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Little Picassos

West Haven campers participate in a painting activity provided by Picasso Parties of 944 Ocean Ave. The recent event is the first of three offered at the Department of Parks and Recreation's playground camps this summer.



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School Board reviews plans for re-opening

By Mackenzie Meaney

Special to the Voice

The West Haven Board of Education met on Monday to discuss a school re-opening plan, and the assembly can be summed up into one word; hopeful.

"I am hopeful that we are going to go back to school at least on a hybrid model, if not on a full schedule," Superintendent Neil Cavallaro said in the meeting via ZOOM. "We want to open in a safe manner and we are going to do it under the guidelines we are supposed to do it in," and that "our mission and our goal right now is to open the schools for the full, 180 days."

The plans announced in the board meeting are awaiting approval from the state. They will receive the details on if their plan has gone through later on in the week, but the board has provided three different learning situations: remote, hybrid, and in-person.

Hybrid classes would work on a five-day rotation system. Having every other grade come in twice a week and leaving one day for complete sanitation of the various schools.

"Pre-K, first, and third grade in the elementary schools on days one and two. Then kindergarten, second, and fourth grade on

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City mourns passing of Joe Cullen

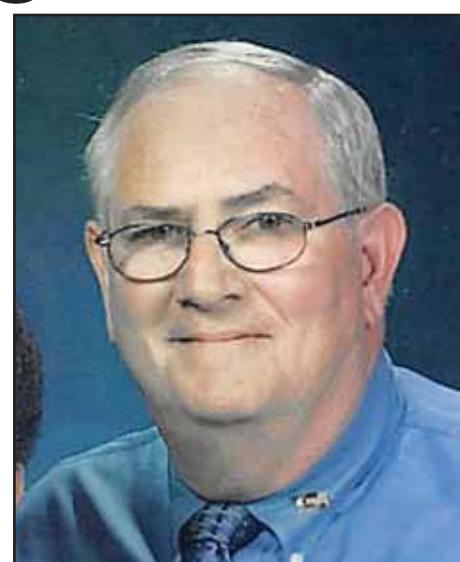
The city mourned this week as a long-time public servant – and mayor for a week – passed away. Joseph J. Cullen, who served on the City Council for 14 years, including a stint as chairman, was hailed by city leaders as a man who gave back to his community in various ways. Cullen died last week after a long illness.

While friends and family mourned the loss of a father, brother, grandfather, uncle and companion, city leaders, including Mayor Nancy Rossi gave tribute to a man known for being a person of few words, and who didn't suffer fools gladly. While on the council, and certainly as chairman, Cullen was known for his straight talk, and impatience with those who tried to skirt

issues or questions. Still, despite his sometimes curtness, he was known as a generous man and giver of his time to his community.

"I regret to share with our community that former West Haven Mayor Joseph J. Cullen Sr. passed away on Monday, July 13. Mr. Cullen was a longtime elected official and was a member of the West Haven City Council. A number of those years he spent acting as the council's chairman, culminating in his service as mayor in 2005. Throughout his life, Joseph wore many hats and served many parts of the West Haven community," Mayor Nancy Rossi said this week.

A veteran of the Connecticut National Guard, Cullen worked as a Scout



JOSEPH J. CULLEN

leader and was a communicant of Our Lady of Victory Church. A believer in public service, he never accepted a salary associated with his elected positions. He donated the money to the West Haven Emergency Assistance Task Force (WHEAT), a group he followed even in his retirement.

"Not enough good words can be said about Mr. Cullen, who gave many years of his life to the people of West Haven and whom our city truly mourns today. Joseph was the example that all government officials should strive toward. I extend thoughts of comfort and condolences to his grieving family and to our community. Thank you, Mr. Cullen, for your service to our nation

