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# City officials, workers attempt to slog through virus shut down

The coronavirus outbreak has stymied millions of people nationwide and around the world from living their normal lives. In West Haven, city officials are trying to carry on day-to-day operations, while keeping public offices closed to residents.

While April 30 is the target date for bringing some semblance of normal life, according to President Donald J. Trump's COVID-19 Task Force, city officials are cautiously optimistic, hoping the April 30 date will be realized, and limited access to city offices can resume.

Mayor Nancy Rossi, this week, said public employees are on the job in City Hall, though the public is denied access in order to keep person-to-person contact at a minimum.

"Though City Hall is closed to the public, city employees are still working in the building," she said. There is a secured lockbox just inside the Main Street entrance, which is available to the public during normal business hours, Monday through Thursday. Correspondence may be left in the box and will be routed to the appropriate city department."

She said she anticipates the city will be closed at least until the end of the month.

"We anticipate that limited access to City Hall and other public buildings will continue at least through the end of

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Photo by Michael P. Walsh

## Sign of the times

In these unprecedented times, a symbol of love and hope is assembled on the northeast corner of the Green on April 7 by Department of Park Maintenance employees Terrence Tucker, Jim Simeone, Dustin Werle, Shawn Doody, Chris Provost and Paul Blakeslee. The heart-shaped sign, "West Haven: The City With a Heart," is normally on display for Valentine's Day but was set up at the direction of Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy to show community unity during the coronavirus pandemic. The red sign is scripted in white letters and bordered by red lights.



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Lyla Lucas, age 5, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., is looking forward to playing in the warmer weather!

## On this Date

2005 -- Prince Charles marries Camilla Parker Bowles. Charles was formerly married to Diana, Princess of Wales. His second marriage to Camilla made him the first member of the British Royal Family to have a civil wedding.

1967 -- The first Boeing 737 takes off on its maiden flight

The short-to-medium range plane is the best-selling airplane in history.

1952 --The Bolivian National Revolution overthrows Hugo Ballivián's government

The nationalist movement initiated radical reforms, including universal suffrage, the nationalization of tin mines, and the inclusion of previously marginalized ethnicities into national life.

1940 -- Germany invades Denmark and Norway.

The rationale of Operation Weserübung was to secure access to Swedish iron ore. In Norway, a resistance group around Max Manus and Gunnar Sønsteby successfully sabotaged the German war effort.

1860 -- The world's first recording of the human voice is created. French inventor Édouard-Léon Scott de Martinville used his phonautograph, the earliest known sound recording device.

## Units sought

The city is seeking veterans, civic groups, fraternal organizations, service clubs and marching bands to participate in the annual Memorial Day parade, which steps off at 10:30 a.m. May 25.

The parade has no rain date. Participants must register and list required special accommodations.

Transportation is provided for veterans who are unable to walk the 1.5-mile parade course, which follows Campbell Avenue from Captain Thomas Boulevard to Center Street. To make arrangements, call the mayor's office at 203-937-3510.

The parade grand marshals are World War II veteran Frank Corso, who served in the Army Air Forces in 1942-45, and Korean War vet Salvatore Gullo, who served in the Navy in 1948-52.

Download a participation form at <http://cityofwesthaven.com/DocumentCenter/View/2215/Memorial-Day-Parade-Reservation-Form-2020-PDF>.

Forms are also available in the mayor's office at City Hall, 355 Main St., where they are due April 10.

Forms can also be emailed to parade organizer Kristen Teshoney at [kteshoney@westhaven-ct.gov](mailto:kteshoney@westhaven-ct.gov) or faxed to (203)



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The refrigerated truck generously provided by US Foods recently allowed Vertical Church, 225 Meloy Road, to expand its food offerings for those in need to include perishable items — eggs, milk, frozen meats — and fresh fruits, in addition to the nonperishable items the church has been offering

## DPW head thanks US Foods

Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy has issued a statement thanking US Foods for helping Vertical Church, 225 Meloy Road, to feed those in need. The company provided a trailer for storage.

"I would like to extend an enormous thank-you to US

Foods and company representative Josh Smith for their recent act of generosity to use a refrigerated truck in these unprecedented times," McCarthy said.

"The refrigerated equipment has allowed Vertical Church to expand its food offerings for

those in need to include perishable items — eggs, milk, frozen meats — and fresh fruits, in addition to the nonperishable items the church has been offering.

"My thanks also go to Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and Councilman Robert Bruneau, D-9,



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## Calm in chaos

While city parks might be off limits, those who live near the beach, or have access can still enjoy the breezes and calm in these unsettled times. Dan Shine caught this couple just getting a relaxing afternoon in the sun.

# Bulk trash pick-ups set April 20-24

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

The next pickup week for bulk trash is April 20-24.

Residents are reminded to separate metals, recyclables and regular trash from bulk trash and put them out no more than 24 hours before pickup.

Violations carry a \$100 fine per daily offense, Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy said.

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

Bulk items include couches, chairs, tables, carpeting, padding, fencing and small amounts of bundled lumber, which may not exceed 6 feet in length.

No building materials, tires, mattresses, propane tanks or hazardous waste are accepted.

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

facility for a fee.

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

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

Propane tanks can be brought to Taylor Rental, 304 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$10 per tank.

In response to coronavirus concerns, the city has suspended mattress drop-off until further notice.

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

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

Otherwise, trash exceeding 6 cubic yards will be left at the curb, and a \$100 fine per daily offense will be imposed, McCarthy said.

To prevent a potential fine, property owners should fa-

miliarize themselves with the city's trash guidelines at <http://www.cityofwesthaven.com/260/Bulk-Trash-Pickup>.

Bulk trash must be generated by the customer at the residential unit where it is collected. Trash will not be collected if it is generated by anyone other than the resident of the home.

Bulk items must be separated and orderly.

Do not place them next to a mailbox or utility pole or close to a fence, McCarthy said.

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

In addition to bulk trash, the city picks up metals, including household appliances, also known as white goods, and toilets.

To schedule a pickup on their curbside collection day, residents must call the Highway Department at (203) 937-3644 or (203) 937-3585. Appliance doors must be removed.

Leaf bags are picked up until June 1 and from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, and grass bags are picked up from May 18 to Nov. 20. The bags are picked up on residents' weekly collection days.

Leaves and grass clippings

must be in separate biodegradable paper bags and will not be accepted if they are in plastic bags.

In response to COVID-19 concerns, the city has also suspended brush pickup and closed the compost site until further notice.

For electronic items, including TVs, the next drop-off day for e-waste is April 25.

Residents can drop off electronic recyclables — typically anything that contains a circuit board or needs a battery — from 8 a.m.-noon at the city's highway maintenance garage, 1 Collis St.

The city is partnering with Take 2 Inc. of Waterbury, a state-approved recycler and collector of universal e-waste devices, to collect residential electronic items on a quarterly basis.

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

phones, cameras, microwaves and other small appliances.

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

Those items are considered white goods, and residents are asked to schedule a pickup on their curbside collection day by calling the Highway Department.

For details, visit <http://cityofwesthaven.com/263/E-waste-Drop-off>.

For the e-waste drop-off, residents are asked to heed the following guidelines:

- Stay in your vehicle.
- Vehicles will be spaced out. Event workers will remove electronics from your vehicle. There should be no interaction between residents and workers.
- No mattresses or box springs will be disposed of at the moment.
- No smoke detectors, ballasts or hazardous waste — lighter fluid, liquids, paint — will be accepted.
- Electronic items left curbside will be tagged with information on the e-waste schedule and must be removed, or face a potential fine.

