for the institution and for international education more broadly. Independently licensed American campuses remain exceptionally rare around the globe, and NHU-Riyadh is the first of its kind in Saudi Arabia, giving students across the region direct access to a U.S.-accredited degree.

“Douglas Schumann’s extraordinary generosity allows us to do something that has never been done before,” said

Jens Frederiksen, Ph.D., president of the University of New Haven. “As a proud alumnus, Doug has long demonstrated his commitment to expanding access to education and innovation. This gift is supporting the opening of the first independently licensed American university campus in Saudi Arabia, and it positions us to lead the next chapter of global education. The College of Business and Digital Innovation will equip a new generation to shape the digital economy, and it will stand as proof of what becomes possible when bold vision, global partnership, and philanthropic leadership come together to create unparalleled access to educational opportunities.”

The University envisions the College of Business and Digital Innovation serving as a model for how American higher education can extend its reach responsibly and ambitiously across borders.



Photo courtesy of UNH

A part of the University of New Haven’s Riyadh campus.

Community House opens new center for Early Learning

The West Haven Community House has announced the opening of its new Early Learning Center, expanding access to high-quality preschool education for children ages 3 to 5 at its main campus, 227 Elm Street.

The Early Learning Center is located in the renovated Upper Lang building, which has been transformed from a before- and after-school program space into a bright, welcoming preschool environment designed to foster learning, creativity, and development.

“This is more than the opening of a building or a classroom,” said Executive Director Marie Watson. “It is the opening of new possibilities for children, families, teachers, and our entire West Haven community. Every child who walks through these doors will be welcomed with care, encouragement, structure, and opportunities to learn, grow, explore, and thrive.”

Serving primarily working-families, the new center builds upon the success of the West Haven Community House’s long-established children’s programs and expands the organization’s commitment to providing high-quality early childhood education.

“For generations, the West Haven Community House has been a trusted cornerstone of our city-supporting children, adolescents, families, and individuals with disabilities while helping people build healthy, productive, independent, and meaningful lives,” Watson said. “The Early Learning Center continues that tradition by helping our youngest learners build a strong foundation for lifelong success.”

According to Watson, the decision to establish the Early Learning Center was driven by community feedback gathered through a survey conducted last year, which identified a growing need for additional preschool opportunities in West Haven.

“The Early Learning Center reflects our shared belief that every child deserves a safe, welcoming, high-quality place to begin their educational journey,” she said.

Cheryl Swett, Director of Children and Youth Services, emphasized the importance of investing in children during their early years.

“Early learning matters deeply,” Swett said. “The experiences children have during their earliest years help shape their confidence, curiosity, social skills, language development, and readiness for school. When we invest in early childhood education, we invest in stronger families, stronger schools, and a stronger community.”

Enrollment is now open for the new Early Learning Center. Hours of operation will be Monday-Friday, 7:30am-5:30pm. Children will bring their own lunches, and a nutritious snack will be provided daily.

For more information about the Early Learning Center or to inquire about enrollment, contact the Children and Youth Services Department at (203) 934-5221, ext. 123, or visit House the WHCH website at <https://whcommunityhouse.org>.



Courtesy of WHCH

Room renderings of the new West Haven Community House Early Learning Center.



Curious Goods a family business

By Danny Atkinson
Voice Writer

When potential customers approach the entrance to Curious Goods New Age Shop, they cannot imagine the spectacle of what is inside. A person with only basic knowledge of New Age products like crystals and tarot cards will be surprised by the range of items in every corner of Curious Goods. Each section immediately captures your eye, with the beautiful crystals and gemstones and large variety of books being particularly striking.

Curious Goods has been located on Campbell Avenue since its founding in 1989 by Sambina West, who remains the owner today. When it opened 37 years ago in a tiny space next to its current location, it was the only business in the state that exclusively sold New Age products. It remains arguably the most popular and well-known one that does so in Connecticut. The store expanded in 2013 and is now 4 to 5 times bigger than at its opening.

West first became interested in New Age products through her parents. Her father owned a shop called Head West on Campbell Avenue that sold incense, candles, and a small amount of other New Age items, and her mother was interested in them as well. As West became older her interest in New Age products and subjects continued to increase, particularly in crystals, which are argued to have healing powers.

West was inspired to open Curious Goods after discovering through research that there weren't any stores in Connecticut that specialized in selling these products.