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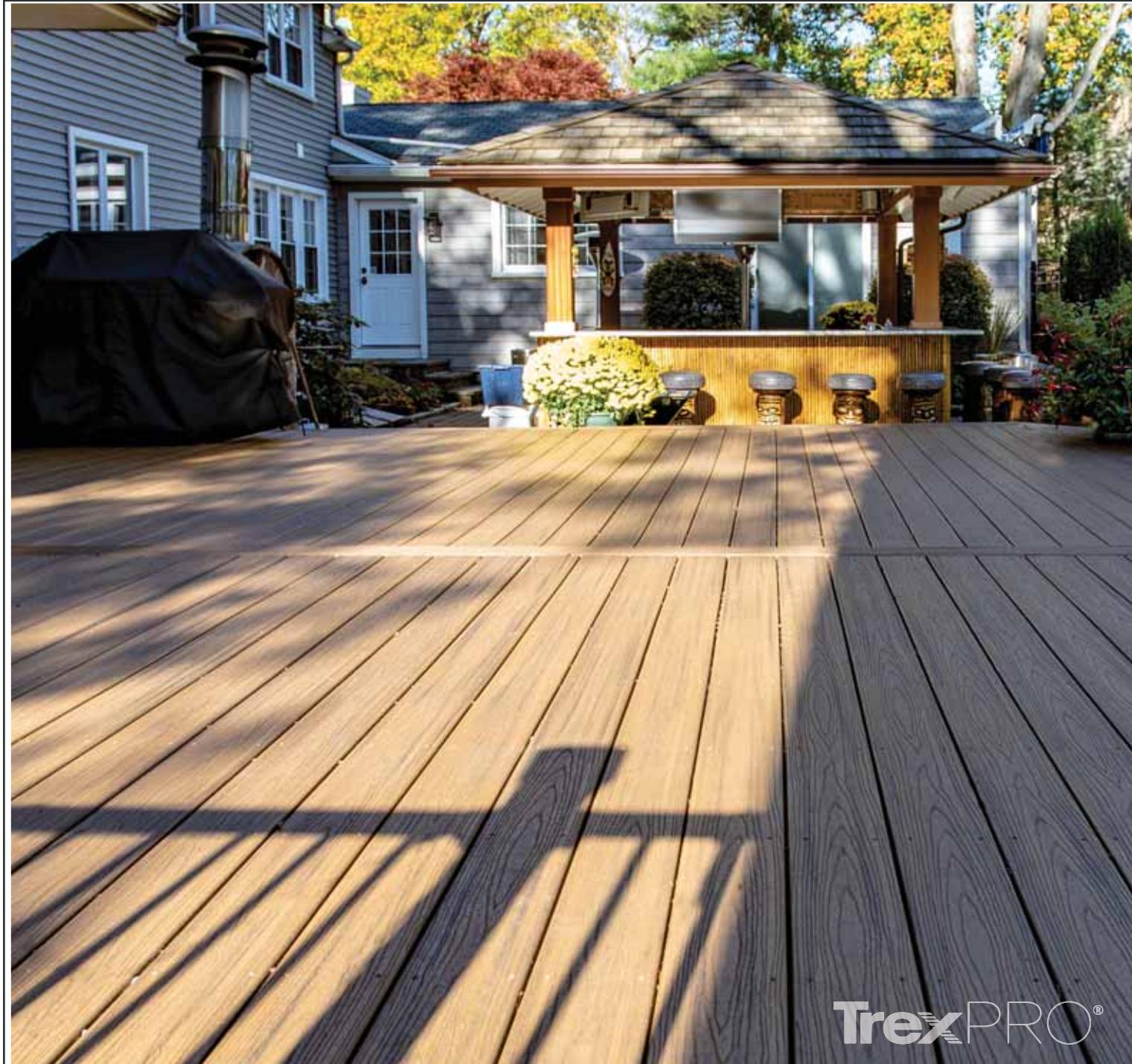
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Hope Jimenez, age 5, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., predicts, «Sunny skies and rainbows with teachers in new scrubs and face masks.»



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On this Date

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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 including Russia, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Nauru, Tuvalu.

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 restrictions and 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.

Births On This Day – July 23:

1989 -- Daniel Radcliffe, English actor.

1980 -- Michelle Williams, American singer-songwriter, producer, actress.

1976 -- Judit Polgár. Hungarian chess player.

1957 -- Theo van Gogh. Dutch director.

1892 -- Haile Selassie I. Ethiopian emperor.

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Cullen: City remembers public official

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and our city," Rossi said finally.