# City: Operations continue despite COVID-19

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April. We are in communication with national and state public health experts, and will consult with them and our health director, Maureen Lillis, MPH, to determine the appropriate time to reopen the buildings. Our overall goal is to keep everyone safe and healthy," she said.

While those in City Hall are working, other city departments are on the job as well as are trash pick-ups, according to Rossi.

"The Department of Public Works continues to ensure that essential services are uninterrupted for the residents of West Haven. Trash and recycling pickups are running on schedule, and leaf and grass pickup has begun. The first bulk trash pickup of 2020 will take place as scheduled, on residents' regular trash days, during the week

of April 20. The city's second e-waste drop-off event of the year is scheduled for Saturday, April 25," she said.

Regarding the e-waste collection, in accordance with current social distancing guidance, DPW is asking that residents drive up to the city's highway maintenance garage at One Collis St between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon. Cars will be spaced appropriately. Event workers will remove the e-waste material from residents' vehicles. There should be no direct contact between residents and workers.

Meanwhile, Rossi reported the the Water Pollution Control plant is fully operational, and Parks Maintenance is working on athletic facilities for the spring and summer seasons.

Rossi noted that residents can still call on city departments if there is a problem that needs addressing.

"Residents can call public works for service or to report problems as they have done in the past. Our men and women in public works, as have all of our city and Board of Education employees, have really stepped up and are leading by example in the community. I truly appreciate their efforts and loyalty to the community," she said.

City officials, like most people, are keeping up with national and state updates as far as the virus is concerned. Rossi noted the city's emergency management team is in contact with state officials.

She also noted the city's delegation to the General Assembly has worked to help residents understand the services and programs the state is offering.

"Our state delegation (Reps. Dorinda Borer, Michael DiMassa, and Charles Ferraro and Sens. James Maroney and

Gary Winfield) have been available and are working on the city's behalf. They have been disseminating information on the many services and programs available to our residents and businesses from the state and federal government.

Asked what her current routine is during the pandemic, Rossi had a wry response.

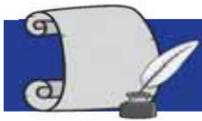
"There is nothing about the current situation that is routine. I am usually in the office six days a week. There are multiple daily briefings from federal and state health authorities, and I am in constant communication with our department heads and our health director regarding the COVID-19 situation in our city. I do occasionally work from home, though overall it is important that I am in the office and available," she said.



Submitted Photo

## Rossi thanks company making medical gowns

During a tour of Thermaxx Jackets in Allington on April 1, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi thanks the company, which normally makes insulation for construction projects, for making disposable medical gowns for workers on the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic. After nearly shuttering due to COVID-19, Thermaxx recently started producing the high-demand gowns — up to 800 a day — for medical personnel at dozens of organizations for free. The company, aided by an arsenal of 75 employees, makes top-quality removable insulation blankets for pipes, valves and heavy equipment at its headquarters and manufacturing facility at 14 Farwell St. Thermaxx's jackets and covers insulate and protect pipes, valves and machinery in all types of environments, dramatically reducing energy costs, according to its co-owner and president, Brian Bannon, who co-founded the company more than 25 years ago.



## Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

### May V. Carrigan

Ed Note: We thank Valerie Forte Vitali for contributing to this article

The following proclamation hangs on the office wall at Carrigan Middle School: At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education West Haven

Held April fifteenth, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted

Resolved that this Board hereby records with pride and admiration

The fifty-three years of continuous service performed by Miss May V. Carrigan,

As a teacher, educational leader, school administrator, and community citizen, she started here teaching career in September 1906 as a teacher of first grade in the Campbell Avenue School, Northern School District, at a salary of three hundred eighty dollars per year. In September 1912 she was transferred to grade one in Forest School, still in the Northern School District, and in February 1921 was appointed principal of that school—a position she still handles with efficiency and distinction. On July sixth, nineteen hundred and twenty

five, the Northern School District and the Western School District joined the Union School District (changed on July first, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight to the West Haven School District and the uniting of three school districts into one school system created many problems. Miss Carrigan was one of the school administrators that worked long and diligently to bring the unification to an effectual reality.

Resolved That we accept, with deep appreciation and conviction, her principles of educational development. She believes the real object of education is to give children resources that will endure as long as life endures, habits that time will ameliorate, not destroy, occupations that will render sickness tolerable, solitude pleasant, age venerable, and life more dignified and useful. Her youthful energy, mature judgement, seasoned experience, and devotion to youth and education are as vivacious today as they were in 1906.

Resolved That the Board recognize her generous allotment of "out-of-school-time" for active participation in community affairs that promote the general welfare of all people—young

and old alike. Her counsel, labor and contributions to the West Haven Community House, Village Improvement Association, Visiting Nurse Association, Church Guild, numerous charities, and many

other civic groups will serve as an inspiration and guide to any teacher or administrator that really wants to be a true educational leader. In the words of John Ruskin, "Every duty which we omit obscures

some truth which we should have known."

Resolved That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Board and that a copy be presented to Miss May V. Carrigan at the testimonial dinner given in her honor on April eighteenth, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

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A copy of the New Haven Journal-Courier reports on the retirement celebration for May V. Carrigan.



MAY V. CARRIGAN



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## The petty on display

As we end yet another week of “Stay Safe, Stay Home” in Connecticut and the nation, we are awestruck by the sheer chutzpah of Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, our own senators, Richard Blumenthal and Christopher Murphy, as well as Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer. In a word, the Democrats have no decency. We are struck by that word, because as it was uttered in another context decades ago during the McCarthy hearings, it is apropos today.

We understand partisanship. We also understand the frustration that comes when one whom you think should be in power is not. For eight years we had to endure Barack Hussein Obama. His pettiness was only overshadowed by his soaring rhetoric. As a policy-maker, he was a socialist, trying to “transform” America. His political offspring are the Sanders supporters and “Squad.” So, we understand frustration.

In the last few weeks we have had the new drumbeat of “Trump wasn’t prepared.” This followed the earlier drumbeats of “Russia, Russia, Russia,” and the “Letter to Ukraine.” The last drumbeat caused a shutdown of its own as the nation’s business stopped while impeachment proceedings raged onward.

Having failed at those exercises, we now come to the Wuhan Virus pandemic and the shutting down of everyday life throughout the country. Democrats and their public relations sidekicks the mainstream media are pushing the memo that Trump was caught flatfooted and is wallowing in confusion. Using Alinsky’s first rule, the Democrats are, in fact, accusing the administration of what they themselves are guilty. It is they who were unprepared, and unready. It is they who pushed impeachment while the virus was spreading, and it was they who were distracted.

Remember, nothing of any importance got done in the House of Representatives for weeks while the impeachment nonsense was ongoing. The virus was not even an afterthought on Capitol Hill. However, the White House was taking action – action the Democrats and media decried as “xenophobic” when travel restrictions were imposed. That was in January during the impeachment hearings and trial. The day after the trial ended, the President made a strong warning in his State of the Union address – the one ripped up by Pelosi.

Murphy gets special citation because in the midst of this, he is carrying the water for the Communist Chinese. He has criticized the Trump response, while crediting the Chinese government for its action – action we know have confirmed that is at best unreliable and at worst propaganda.

Instead of working with the administration in a time of national crisis, the opposition party has sought to make petty political points, all on the notion it could have done better. Schumer recently wrote a letter to Trump, calling his response “confused” and asking that he put a military man in charge. Trump answered in kind. Schumer’s state has been ravaged by the disease, but Schumer has been missing in action, except to snipe in the press.

The administration – as Taskforce Coordinator Dr. Deborah Birx noted recently -- was working on the data it had. It has since found that data to be faulty. But, the taskforce and the administration quickly found their stride, and are working to mitigate the effects of the disease.