"There weren't any stores or an Internet presence to get people interested in and to sell New Age products (in the late 1980's)," Sambina said. "Through research I found some wholesale companies that offered products and explained how I could order them. I figured if I had a need for it other people did too."

Upon opening in 1989, Curious Goods specialized in selling crystals. The shop was able to attract an immediate customer base, as interest in crystals and beliefs in their healing and spiritual benefits was becoming more popular. West immediately sold books about various New Age topics like crystals and tarot cards as well.

As Curious Goods began receiving more customers, West realized from talking to them that people were especially interested in discussing psychic experiences and holistic heal-

ing. The store embraced that interest by beginning to hold classes about these subjects and related ones roughly 35 years ago, led by teachers and authors. Classes and events about various New Age subjects and cultures have been continuously held since and drawn strong attendance.

Crystals remain Curious Goods most popular product. West said she has more than 350 crystals on display at the store. The colorful collections of individual crystals have index cards identifying the crystal's name and with descriptions of its unique characteristics. For example, the labradorite crystal is described as having high vibrations and connecting to the entire cosmos, while the sodalite crystal is described as bringing emotional balance and promoting rational thought.

Curious Goods has always had a large book collection, but West increased its size in recent years and added more used and rare books to it. The book collection covers a huge range of topics, from simple ones like crystals and meditation to more unusual topics like hypnosis and pagan religions such as Wicca.

Other well-selling products include jewelry, gemstones and incense. An example of jewelry is a bracelet made of tiny gemstones. Curious Goods also has various herbs and spices, candles, lamps and dream catchers.

West's two brothers also work at Curious Goods, and her daughter Giverny works there in the summer. Curious Goods has eight part-time staffers and three tarot card readers. West described it as a family business.

West discussed the multiple classes Curious Goods is hosting right now as well as other classes and talks it hosts occasionally.

"We have a tea leaf and coffee ground reading class coming up that we offer once every two years. It's fun because everyone can do the readings themselves and then bring the skill home and show it to others," she said. "We have regular raki classes and occasional classes for tarot card reading, meditation, and other forms of healing. Finally, in October we have an author hosting a talk on protection magic and a median who speaks to the dead for people each Halloween."

West said social media has helped raise awareness of Curious Goods in the area and increased its popularity. The store has 22,000 followers on Facebook, which the staff uses to constantly promote store sales and the arrival of new products. Curious Goods also



Photos by Danny Atkinson

Above -- Curious Goods owner Sabina West with daughter, Giverny. Below -- The store front along Campbell Avenue.



has an Instagram page and occasionally posts videos on TikTok.

West described Curious Goods as a place where everyone is welcome. She said the customer base skews female and between the age of 25-50 but that the store has customers from all walks of life. West believes customers are especially interested in New Age products from around the world.

West said the regular customers at Curious Goods are attracted to the store and buy certain products for multiple reasons. She named a person going through personal issues who buys a gemstone to improve their mood as an example of a regular customer. While some people immediately know what they want,

West said other customers ask questions and look for recommendations.

West's daughter, who was working at the cash register when the author visited, said that she valued the diversity of the customers and the staff's relationship with them.

"I really like the customers," Giverny said. "This space is a good community, and it brings a lot of people together. I like the store's welcoming culture and how the customers try and help one another out."

An unnamed female customer who was visiting Curious Goods for the second time discussed why she had first visited the store.

"I was just looking for a place where I could pick up some crystals and items could

cleanse my space. I wanted to visit somewhere where I could get my feet wet into aspects of spirituality," she said. "I realized when I first came in, they had everything (you could want) in stock compared to other spiritual stores. I decided to come back and visit with a friend."

The woman was buying crystals during our conversation. She appreciated the variety of crystals on display and that there were descriptions for each one on display, as "other crystal stores I've visited require you to know exactly what you're getting." She was also getting multiple types of incense and colored candles. The woman believed she could become a regular customer at Curious Goods.

See Curious Goods, page 18

Evangeliste, Simons named conference

Two student athletes – Madden Evangeliste (West Haven) and Lily Simons (Amity Regional) – are the recipients of the 2026 Southern Connecticut Conference “Comeback Player of the Year” awards. Both students suffered severe injuries yet were able to overcome them to become outstanding role models in their respective schools.

A long-time corporate sponsor of the SCC, Connecticut Orthopaedics offered a Comeback Player of the Year Scholarship for student-athletes who participated in an interscholastic sport during the 2025-2026 academic year and showed great leadership both on and off the field after their injury.