While he was on the City Council as chairman, one of the strangest events in city political history – a history filled with the unusual – took place. Seven-term Mayor H. Richard Borer, Jr. had lost a primary battle to future Mayor John Picard. Borer attempted to remain in office with the formation of the A Better Future Party in 2005. He lost in a close race to Picard in what was to become a very fractured Democratic Party.

Borer's years of service entitled him to retirement benefits and other benefits associated with city employ. But it was found that if he allowed his term to expire, he would lose those benefits. Instead, he resigned a week before the term was to end, putting Chairman Cullen in the office for five days.

According to Cullen's Employee Change of Status Report, filed with the Personnel Department on Dec. 1, 2005: "Due to the early retirement of Mayor Borer, pursuant the City Charter, the Chairman of the City Council assumes the office of the Mayor and receives his rate of pay if he serves longer than 48 hours.

Mr. Cullen will be Mayor from December 1, 2005 thru (sic) December 4, 2005. Please see he is compensated for 3 and one-half days at the above rate. Please remove Mr. Cullen effective December 4 at noon."

Those five days went off in an uneventful fashion with Picard getting sworn into office as is mandated in the City Charter, on the first Sunday in December.

Current Executive Director of the West Haven Chamber of Commerce Alan Olenick was an assistant in the Borer administration and later an employee in City Hall. He has some fond memories of Cullen.

"The city lost a great leader in Joe Cullen," Olenick said. "When I first started working for then Mayor Borer, Joe was one of the first people to greet me in my new office. Back then I was pretty new to West Haven politics but Joe had a way about him that you knew he could be trusted."

Due to his position, Olenick worked closely with the Chairman of the City Council.

"One of my duties was to meet with him every Friday before a City Council meeting. We would go over the agenda package. If there was an item he had a question on and I did

not have the answer, I had the opportunity to get the answer or get back to him before the meeting. Invariably on Monday morning, I'd get a message that Joe Cullen was on the line for me. More than likely he already had the answer, he just liked making sure I had the same information," Olenick said.

He reinforces the story that Cullen saw public service as just that "service."

"I remember one time they were talking about raising the stipend for City Council members. His response was I don't really care, it will just mean WHEAT gets more money. It was that moment I found out that he donated that money to WHEAT and how he raised the bar a little higher," Olenick said.

But he also knew a man who was not above making a complaint when he saw things were not the way they should be.

"One of Joe's pet peeves was the upkeep of a little pocket park of Contact Drive. The city had not maintained and was very frustrated by it. It was his persistence that got crews out there to cut down brush and over the course of a couple of seasons the park became usable again. I've

walked grandchildren who have played there and two dogs there over the years. Every time I go I thank Joe Cullen for his hard work," Olenick said finally.

The wake was at West Haven Funeral Home across from the Green. A Mass of Christian

Burial at Our Lady of Victory Church, St. John Vianney Campus, 300 Captain Thomas Blvd. Interment was private. The family requests that donations be sent to WHEAT, 674 Washington Ave., West Haven, CT 06516 or at www.wheatpantry.org.



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Picking up

Young laborers from the West Haven Summer Youth Employment Program were out on Beach Street Tuesday morning picking up debris all the way to the Sandy Point parking area. The action was captured by resident Ginny Barrett. The team went up Second Avenue as well, which has seen an increase in traffic and debris because of storm drain reconstruction on Beach Street. Each summer the city hires young people to help keep the city cleaner, and, despite the heat, these teens worked hard.

Beach parking, & sticker rules part of reminder

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Motorists are once again reminded about the city's beach parking policy.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions limiting the capacity of beach lots, parking is for West Haven residents only until further notice.

The city's new beach stickers are only valid if affixed to the inside lower left corner of the vehicle's windshield. Stickers are required at all times, regardless if parking lots are staffed, said Mark E. Paine, Jr., the director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Violators are subject to a \$100 fine, Paine said.

All parking meters are out of service until further notice.

According to Paine, parking lot constables may not accept parking fees or check driver's licenses or motor vehicle registrations.

West Haven residents who own their vehicles and are current on their motor vehicle taxes should have received the 2020-22 beach stickers in the mail with their tax bills. Those who lease their vehicles should have also received the stickers in a separate mailing.