The Democrats in Washington should be working for their people with an administration of the opposition party. It’s difficult, but it must be done.



## Months wasted on the absurd

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

On Jan. 20, the United States confirmed its first case of the coronavirus. The nation’s political and media elite obsessed over Mitch McConnell’s just-announced resolution governing the impeachment trial of Donald Trump.

On Jan. 23, China locked down the city of Wuhan. Cable news in America lit up with praise for the epic, nay historic, performance by House impeachment manager Adam Schiff in the trial’s opening arguments.

On Jan. 30, the World Health Organization declared a world health emergency. The U.S. Senate prepared to vote on impeachment witnesses.

On Feb. 5, the cruise ship Diamond Princess quarantined thousands of passengers after a major outbreak on board. Mitt Romney announced that he’d vote to convict Trump on one of the two counts against him, and the Senate voted to acquit on both.

Trump closed off travel from China while the trial was still ongoing, the day after senators asked their final questions of the impeachment managers and the White House defense team. Only two and a half weeks after the trial, the White House requested \$1.25 billion

in emergency coronavirus funding from Congress.

If the trial hadn’t ended expeditiously, the Senate easily could have been still seeking the testimony of, say, former White House counsel Don McGahn about the details of the non-firing of special counsel Robert Mueller -- at the same time everyone expected the administration to be shifting into wartime footing against the virus.

In that circumstance, the impeachment trial obviously would have been immediately shelved, because a discretionary national crisis can’t compete with a real, unavoidable one. Political melodrama must give way to a potential public-health catastrophe.

For more than three years, American national politics has been constantly on a crisis footing over presidential tweets, two-day controversies, dubious storylines whipped up by the media and Trump’s genuine outrages. Little of it has been enduring, or nearly as important as the intense, wall-to-wall attention suggested.

After all the energy devoted to inflating the Russians into a clear-and-present danger to the workings of America here on our shores, that threat has instead proved to be China,

which loosed a virus on the world that has temporarily crashed the American economy and shut down much of American life, including elections.

After we spent months pretending that Trump would somehow be ousted from the presidency by his own party in the Senate, not only is he still the president, all people of good will are rooting for him to perform as ably as he can in this crisis.

After acting as though we had endless time and energy to waste on nonsense because the stakes were so small in what was until the day before yesterday a time of peace and prosperity, we have been jolted into a period when our national decisions really matter, and time and resources are of the essence.

In short, the epidemic has put in stark relief the pettiness and absurdity of much what has transpired in our national life since Trump won the presidency. This crisis is the unmistakable punctuation mark on that post-2016 era and the beginning of something new.

How Trump performs now -- finally without Mueller or impeachment, artifacts of another time, dogging him -- will determine how it’s remembered.



Photo by Dan Shine

### Beauty remains!

Voice columnist and sometime-shutterbug Dan Shine shows that despite the uncertainty of what will happen regarding an exotic virus, there are still things that can be enjoyed for the sheer beauty of the moment. An avid walker in the morning -- and more during the day since he retired, Shine was able to get this shot one early morning just as the sun came up. The beach walk has been closed, but he was able to capture this before the announcement.

# Schools chief waits -- and plans

It has been nearly a month since schools were ordered closed by Gov. Ned Lamont in response to the Wuhan Virus outbreak. Originally scheduled until March 30, the chief executive extended the closure until April 20. Superintendent of Schools Neil C. Cavallaro, like all of his counterparts, has come up ways of getting lessons to the city's more than 6,000 students.

The phrase "distance learning," like "social distancing" has become familiar to the public in general and to the city's school children. The "distance learning option, which employs electronic lessons or other means to get information to students, allows districts to continue classes virtually, and not have to make up the days at the end of the year.

The April 20 extension is anticipated to go on longer, according to Cavallaro. That jibes with the extension announced last week by the White House, keeping the national guidelines in place until at least April 30. Schools in Connecticut are expected to remain closed.

With the continued closure, Cavallaro said plans are in place to continue the off-site

lessons for as long as schools remain on lockdown.

"I am anticipating an extension given the current trend and escalation of the virus, so we will continue to develop our Distance Learning Plan accordingly following our regular curriculum, he said.

According to the superintendent the following pattern is used citywide:

~~ Lessons and suggested activities are prepared two weeks in advance and then posted for students;

~~ Through an agreement with city teachers, for as long as this shutdown exists and following the adopted school calendar, they are required to communicate and work with students between the hours of 9 and 1.

~~ Teachers are using technology such as email, homework reminder apps, and telephone conferencing. Google Classroom also provides a platform in which students can submit work to their teachers and then get immediate feedback.

Cavallaro said some teachers have become innovative in the way they present their materials.

"Some have made videos and are using other methods to conduct virtual classrooms,"

he said. "Our entire curriculum, as well as suggestions for activities, and even virtual field trips, is posted on our website at [whschools.org](http://whschools.org)."

For those students without access to the internet or a computer device, packets are available at the schools. Support staff and our administrative team are continually reaching out to families to ensure all students are engaged.

It is understood some students depend on in-school meals as part of their daily requirements. Cavallaro said the district is helping those youngsters.

"The district has applied for and been granted permission

to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students in the school district. That will stay in effect for the duration of the shutdown. Site information and pick-up times are also listed on the school district website," he said.

With spring arriving, the focus of many schools is on end-of-year exercises, including awards ceremonies and graduations. No decisions have been made, but all possibilities are being considered.

"We are in the process of developing plans and contingency plans for many of our end-of-year activities, which includes events like senior awards, and high school grad-

uation. There has been some indication from the State Department of Education that we might have to think in terms of a ceremony taking place sometime next fall," he said.

Cavallaro said the school system, like everyone else, is hoping for the best, but preparing for the worst.

"We will continue to seek guidance and follow all recommendations from the Governor's Office as well as the Commissioner of Education. While it is our hope to return to regular classes prior to the conclusion of the school year on June 12, we will be prepared to complete it through distance learning," he said.



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# Dear Felicia

Howdy honeybunch! How're yew doin' stuck in yore digs the way the rest o' us are stuck in ours? We are no into the fourth week o' this "Stay Safe, Stay Home" exercise, and one has to say that Cobina has been surprised – so far. As yew know, dearie, things in a household could git a bit tense when all the inhabitants of the domicile are in close quarters for an extended period o' time. Let's jest say, m'self is very surprised things haven't kicked up as much as we thought.

We know one thing from talkin' to the wag, a lotta husbands, who happen to be outta the house more often than not are finding out that whilst their digs might be legally in their name, they jest live there. The real owner of the place, -- even effen she works every day – is the woman o' the house, and Lawd help the guy who forgets that.

We were remind o' this last week when talkin' to the wag

who made mention o' the fack that he's holed himself up in his workshop cuz he seems to get under wifey's foot with each and every move aroiund the house. Sooooo, the best place to be is where she ain't gonna travel.

Of course, that is a two-way street, the housewife/other half ain't used to havin' her distaff side around the house as much, and is taken aback at having him around all the time. Then there are the kiddies.

Needless to say, effen the kids are in school, there is the "distance learning" going on. The kiddies have their lessons every day and are expected, I guess, to get them into the instructor.

Let's jest say, we are in uncharted territory here for a lotta people.

A few observations: Sammy Bluejay came up with this one as he kept his distance from Cobina, him on the sill and me a safe distance away. He

noted that the virus has given us a bunch of catch-phrases that seem to be in everyone's conversation these days. The foist, of course, is "social distancing." I wish I had a green-back for each and every time I've hoid that phrase. It's perty much everywhere. In fack, Cobina had to go on the highway and the electronic signs that seem to be everywhere had virus billboards every so often and used the phrase.