Coaches and school’s athletic directors nominated these student-athletes after they each suffered an unfortunate injury that prohibited them from playing for their high school teams. Both will receive a financial scholarship to be used for their college education.

“This is our 16th year awarding student-athletes from the SCC with scholarships,” said Susan Bader, CEO of Connecticut Orthopaedics. “Our goal is to acknowledge student-athletes who have overcome the challenges of an injury and, through hard work and determination, become positive role models for their fellow teammates. As sports medicine specialists, we understand intimately what it takes to recover from an injury and return to playing sports at a high level.”

“Many thanks to the doctors and staff at Connecticut Orthopaedics for their continuing support of the SCC and especially these generous scholarships,” explained SCC Commissioner Al Carbone. “Our league has many outstanding student-athletes who

excel in the classroom and on the playing fields; but it is a tremendous gesture to recognize traits like courage, perseverance and selflessness.”

2025-26 SCC/Connecticut Orthopaedics Comeback Players of the Year

MADDEN EVANGELISTE, WEST HAVEN (basketball)

A captain for the Blue Devils’ girls’ basketball squad, Madden suffered an ACL injury mid-year through her sophomore season which affected parts of two seasons. Through her diligent rehab and resilient character, she was able to return to the court to lead the team to the SCC semifinals this past season.

An outstanding student and leader, she was a member of the National Honor Society, ranked 12th (in a class of 457 students) and was actively involved in Peer Advocates and the school’s Class Act Council. Inspired by her own recovery journey, Madden will attend Providence College in the fall and major in health science with the goal to become a physician assistant.

LILY SIMONS (golf)

A multi-sport athlete, Lily was hurt playing basketball (torn ACL) in her freshman season, and then again her sophomore year which also affected her playing golf for the Spartans. She returned to the course and earned All-SCC and All-State honors as a junior and senior.

This spring, she led the Spartans to the SCC title and was named as the SCC Girls Golfer of the Year, presented by Connecticut Orthopaedics Urgent Care Walk-in.

Lily will attend Iona University and major in sports management and compete in golf for the Gaels.

ABOUT THE SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE

The 2025-26 academic year



Photo courtesy of SCC

Pictured from left- Susan Bader, CEO of Connecticut Orthopaedics; Lily Simons; Madden

marked the 32nd year of existence for the Southern Connecticut Conference. The SCC is comprised of 23 high schools with more than 23,000 students representing 16 communities. Recognized as one of the best athletic conferences in the state, the SCC also has a great tradition of offering first-rate non-athletic programs and events that enrich the overall high school experience of our young people to help them become responsible students, athletes and citizens. For more information on the SCC, visit www.southernconnecticutconference.org

Curous Goods: Store offers unusual fare

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When West was asked what the mission of Curious Goods New Age Shop was, she gave a clear and heartfelt answer.

“My goal is always to just get the best items for the customers that will help their journey through life. Everyone’s spiritual path is different, and hopefully I help people on their path.”

Giverny echoed her mother’s statement.

“I think the mission is to just bring good energy and vibes to people’s lives and be able to help them get good feelings from stones and products.”

If West wants her store to provide items that give people help on their spiritual journey, then the customer I spoke to confirmed Curious Goods is fulfilling that duty.

“I like that this is a multicultural space that embraces different forms of spirituality and where people can become more educated on the spiritual practice of their own culture. It’s great that there is a store in this area where someone can come in with any level of expertise in spirituality and learn something new,” the customer said.

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Below is a list of names and addresses of owners of clothing and household supplies removed by a CT State Marshal following a lawful eviction in West Haven. Pursuant to CT General Statute section 47a – 42c, these goods will be auctioned off on Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 10am, at the storage warehouse for Public Works located at 17 Wood Street Building 1 West Haven, CT 06516.

Prior to the auction, goods may be claimed and picked up by appointment only Please call 203-

937-3585 to schedule an appointment.