Delinquent taxpayers are not eligible for the free stickers, which expire June 30, 2022, until their motor vehicle taxes are paid, city officials said.

Beach stickers are for new, leased and military-exempt vehicles, including motorcycles. A "new" vehicle means it was registered in West Haven after Oct. 1, 2019. Commercial vehicles are excluded.

Each sticker includes the vehicle's license plate number printed on it and is nontransferable.

Anyone who did not receive a beach sticker or has recently purchased a new vehicle registered in West Haven can contact the tax office at (203) 937-3525 or taxoffice@westhaven-ct.gov.

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Schools: B of E review re-opening plans

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days three and four," Cavallaro said.

In-person learning brings up a lot of concerns for parents. Areas within schools such as cafeterias, playgrounds, and even classrooms themselves do not always account for the six feet of space necessary for social distancing obligations. Will it be mandatory to wear masks all the time during the day? What will our school buses look like? Parents in the district voiced their concerns in a survey conducted earlier this month. Wendy Charbonneau, one of the assistant principals in the high school spearheaded the data collection of the survey.

The data from the survey was collected from a sample of 1,634 families in the district (one per household). They were asked a dozen questions, asking about if they would send their child back to school, comfort with bus transport, masks, temperature checks, and other various systems that could be put into place to promote safety.

Overall, parents surveyed seemed most concerned with bus transport, cafeterias, and students that receive special education services. Cavallaro responded, saying that the data was not shocking, but "it is our job to address these concerns."

Judy Drenzek, principal of Edith E. Mackrille School, spoke on behalf of the elementary schools after meeting with all of the administrators from each school to announce what

their proposed plan would be going forward.

"We've [the six elementary schools] all agreed that our job is to make sure the students and the staff feel safe coming back to school and that they have a positive environment," she said.

Each school also plans to do things a little bit differently, because each building is unique, but each school will follow roughly the same format for in-person learning.

Drenzek first addressed the bus and mask situations, because that was what most parents are concerned. The elementary school's plans are to have parents get on the bus and make sure their children are wearing masks, calling them "bus monitors." If the child does not have a mask, one will be provided.

The children will also be wearing masks in school. Masks will again be provided to those who do not have one. They will also have "mask breaks." Mask breaks will be held during mealtimes such as breakfast, lunch or snack times, allowing the children to go outside and walk around without a mask on, or finding rooms in the schools to sit and social distance. Additionally, gym classes will be held outside until the weather turns cold.

Next up were the plans for the intermediate and middle school, led by Rich Weber and Rob Bohan, the principals of Carrigan and Bailey, respectively. Weber anticipates more parents dropping their stu-

dents off at school, so the day will start a few minutes early. Carrigan students will be able to arrive as early as 7:50 a.m., and be dropped off behind the school and escorted into the cafeteria where they can social distance. At 8:10, the children will be moved to homeroom. There will be no use of lockers in Carrigan or Bailey in order to eliminate crowding and surfaces that will come in contact with a lot of students.

Classes in both schools will be turned into cohorts, and the teachers will move around.

"We found just by doing that, we were able to eliminate about 70% of student movement throughout the day," Weber said. He also said that his students will be given access to copious amounts of hand sanitizer throughout the day, and each Carrigan student gets a "welcome back bag" full of supplies they will need so they will not have to share items like crayons or markers. The school's gymnasiums will become the new cafeterias.

Physical Education classes will also be held outside, but Bailey is looking into using the original cafeteria as a possible gym when there is inclement weather. That plan though, has not been finalized by Bohan and his staff.

Teachers at Bailey will be walking with students as they transition from one place to another, like on the way to and from lunch. Bailey will also be closing two of the five bathrooms to eliminate students congregating.

"Bailey's staff is second to none," Bohan said. "I know our teachers will make this work. I think with a lot of work and preparation, we have a viable plan for Bailey, and we are ready to go one way or another."

Last to go was the high school Principal Dana Parades.

"We have over 1,600 students, over 200 adults in our building. When you have a building of that size, there is not going to be one magic bullet, mitigation factor that is going to ensure that everyone is safe. So, what we have to look at doing is layering mitigation factors." She went on to say that differences in schedules and policies will work best to ensure everyone's safety.