Keeping a social distance is on everyone's mind. Heck the grocery stores now have one-way aisles in the hopes that people won't pass each other and maybe violate the six-foot safety zone.

There is a problem with that, of course, In order to keep a six-foot distance at the cashier line, one usually has to go into the aisles, regardless o' whether they are one way or t'other. That seems to defeat the purpose.

As far as another phrase, Nelly Nuthatch came up with this one, and we jest used it: distance learning. She also came up with an interesting observation about it. Are we seeing the end of "snow days?" One wonders. The virus has caused school systems to implement computer online learning and/or lessons from afar, that the kids hafta complete.

Iyam told they are then to email or text message their teachers effen they have a problem.

One wonders effen the venerable show day has just gone the way of the transistor radio. Now that schools have this way of doing things one wonders effen the kids will ever miss a day – on way or the other. It has its perks. There will be 180 days done and not have to be pushed back because of extra days. But there was something about a snow day that was special when we were kids. We shall see.

*As yew know, most places are shut down until April 30, so this thing is supposed to continue for at least another three weeks or so. The good news is the virus is not as bad in some spots as expected, and there might be some good news down the road. But, getting back to the schools, are they gonna open up for the rest o' the year? Some people in high places seem to think they are not. Now, I ain't saying this is a given, but as I told yew a few weeks ago, some administrators in nearby towns said that they were told to close up as if it was the end of the year. We shall see.*

*Meanwhile, City Hall has most people working or working from home, and it seems that some city business is gonna be that way for a while. Iva Lookey said that most things like building permits and the like have been halted anyway. Nobody is gonna do that kind o' work until they git the all-clear. Though, Cobina has seen some projects continue in her neighborhood. There is a house or two*

*being built and they seem to be continuing where possible.*

Some city business had to take place anyway by law. The City Council had its public hearin' on the budget last week via conference call, or electronic hook-up. We ain't sure how many actually took part, but we know that this year's "virtual meeting" had instructions for interested people to take part.

One interested person is Michele Gregorio. She was the Republican candidate for mayor in the last go-round. She sent a letter to the City Council askin' that it not raise the mill rate for the coming budget year. Her pernts are well taken, but Cobina don't know effen the council has much of an option.

Remember, the Municipal Accountability Review Board, otherwise known as MARB, has determined that over a five-year period – this being the thoid of the five – the city will raise the mill rate to at least 40 by making incremental increases each year. This year's increase is .8 mills effen the mayor's budget is passed, which it probably will be. The MARB can take over the city and make all kinds of trouble effen its wishes aren't fulfilled. And, they've been perty pointed in criticism when they don't git their way.

So, there probably ain't much hope stalling a mill rate hike for this year.

But then there is the City Council itself trying to discuss this year's budget package. They hafta do this via electronic hook-up as well, cuz they can't violate the governor's mandate.

Right now, we hear they are doing just that, but not having that face-to-face conversation is gonna put a whole new light on the way things are done. It will take some getting used to, Iyam sure.

It still means the council has to have nine votes in order to change anything in the budget – a hurdle that has been pert near impossible over the last 20 years.

So, it is fully expected that the budget as presented by heroner will go through virtually unchanged. It'll be interesting to see how the council took to the conference format over the wires once this whole thing is over.

There are many things changin' cuz of this virus, and we are sure that many things we think are normal will become outdated or fall into disuse. We shall see.

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

*Cobina*

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# City teacher launches second kids novel

In Pignoli and the Chocolate Thief, by Robin Cannon, Pignoli, a tiny mouse from the village of Arancia, is bored with his life.

In her second novel with Austin Macauley, Cannon targets YA readers with a message about pursuing your dreams, and that if you are determined and work hard enough, good things will come your way and your dreams will come true.

To liven things up one day, Pignoli cleverly jumps into an open carpetbag and makes his way, by train, to the faraway city of Le Clerc.

There he meets Hammett, an orphan boy whose only wish is to make a sad orphan girl happy.

Cannon was recently inspired to tell Pignoli's tale after close encounter in her own home.

"One day, our tiny white mouse named Pignoli escaped from his cage," she said. "He went on a grand adventure around the house, skittling from room to room. Every once in a while, we would catch a glimpse of him. After three days, we caught him in the kitchen pantry eating dog food. We returned him to his cage a much fatter and happier mouse."

With a strong narrative and cleverly composed rhythm between each step of Pignoli's journey, Pignoli and the Chocolate Thief is a wonderful title to add to your YA library this season and one that'll be bringing joy to all the younger readers lucky enough to come across a copy.

Robin Cannon received her BA and MS degrees from Fordham University in New York City and her Sixth Year Degree in Education Administration from Southern CT State University. She has been a schoolteacher for 35 years.

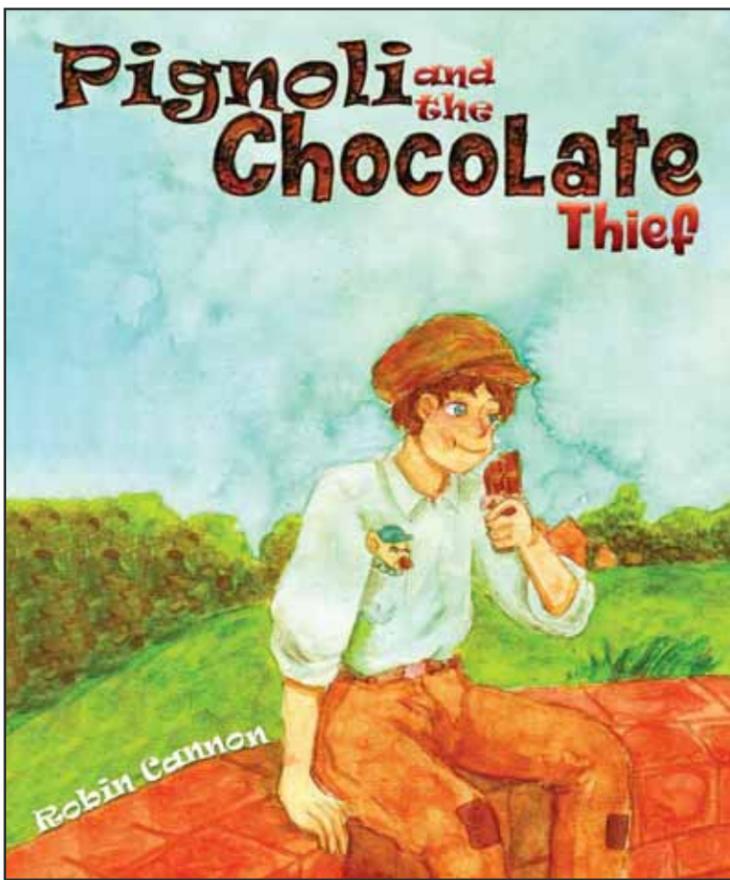
She lives with her husband, Bob, daughters, Haley and Molly, and son, Colin.

Three previous books written by the author entitled Tilly Fig, Rye Hill, and Fireflies at Nightfall—all published by Goose River Press—were displayed at the 2017 Book Expo

in New York City. Austin Macauley published the fourth book by the author in 2018, entitled The Vanity of Robbers.

Cannon has been a guest speaker at Book Club meetings as well as the West Haven Public Library. She has attended book signings at various bookstores in Connecticut, including Bank Square Books in Mystic, Burgundy Books in Westbrook, R.J. Julia in Middletown, Warehouse Books in Clinton, and Barnes and Noble Bookstores in Westport, North Haven, and Milford. Pignoli and the Chocolate Thief, published by Austin Macauley, was released on Feb. 28.