The deadline is noon Tuesday, July 28, 2026. 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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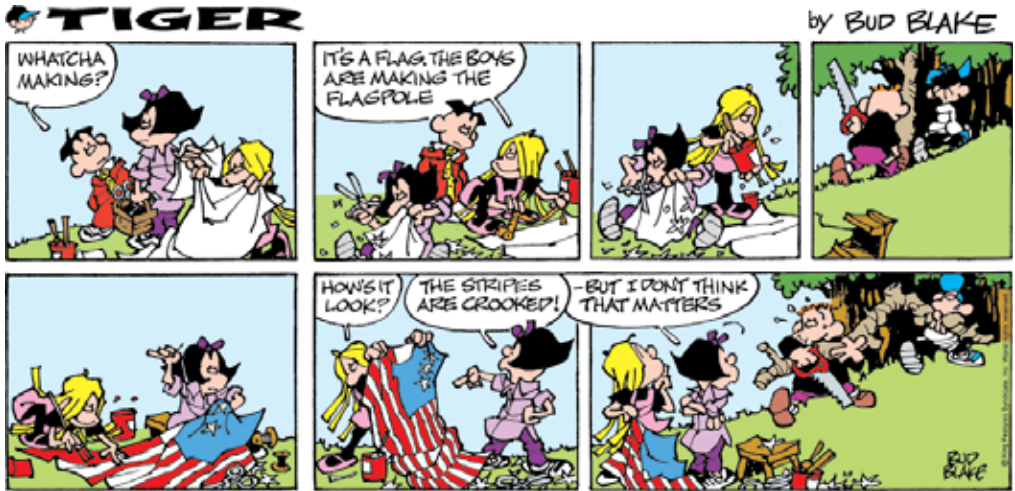
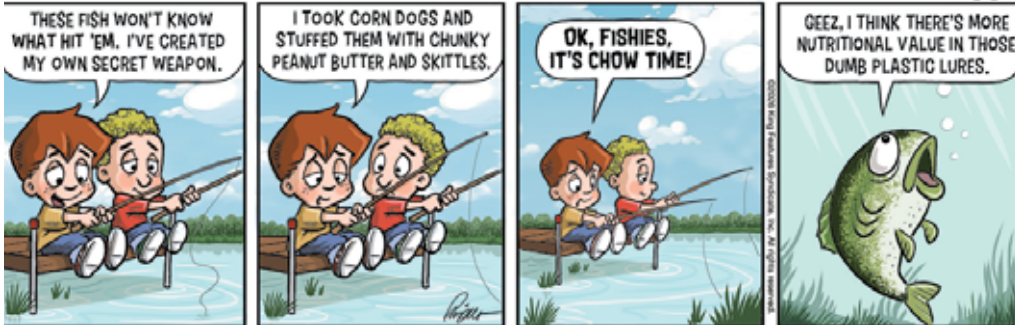
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: How many vertebrae are in the human spine?
2. U.S. CITIES: Which city is home to the Gateway Arch, known as the tallest arch in the world?
3. TELEVISION: Which 1970s sitcom introduced a neighbor named Phyllis Lindstrom?
4. HISTORY: When was the first heart transplant performed?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Cape Verde islands located?
6. MOVIES: Which 1991 film featured a villain named Max Cady?
7. MUSIC: When did Taylor Swift's second studio album ("Fearless") win the Country Music Association's Album of the Year award?
8. SCIENCE: What is nephology?
9. MEASUREMENTS: What instrument is used to measure the depth of oceans?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby deer called?

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Trivia Test Answers
1. 33; 2. St. Louis, Missouri; 3. "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"; 4. 1967; 5. Off the west coast of Africa; 6. "Cape Fear"; 7. 2009; 8. The scientific study of clouds; 9. An echo sounder or fathometer; 10. A fawn or calf



WEST HAVEN
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July 24&25

Old Grove Park, West Haven

Crafts • Music • Food Trucks • Helicopter Rides

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EXIT 42

LIVE MUSIC:
Rum Runners
Bee Gees Gold
Bo and the Hot Heads
Bohemian Queen
The Ultimate Queen Tribute Band

Friday: 5-10 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

MUSIC LINEUP

FRIDAY 7/24	SATURDAY 7/25
6 p.m. Rum Runners	6 p.m. Bo and the Hot Heads
8 p.m. Bee Gees Gold	8 p.m. Bohemian Queen

KIDS ZONE

SATURDAY AT NOON

Face Painting, Games, Arts & Crafts, Sandcastle Contest, Beach Scavenger Hunt

1:15 p.m.
Judy Pancoast
Children's Music Concert

ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY 7/25

9 a.m.
Rotary Pancake Breakfast (Free)

9 a.m.
Helicopter Rides Begin

10 a.m.
Bocce Tournament

3:15 p.m.
Cornhole Tournament
Cheer on WHPD vs. WHFD!