Physical mitigation will include things like masks, hand sanitizer, barriers, hand washing breaks, and one direction hallways. Some of the routine changes that will be put into place are breakfast being served outside, cohorting when it is possible, outdoor classes when possible, staggering dismissal, and lockers by request.

Technology will be used a lot in the high school. Student will be on a one-to-one laptop system, meaning everyone gets his own.

"Teachers are going to be able to do so many different things in the classroom, I think if any benefit came out of teaching during the pandemic, it is that our teachers got really good at using Google Classroom. Teachers are going to be making maximum use of this tech-

nology inside the classroom." Additionally, giving each student a keyboard cover for the computers that are used in labs, for things such as graphic design classes.

As for specials, much like the other schools in the district the gym classes will be held outside. Students in art classes will get their own art supplies, and band will be held outside as well, in five groups of 30 kids, versus the usual one big group.

The attendance policy will be used to track fever-related illnesses. Usually, the high school runs on a point system to encourage people to come into school. That will not be the case this year, so long as students have a parent documented absence.

The high school will adopt a schedule system of three blocks per day. This is to limit movement within the building, and the possibility of students passing the virus or any other illness to faculty and staff. Parades says blocks will be around 85-95 minutes, having the first block be a little longer in order to accommodate announcements, pledge and lunch orders.

"The good news is we have the space to spread the kids out," Parades said. "The more difficult part becomes monitoring the kids. You can't put 100 kids in one area, and with one adult, that's just not safe."

These plans are now awaiting approval from the state.

Cavallaro says they are targeting a start date after Labor Day.

UI chooses city for tree-planting project

State Rep. Dorinda Borer (D-115) last week announced that West Haven will receive a \$10,000 United Illuminating grant to plant trees within the city.

Borer, a member of the legislature's Environment Committee advocated for the grant, and was excited for planting to begin.

"I am delighted that West Haven has been chosen for this exciting program. The purpose of the grant is to help enhance the landscape of our beautiful city, promote a cleaner environment and support economics by encompassing the business areas in the plan," she said.

As part of the grant program, UI will also provide guidance to ensure trees are planted such that they won't interfere with overhead electric lines, potentially causing hazards and outages during storms.

"This UI grant program recognizes the important role that trees play in fostering an attractive urban landscape,

maintaining a good quality of life and supporting economic development," said Al Carbone, UI manager of government and community relations. "We're pleased to have this opportunity to help make West Haven an even better place to live, work and do business."

"I want to thank the United Illuminating company (UI) for choosing West Haven for this great program that will result in the planting of trees throughout our community. We look forward to partnering

with the UI on this city-wide project.

"Trees provide many benefits to the community and the environment; and these new chosen tree species will be strategically placed and will help in our ongoing efforts in beautifying our city," said Mayor Nancy R. Rossi.

City Tree Warden Leo Kelly said the program will be beneficial to the city residents at large.

"For many years the residents of the City of West Haven have enjoyed the public health,

social, environmental and economic benefits that trees provide to our community. As our Urban forest matures and trees become susceptible to the stressors of insects, disease and storm related damage it becomes the role of the Tree Warden, not only to address these issues, but look ahead to the future so that

the West Haven Community will continue to enjoy and benefit from what a healthy tree canopy will provide city residents for years to come. The UI grant will allow the

City of West Haven to begin the process of planning and planting selected tree species in areas in and around our City Center that will become part of our Urban Landscape for future generations," said Kelly.

Planning for specific types of trees and exact locations is currently underway.

"Leo is an expert on species, location opportunities and benefits, so we will leave that in the very capable hands of our Tree Warden," Rep. Borer said.



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Bring back industry

In our last edition, Editor Bill Riccio, Jr. published a "short history" of the city's decline into fiscal insolvency, beginning with the Energy Crisis of 1973, and working his way forward. Judging from some of the comments we've received we would say the piece accomplished what it intended – to educate the public as to how West Haven went from a destination community to one that is not even an afterthought in the minds of many moving into the area.

But the brief history is one that was a case study, if you will, of the entire Northeast, and, for that matter, the entire Northern tier of the United States. The events of 1973 and beyond laid bare the problems living in colder climates. When energy costs were minimal as they were prior to 1973, businesses were clamoring to come into a region where skilled labor was plentiful. Change that dynamic, and what were once bustling factories became rusting hulks of what was once our prosperity.