Price: \$12.95, ISBN: 9781643787367. It will be available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and in other bookstores throughout the country. Advance review copies are available upon request. For more information, please visit: [www.austinmacauley.com/us](http://www.austinmacauley.com/us).



City teacher Robin Cannon launched her second book with Austin Macauley. The genesis of the story comes from a real-life adventure that happened in the teacher's home. The children's novel is available at most outlets for \$12.95.

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## Around Town

### Shore Haven scholarships

Shore Haven Jr. Baseball will be accepting scholarship applicants from June 2020 high school seniors pursuing further education. The league will be awarding scholarships in the amounts of \$250 in honor of Dave Terese, Sr. and Mario J. Argentino, plus the Joseph Morrell, Sr. Scholarship.

All applicants must have participated in the league for two years for the Terese, Argentino, and Morrell Sr. scholarships. Applications must be returned by May 15, to Charles Gunning, 125 Central Ave. West Haven 06516. More information can be obtained from area high school guidance offices or by calling (203) 934-9740.

### Meeting cancelled

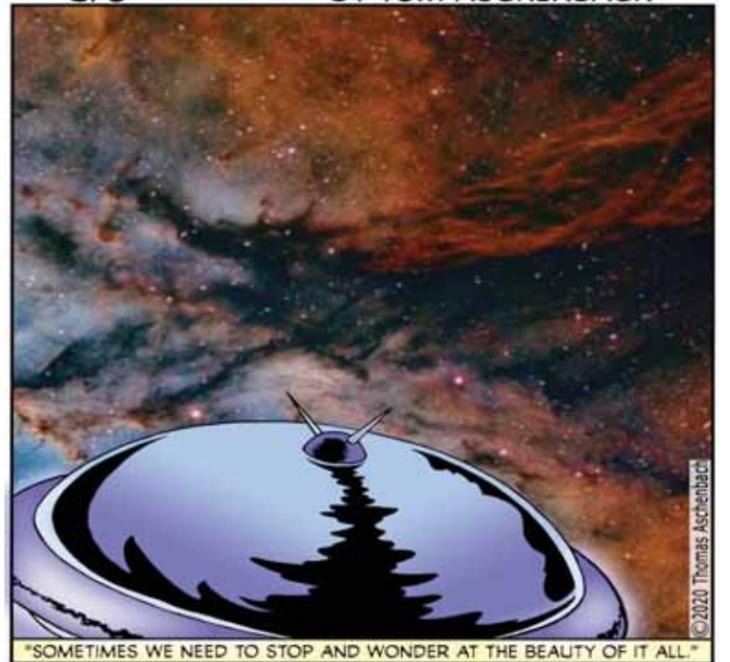
The Annual Meeting of the Oak Grove Cemetery scheduled for April 20, at 6 p.m. at the Oak Grove Cemetery office has been cancelled.

### Review rescheduled

The 38th edition of the Golden Oldies Review originally scheduled for Saturday, April 4, at Cielo Ballroom has been cancelled and rescheduled for Friday, June 5, 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Michael Hoover presents "Memories of Elvis" at 9:30. Also featured Carla Gemma. Tickerts are \$30 per person. Proceeds benefit MDA. Door prizes and Raffle! call Geri Caccavale, (203) 795-5473.

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BY TOM ASCHENBACH



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**Dear Gripe Vine Readers:**

I want to open my column today with cheerful, encouraging words; life is really handing us a difficult, challenging role to fill. I'm a mover and am not satisfied unless I'm either thinking of what's next, contemplating what appears or completing a project. This remaining at home somehow does feel fulfilling because I feel in my own small way, I'm helping during this health crisis. WE CAN DO IT!

Gripe Vine is back! Due to space limitations, this column was on a hiatus, but I will try to address as many issues in the coming weeks as I possibly can. Please continue to submit your gripes and I will do my best to get them resolved!

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I would like to express my anger regarding the Allingtown Green.



**ELEANORE TURKINGTON**

This green area has been the location of a veteran and fire department Memorial for many years. Along with the flagpole which proudly displayed our flag, has now been dug up and destroyed. They say the plan is to move the flagpole out of the place of honor corner green to an outer edge of the "remaining green

area".

This is being done along with the construction of a of a new commercial/residential mix use, catering to the University of New Haven.

The "clock" a tribute to retired Chief of Police Joseph Harvey, was damaged during the re-aligning of the Boston Post Road and Campbell Avenue and to this day, has not been repaired. In fact, the plaque honoring Chief Harvey, went "missing" during storage.

Again, it appears that "city leaders" did nothing to seek residents input on any changes, catering to an institution that pays the city PILOT funds in place of real taxes.

West Haven, it's now our time to demand protection, a fair shake and a say in city decisions.

COI care

**By Eleanore Turkington**

Dear COI Care:

The West Haven Voice ran a large photo of the artist's rendering of the proposed refurbished Allingtown Green along with a related story. If you didn't see this issue, March 26 you may want to contact Editor Bill Riccio at Westhavenvoice.com for a back copy.

*Ed. Note:* All the above questions concerning the Allingtown Green reconstruction in the above letter are answered in the March 26 story, including the clock, the flagpole, the design for Cellini Place, etc. We refer the reader to that story.

By the way, still waiting for a reply from Mayoral Assistant Lou Esposito and Alan Olenick, President of the local

Chamber of Commerce for my question, "What are you doing to recruit new businesses to West Haven?" I feel sure in my next column, they will be cooperative and provide some information for my readers.

Coming up..broken traffic light at 950 Campbell Avenue.. local ordinances on unkempt property..."dangerous conditions" at the Boston Post Road and Forest Road...trash pickup companies that services business on Lilac Lane complaint...dog droppings on the Green...pot hole disaster on Chester Street...and much more.

Send your gripes, comments and issues to gripevine4wh@aol.com or mail them to West Haven Voice 840 Boston Post Road, West Haven, CT. 06516

**Financial Focus**  
*Courtesy of Edward Jones Financial*

**Avoid Touching Retirement Savings Early**

You contribute to an IRA and 401(k) to help build the financial resources you'll need to enjoy a comfortable retirement. But despite these funds being set aside for retirement, many investors use them before they retire. More than half of Americans tap into their retirement savings early, according to a survey from Magnify Money, a website focusing on financial topics. How can you avoid this problem?

It's obviously important to leave your retirement savings untouched, as much as possible, until retirement. You could spend two or three decades as a retiree, so you'll need a lot of financial resources. Of course, it's understandable why some people touch their retirement accounts early: According to the Magnify Money survey, about 23% did so to pay off debts, 17% to make down payments on a home, 11% to pay for college, and the rest for other reasons.

While you also might consider these needs for taking an early withdrawal or loan from your retirement account, you've got good reasons for not touching your IRA or 401(k) before you retire. First, you may face tax penalties if you withdraw money from your IRA and 401(k) before 59 1/2, though there are exceptions. Also, if your withdrawals from your retirement accounts are large enough, they could push you into a higher tax bracket. Plus, the longer you leave your money intact, the more you'll probably have when you need it in retirement.

Let's use the survey results to look at some additional points you might evaluate before using funds from your retirement accounts for other purposes:

- Paying off debts – You could consider using a 401(k) loan to pay down some high-interest rate debt, but this move assumes two things – one, you don't plan on taking on additional high interest rate debt, and two, you plan on repaying the loan from your 401(k) within five years. If you don't, you could face penalties.

- Making a down payment on a home – The IRS allows first-time home buyers to make a penalty-free withdrawal of \$10,000 from an IRA to make a down payment on a home; however, taxes could still be owed. You might be better off by delaying the purchase of a home, giving you time to build up additional savings, held outside your retirement accounts, that could be used for the down payment.