Of course, we would be telling only half the story if we didn't include the devastation that came with the global economy. Jobs that were shipped South of the Mason-Dixon Line due to cheaper labor and cheaper costs, eventually were shipped overseas to developing nations that were paying pennies per hour.

But that arrangement has laid bare its own problems as shown by the Coronavirus pandemic. Our once-thought stratagem of attempting to open up the Communist Chinese economy to free markets and with it a freer society is in shambles. The Communist government has with its recent reneging of freedoms in Hong Kong shown it is no friend to the West, and only sees its expansion as the end goal of trade.

With this jolt of reality, nations must now reallocate those industries that not only provide for the common defense, but offer jobs to its citizens. There is a real threat to national security when the globalist push allowed defense industries – our defense industries – to allow a totalitarian regime control over production. It was ludicrous, in fact.

No, we are not naïve in our statements. We realize it will never return to the boom years of the war and post-war eras, but having defense industries back in this nation will ripple into the re-emergence of other industries that will take back – at least partially – some of what was lost over the last four decades.

West Haven, then, will be able to find its way back in a more balanced approach of service industry jobs, and potential manufacturing, that will reestablish the middle class as the backbone of our local economy.

RIP Joseph Cullin

The city was devastated to learn of the death of Joseph Cullen, a former chairman of the City Council and short-term mayor. Cullen's tenure on the council was at a time when many controversies surrounded decisions made in City Hall.

He was always well informed and well prepared in taking his positions, be they pro or con, on a given issue. He was also a straight talker, not given to overly florid prose.

This newspaper crossed paths and swords, with him over his time on the council.

We respected him, and always believed he had the best interests of the city at heart, agree or disagree with his positions.

We offer to his family our deepest condolences at this very sad time.



Letters, we get letters! Defunding police is a misguided idea

The members of the West Haven Police Department "Retired Officers Association" want to take this opportunity to support the West Haven police department and most compassionate and professional police officers across the country.

Our members who served for several hundred years collectively, have never witnessed such negative actions against the police taking place in West Haven and across the nation that are occurring at this time. The actions of protesters have done little to solve racial problems and quite frankly are causing more tensions and anxiety by their blocking of roads and highways and often violent protests including burning and looting.

Their cries to "Defund the Police" have proven baseless and unreasonable already as New Haven in particular has seen shootings in 2020 increase from 37 last year to 54, with still 6 months left in the year. To add to this dilemma, police are receiving no help from very reluctant witnesses in obtaining information to help solve these crimes.

There have been calls for West Haven Police Chief Perno to step down, however many of

us have worked alongside Joe Perno for many years, and he has always been an excellent officer working his way up the ranks and is highly respected by the community and the officers he serves. The use of police dogs to help quell any disturbance, is exactly what police dogs are trained for in such circumstances, and we applaud the officers for bringing a swift end to the lawlessness of protesters blocking the streets.

As for the shooting of Mubarak Soulemane in West Haven, this incident began in Norwalk with a car-jacking that lead to a high speed chase on I-95, endangering innocent motorists, and at the end the W.H. police were on the scene to assist the state police, and should not bear any responsibility for what actions took place by the state police.

Our organization continues to serve the community by awarding many scholarships over the years to deserving seniors in West Haven and Notre Dame high schools for students wishing to pursue a career in law enforcement. This program was agreed upon by our members as our continuing service to our community for which we all served with

honor and respect.

The executive board of the West Haven Police Department Retired Officers Association

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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

Life Before the Interstate Highway System

In Connecticut, most of Interstate 95 was opened for travel on January 2, 1958; on that same day, construction of Interstate 91 was just beginning. Prior to the completion of these limited access highways, travelers chose between the Merritt-Wilbur Cross Parkway, and what we today call "secondary roads." It is this writer's hope that the following will bring back some memories for our older readers, or offer the younger reader an insight into travel in a different era.

July, 1958

It was summertime, and for the boy, the Big Day had arrived: mother and father were taking their kids to a place called Benson's Wild Animal Farm, which was located in

some faraway place called New Hampshire. Reaching their destination would take a long day of driving, as he had been told.