- Paying for college – If you haven't saved enough for a child approaching college, you might consider withdrawing from your retirement accounts to do so. If the funds are used for qualified education expenses, you may be able to withdraw from you IRA without paying a penalty, but again, taxes could be owed on the withdrawn funds. Alternatively, if you have more time, you could consider opening tax-advantaged 529 accounts for younger children to help pay for their education.

As the name suggests, a re-

tirement account is designed for retirement, so do whatever you can to protect it. You may want to consult with a financial professional for guidance on meeting the other needs people cite in tapping into their retirement accounts early.

The more you know, the better prepared you'll be to make the best decisions you can for your situation.

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(Left) West Haven High School player Jordan Berrios is shown with mother Tonisha and coach Rich Boshea. (Right) Michael Consorte with parents Mark and Carla (L) and coach Joe DeCaprio. Both young men were selected Scholar-



Athletes by the Casey-O'Brien Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. The dinner was cancelled this year, but both seniors will receive their awards at a later date.

## Berrios, Consorte gain NFF honors

The 60th anniversary of the Casey-O'Brien New Haven County Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete awards dinner, which was scheduled March 27 was canceled. However,

two city residents were named to the roster of 28

Bill O'Brien president of the New Haven Chapter said, "We are pleased to be honoring another group of outstanding young men for their accomplishments in the

classroom, their school and in their community." Since 1962 the chapter has honored 1257 young men.

In addition two longtime coaches with ties to the area will receive Distinguished American awards. George DeLeone and Chris Palmer, have a combined 100 years

of coaching in the college and professional (NFL) ranks. In addition to college DeLeone coached at San Diego, Miami and Cleveland in the NFL. Palmer coached at UConn, New Haven among others as well as in the NFL at New England, Cleveland, Dallas, and the Giants, 49er's in the NFL. He recently retired as the Athletic Director at UNH.

This year the Chapter Award of Merit will be presented to Abbott Burrell and Scott Burrell from Hamden. "The

Burrell's are members of one of the most successful athletic families in state history", said O'Brien. Abbott played at Hamden ('86) and at UConn from 1986 to 1989 and has been a college football coach for the past twenty-seven years, most recently at CCSU and Scott was one of the finest high school football players in Connecticut at Hamden before embarking on both basketball and baseball careers. He is now the head basketball coach at SCSU. Both graduated from UConn.

Other award winners include Judge Arthur Hadden, who hails from West Haven, a 30-year football official, who has officiated six state championship games and Cheshire High School coach Don Drust who will receive the Chapter Coach of the Year

Award for improving the Rams regular season record of 3-7 in 2018 to 8-2 and qualifying for the Class LL state playoffs this past season. The Sheehan Titans will receive a plaque for winning the Class S championship.

The winners were expected to be honored in a ceremony at a later date.



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## Brothers: Trio played role

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ent level," Harris said. "I thought the older guys saw what Ben could do with the puck and saw his vision with the puck. D.J. fed off that. I think he knew when Ben had the puck, there was a good chance there was going to be a scoring opportunity with that line. I saw the chemistry from day one, which was kind of a shock to me. It felt like they were playing three or four years together."

With such an intense hockey family, the brothers have always gotten an honest assessment regarding performance from their parents. To this day, a quick glance into the crowd at their parents says all they need to know without words being exchanged.

"Without them, we have no chance of being where we are," Ben said of his parents. "If we have a bad game, they tell us. It is motivation to me to prove them wrong. There were a couple of times this year I looked at them during the game and I could tell I should have done something else. But, I can also tell when we do something well and my dad is clapping and nodding his head."

"It is good to have their support," D.J. added. "They would drive hours any time just because they love to go see another game. We could not have done anything without them."

With positive results and continued success comes higher expectations. D.J. and Ben know

there will be plenty expected next season.

"I expect even more from them next year," Harris said. "They have played with each other at the high school level. Ben knows what the high school level is about. D.J. will be a year older. I expect the two of them to be even better than this year."

For the Carfora brothers, hockey is not the only success they have seen. D.J. and Ben also excel on the baseball diamond, and the trio have continued to excel in the classroom. Nick is still deciding on the best college fit for him as he pursues his dream of becoming a lawyer.

"Words can't say how proud of them I am," Denise said. "I brag about them to anyone who is willing to listen. I have seen them grow and develop. It has been so amazing to see. I just tell everybody to enjoy the whole thing as much as they can because it flies by."

With the sports world on hold, all three brothers are looking forward to next year. Nick will start the process of practicing law, while also continuing to be the biggest supporter of his younger brothers, while D.J. and Ben anxiously wait for another high school hockey season to begin.

"We didn't get a chance to accomplish our goal," D.J. said. "We will go into next year with more fire."

With the Carfora's a key piece to the puzzle, opponents should expect nothing less.

# Letters, we get letters!

## Don't raise taxes

The following is a letter that I sent to the City Council for submission at the Special Meeting held last week on Thursday, April 2, for the purposes of the annual budget presentation.

To the City Council

We are living in unprecedented times. Many of our neighbors and fellow citizens are living with the fear that after this health crisis passes, they will not have jobs or businesses. Certainly many citizens are feeling financial pressure as they get laid off, furloughed or close their businesses.

It is unconscionable to propose any tax increase

this year. Spending has increased year to year under this administration. It is your duty and your responsibility to make cuts to this budget.

We are ill prepared as a city to take on any more spending. If we had prepared, maybe we could have increased the tax rolls with businesses that would be ready to take on the high number of individuals that will be without jobs and will need training.

I am asking for no mill increase and a reduction in spending. You all need to be brave and bold during these hard times.

I have faith that you will address this matter with diligence and respect for your

fellow citizens.

*Michele Gregorio*

## We need help, too!

After reading the March 27, New Haven Register article, «Yale launches multimillion-dollar fund to aid New Haven in dealing with coronavirus,” I submitted the following letter to Yale University President, Peter Salovey, requesting that he also include West Haven in the fund the university has established to offer economic support to businesses and health care communities impacted by the Corvid-19 epidemic. I've also requested that Mayor Rossi, State Sen. James Maroney, and State Reps. Dorinda Borer and Charles Ferraro do the same.

Dear President Salovey,

First, I would like to express my appreciation and respect for the leadership, contributions, world-class education, and quality employment Yale University provides my fellow West Haven neighbors. As the city councilman for the district which includes Yale West, as well as the Council Liaison to the West Haven Economic Development Commission, I witness first-hand the strong and growing town-gown relationship. Yale West is a prominent and most important pillar of our community.

Living on Morgan Lane, I see the shuttles from the main campus and train station on a regular basis. The economic

stimulus derived from Yale to area businesses range from restaurants to convenience stores, and from entrepreneurs to family-owned repair shops is vast and essential.

I applaud Yale University for establishing a multimillion-dollar fund to help the city of New Haven and its business and health care communities deal with any economic setbacks associated with the spread of the coronavirus. I write you this evening to request that the fund also include West Haven.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing back from you.

*Barry Lee Cohen*

**Councilman 10th District**



## At a Glance

### Ruickholdt named to state panel

Nicholas W. Ruickoldt, CPIA, of West Haven, was elected secretary of the Professional Insurance Agents of Connecticut, at the association's annual convention, March 5-6, at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket.

Ruickoldt is a broker with The Russell Insurance Agency in Southport, Conn.

As an active member of PIACT, Ruickoldt is legislative vice-chairman of the Legislative/Business Issues Committee.

In 2014, Ruickoldt was awarded the Connecticut Young Insurance Professional of the Year.

This award is presented by CTYIP to honor the hard work and dedication of a member of the association's board of directors who has contributed a great deal of time and talent to help support the association and its programs. CTYIP, an affiliate of PIACT, promotes the professional and personal growth of those new to the insurance field by providing education and net-

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In 2015, Ruickoldt received the PIA National Young Insurance Professional of the Year.

This award honors the professionalism and unique contributions of an outstanding young insurance professional who works for or owns a PIA member agency.

In his community, Ruickoldt is a former city council member for the West Haven.

### Bridges offers scholarship

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# Obituaries

## William Cooper



The Villages, FL - William Allen "Bill" Cooper, 86, passed away from cancer on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at his home in The Villages, FL surrounded by loving family and friends. Bill, born May 17, 1933 in New Haven, was the son of the late William & Roberta (Humphrey) Cooper, Jr. (West Haven). He leaves his son, Edward A. & wife Laura P. (Wolfeboro, NH), his daughter, Marcia C. & husband Joseph Adinolfi (Prospect), his son, John W. & wife Christina M. (Lakeville). He also leaves his sister, Margery A. & husband Curtis Brown (York, ME), his former wife Joan K. Cooper (Avon),

and brother-in-law Clifford C. & Jane Konitz (Wappingers Falls, NY).

He will be greatly missed by his grandchildren, Jennifer R. & wife Lisa H. Cooper (Groton, MA), Daniel A. & wife Caitlin Cooper (Sheffield, MA), Kimberly E. Cooper & fiancée Allison Letourneau (Bethlehem, NH), Corey M. Cooper (Lakeville CT), Brady E. Cooper (Lakeville CT), Kathryn G. Adinolfi (Prospect, CT), 5 great grandchildren, and 4 nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his sister, Barbara J. & husband Frank "Whitie" N. Bensen (West Haven) and sister, Janice R. Cooper (Lewes, DE).

Bill was a 1951 graduate from West Haven High School, and 1952 Post Graduate of Berkshire School, Sheffield, MA, and earned a B.A. Degree in 1956 from Brown University and a M.A. Degree from Colby College in 1965. Bill played hockey for West Haven High and was voted the most outstanding player in the area in 1951, before going on to play for Berkshire School and Brown University where he lettered in hockey all four years. He began his career as a dedicated educator and coach in 1956 at Trinity-Pawling

School. He served as math teacher and coached hockey, football, and baseball.

In 1959 he moved his family to CT to work as an engineer for Southern New England Telephone.

In 1962 he returned with his family to Trinity-Pawling serving as Chairman of the Mathematics Dept., Head of the Disciplinary Committee and coached Varsity Hockey, JV Baseball, JV Football and Intramural Tennis until his retirement in 1981. As a result of his long-term and successful commitment to athletics, Trinity-Pawling inducted Bill into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003 with his 1979 hockey team, which notched a remarkable 18-1-1 record, and again in 2018 for his long tenure as an outstanding coach. In addition, Bill, along with several Pawling residents, established the Pawling Youth Hockey League for town residents, utilizing the rink at Trinity-Pawling School.

After departing from T-P, he briefly worked as an Educational Consultant based in Avon. Concurrently, he agreed to lead the Wolfeboro Camp School. His career in Wolfeboro began as a teacher in 1966 at the former Hill School

Camp, a boy's summer 'camp school' located on Rust Pond. In 1977, Bill became Head of School. He established an independently successful co-ed program for 6th-12th grade students until his retirement in 2005 when he became a Trustee.

His son, Edward Cooper, succeeded him as the Head of School until his retirement in 2019. Bill, known as "Uncle Willie" to his family, was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend who loved tennis, golf, biking, sailing, swimming, travel, theater, and cheering on Boston Red Sox, Boston Bruins, and New England Patriots.

A memorial service for Bill will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the William A. Cooper Scholarship Fund, Wolfeboro Camp School, PO Box 390, 93 Camp School Road, Wolfeboro, NH 03894, (603) 569-3451, wolfeboro.org.

## Lorraine Standish

Lorraine Carlson Standish, longtime resident of West Haven passed away on March 22 after a long illness.

She was a lifelong member of First Congregational Church,

where she served as a deacon. In addition she was the Director of West Haven Green Nursery school for many years.

She is survived by her sons Mark Standish, Paul and Debbie Standish, Richard and Karen Standish, and David and Carla Standish, plus nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren



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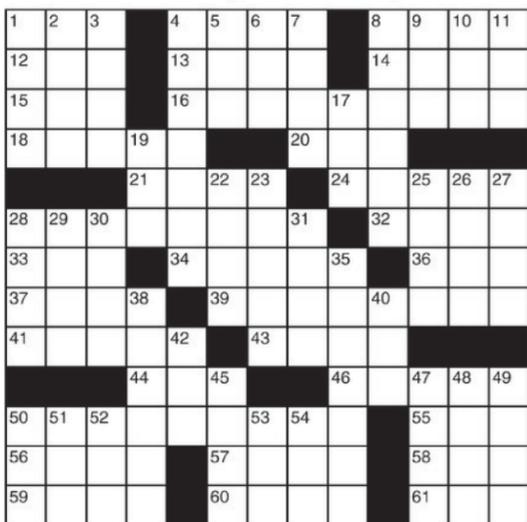


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— Audrey Hepburn

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### King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Satchel
  - 4 Nowhere to be seen
  - 8 Visored military cap
  - 12 — out a living
  - 13 State
  - 14 Object of wor-ship
  - 15 Have a bug
  - 16 Dilute
  - 18 Up to
  - 20 Finish
  - 21 Second letter
  - 24 Sponsorship
  - 28 Negative aspect
  - 32 Took the bus
  - 33 Fire residue
  - 34 Oodles
  - 36 Wager
  - 37 Amorphous lump
  - 39 Onion rings, e.g.
  - 41 Takes to the skies
  - 43 Carry on
  - 44 "That feels so good!"
  - 46 Black board?
  - 50 Exemplar of dullness
  - 55 Cattle call
  - 56 Leading man
  - 57 Volcanic flow
  - 58 Request
  - 59 Floor cleaners
  - 60 Gasoline, e.g.
  - 61 Born
- DOWN**
- 1 Suitor
  - 2 Related
  - 3 Moolah
  - 4 Anarchic
  - 5 Eggs
  - 6 Prepared
  - 7 Genealogy chart
  - 8 Actress Margot
  - 9 "Green" prefix
  - 10 "Bam!"
  - 11 Hostel
  - 17 Genetic stuff
  - 19 — Saud
  - 22 Twitches
  - 23 Fire-fighting legend Red
  - 25 Asian desert
  - 26 Mid-month date
  - 27 Green or Rogen
  - 28 Slight touches
  - 29 Norway's capi-tal
  - 30 "Halt!"
  - 31 Icelandic poet-ry
  - 35 More than just a few
  - 38 Lullaby com-poser
  - 40 Society newbie
  - 42 Tool with teeth
  - 45 50 percent
  - 47 Muscat's land
  - 48 Small winning margin
  - 49 Oxen's har-ness
  - 50 Water barrier
  - 51 Berlin's "What'll —?"
  - 52 Potential syrup
  - 53 Greek cross
  - 54 56-Across' partner

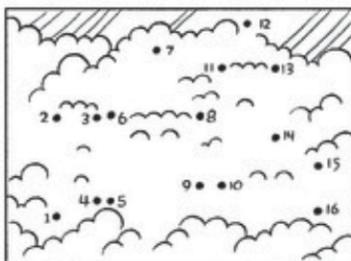


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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Camera
- Drone
- Laptop
- The enemy
- Car battery
- Earbuds
- Purchases
- Toothbrush
- Cellphone
- Flashlight
- Speakers
- Watch
- Chevy Volt
- Kindle
- Tesla



**RIDDLE-DOTS!** Connect the dots and find out what the most beautiful things ever built are.

Answer: Castles in the air.

**A CORNY PROBLEM!** A squirrel found nine ears of corn in Farmer Brown's barn. Every day, for nine days, he carried three ears away. Why did it take him so long to empty the barn?

Answer: Every day he removed one ear of corn and his own two ears.

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!



by Charles Barry Townsend

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**IT'S TEATIME!**

SEE IF you can "urn" an "A" on this vocabulary quiz by finding the letters that are missing from the six words pictured here. They all end with the word URN.

**DEFINITIONS:**

- 1. To plow the soil.
- 2. To stir up vigorously.
- 3. A color.
- 4. A temporary stay.
- 5. Habitually untalkative.
- 6. Result of overeating.

Answers: 1. Turn, 2. Cream, 3. Auburn, 4. Soporn, 5. Tacurn, 6. Heaburn.

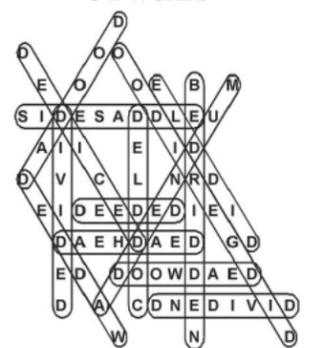
### Answers to last week's puzzles

— King Crossword —  
Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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**3-D WORDS**



— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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

Photos by Todd Dandelske

The Carfora brothers, Nick (left), DJ (Center), and Ben (right), played big roles in the West Haven Blue Devils' 12-8 season. Though cut short by the Coronavirus outbreak, the trio contributed mightily during the regular season.



## Carfora trio kept Devils in hunt

It is not often a high school parent gets to watch his or her children on the same playing field at the same time. Whether it is different sports, different ages, or numerous other factors, seeing two children play at the same time has been less and less over the years.

Parents have been forced to split duties, watching separate games at the same times.

If that is not hard enough, throw into the mix families which have more than two children around the same age which are student-athletes. The accomplishment of watching all three kids at the same time is nearly impossible.

For Sal and Denise Carfora, they had no such worries during the 2019-2020 hockey season as senior Nick, sophomore D.J. and freshman Ben, all helped the West Haven boys hockey team to an 11-8-1 regular season record, before COVID-19 ended the season prematurely for the trio.

"When we had to travel, we relied on a lot of help all the way around," Sal Carfora said. "We had very good support. We could not be everywhere. We would have different people help us with rides. When one game was done, we would get in the car and travel to the next game. We could not have done it alone. We had a lot of help, and that includes grandparents. We always did our best to not miss games. This year was really thrilling. It was a long road to get there and it was intense to see."

"It was fun," West Haven hockey head coach Steve Harris said of coaching the trio. "It was a different dynamic than what you may think when you have brothers playing together. Usually, you have brothers and sisters competing with each other. We never saw that in games. It was always what can they do to help the team? They (D.J. and Ben) loved to play on the same line together. You don't usually see that."

"They fed off each other. They would compete in practice against each other, talking about who had the better goal, but you never saw that in a game. The

family competition was in practice only. They knew what they had to do in games."

The last two years have been a dream for the Carfora family as Nick and D.J. played for the first time together over the last two years, D.J. and Ben played for only the third time together, and Nick and Ben played for the first time together. These first time occurrences took place despite the fact Nick started skating at the age of four, D.J. at the age of two, and Ben at just 18 months.

For the parents, it was a dream come true watching the trio play together. For the program, it was a saving grace as Ben came on to the scene in a big way, scoring 10 goals and adding 11 assists for 21 points in his freshman campaign.

D.J. finished with five goals and four assists in a season which saw Nick play despite recovering from a significant shoulder injury.

"To play together with all three of us has been great," D.J. said about playing with his brothers. "With Ben out there, we are always creating. We just work together well. It's always been like that. We know where we are going to be. Nick played on the line against Immaculate for a shift and it was great."

For Ben, it was a case of adjusting to the speed of the high school game after dominating on the youth hockey scene for a number of years. Ben played on championship winning teams as he moved up the youth hockey ranks and looked to take that winning edge to the Westies.

"It was just a different speed to the game," Ben said about adjusting to high school hockey. "I had to get used to that. At the beginning of the season, I was nervous for the first five minutes of the first game. But, then I was just like it is just playing hockey. I knew the seniors expected a lot out of me because they saw what D.J. could do. There was a lot of pressure on me, but that gave me the fire to go out and play."

While his scoring numbers were impressive, it was the little things which made the transition of the freshman even more impressive. Ben led the team in plus/minus, which is the amount of times on the ice when a goal is scored for your team and against your team, with a plus-15.

Ben was at a 97% rate when it came to shots on net, while winning 222 faceoffs for a rate of 57%. The freshman was also not afraid to get in the way of an opponents' shot, blocking 18 in his first year.

"I thought he made a huge impact on the team," Harris said of Ben. "I thought he made the transition very well from youth hockey to high school. It was a seamless transition. He scored some big goals for us, and he had a couple of big goals right from the start to get going. He definitely made an impact on the team this year."

For Nick, the senior has seen it all in his four years on the ice at West Haven. As a freshman, he was part of a team which was 16-6, advancing to play at Ingalls Rink in the state tournament. The team won just four games in his sophomore campaign, before posting 10 wins his junior year, and 11 this season.

Nick finished with one assist in each of his first three seasons, but was unable to get on the scoreboard his senior campaign as a tough shoulder injury had an impact on the eldest Carfora the last two years.

"The experience you get in being part of a team is irreplaceable," Nick said of his West Haven hockey years. "There is no feeling like that. You have to do the little things. It is a feeling of knowing you contributed."

"I had the two shoulder surgeries and it was real difficult at times. But, the driving force was my siblings and my entire team. We are all brothers."

"Nick was great," Harris added. "He accepted his role on the team. He supported every single player on the team. He was a great supporter of the team

and his brothers. He knew what he could do and what he couldn't do. It was great to see them all around each other."

D.J. came on to the scene as a freshman a year ago with two goals, 16 assists and 18 points. Not afraid of contact, he recorded 27 hits and blocked six shots in his initial year.

"His speed was at a different level," Harris said of D.J. "I haven't seen that out of a player. His speed would help spread the ice out. We had Richie Greene on that line with D.J. and Ben and we called that our speed line. Richie also has great speed, and D.J. could put the puck in the net. It is very rare when you can say all three guys on the line have the speed, can score and have that physicality. D.J. was not afraid to go in corners and was not afraid of contact."

Paired with Ben this season, D.J. had five goals and four assists for nine points, was a plus-9, had a 92% shooting percentage, and added 13 hits in 16 games played.

"I thought it was pretty great," D.J. said of the year and playing with his brothers. "It was a great feeling to be with them and then play on a line with Ben. My parents would tell me my speed was a God given gift. I was a lot faster than the other kids when I was younger. I used that to my advantage. It is great to have. I think my speed makes me he player I am."

While the season is over, hockey is still on the minds of the Carfora's. For Ben and his mother Denise, a planned trip to Italy to play in the premier Mountain Cup Challenge has been changed a couple of times, first to Munich, Germany and now to Sweden and Finland. With the outbreak worldwide of COVID-19, those plans are on hold right now.

Ben was picked among select kids from various programs for his age group in the United States and Canada.

"I thought Ben just brought a differ  
See Brothers, page 12