By the time breakfast was finished, father had loaded the Plymouth, and they were on their way. The Plymouth had no seat belts and no radio, but the boy didn't need a radio, or know anything about seatbelts. All he knew was that travel was exciting.

They left Kelsey Avenue and turned right at the Armstrong building. Elm Street took them to the humming drawbridge at Kimberly Avenue, and then on past Union Station.

The Plymouth then passed through downtown New Haven where in those days Route 10 began. Then they

passed Peabody Museum, where the boy went on rainy days to look at dinosaur bones with his parents. Traffic signals were few in New Haven in those times, and as they left the city, they saw less homes and less traffic. Whitney Avenue took them past Sleeping Giant, and mother told the children the scary legend of Hobbomock, the evil giant who had been placed under a spell to sleep forever.

Now, they passed through small towns and farms, barely stopping for miles, for such was the way of auto travel in 1958. Every few hours, they'd stop for a stretch or a snack or for lunch, wherever a picnic table had been left for travelers, under the shade of a tree

or in a grassy area along Route 10. Out of the trunk would come a wicker basket with sandwiches, cookies and a thermos of milk.

There were friends and family to visit along the way: Mrs. Butterfield, a stumpy little woman in a flowered dress, impossibly old at the age of eighty, and then came a stop at their aunt and uncle's dairy farm up in the shadow of Mount Tom.

While the adults had coffee, the boy went out to the barn, to visit the cows and play in the hayloft. Finally, his play was interrupted by father's voice calling him from the porch of the farmhouse: it was time for them to be on their way.

As they drove along, they sang songs like B-I-N-G-O and Row, Row, Row Your Boat, and they counted cars and played games, for families traveled differently in those days before in-car video machines. Finally, they crossed the Connecticut River, and soon mother announced that they were in New Hampshire.

Now the sun was sinking low, and evening was nigh at hand. The Plymouth turned left into a gravel parking lot, behind which stood a neat

row of whitewashed cabins, which were so common in that era. There was a swing set and a see-saw to occupy the children as mother and father unloaded the Plymouth and prepared sandwiches for dinner.

It was a simpler time. It was a time before Howard Johnsons and McDonalds.

And it was a time before families boarded jets and flew to a tropical paradise called Florida, to visit the home of a large mouse. Indeed, the children of that era were almost unaware of Walt Disney, and the very thought of air travel would have seemed impossible to them anyway.



Dan Shine is a columnist for the West Haven Voice, and former historian of the First Congregational Church.



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Dear Felicia

Well, it took a while, but now that summer is here, it seems it wants to let us know it's really here. For the last little while, honeybunch, we've been sweltering through a heat wave that we haven't seen in these parts for a while. I say it "took a while" cuz effen yew remember all the way back to early June, it was not exactly summer weather. Now the heat is made worse by the humidity, which is about as high as the temperature.

No, I ain't complaining. Before you know it, the weather will change, and we'll be back in the cold and snow – and yew know as well as I do that after last year's mild winter as far as the white stuff goes, we're due for a doozy of a year.

Before we go any further in this missive, Cobina wants to give her condolences to the family of former City Council Chairman and one-time temporary mayor o' the city Joe Cullen. Cullen entered the gates of greater life last week at the age of 81. A feisty char-

acter, Joe was known for his straight talk and no-nonsense approach to things.

Goodness knows that over the years, this papyrus and Cullen exchanged a few bouquets and a collection of brick-bats, depending on which side of isshews we were on. But, he was a guy you could git an answer from, even effen it wasn't the answer you were expecting. There aren't too many of his type left. Everyone wants plausible deniability these days, and seldom give straight answers. He will be missed.

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*Cobina found herself having to leave the office here on the Postal Road a few days ago, and it was a toss-up betwixt driving via the interstate or going through town. The time was gonna be about the same one way or t'other. So, we determined to go via the Boulevard and Columbus Avenue in the Elm City.*

*We gotta say, sweets, we were amazed at the vista that faced us whilst we were waiting at the light on the Allington Hill. The*

*entire face of the Allington Center has changed. It looks like an entirely different area than what we were used to for the better part of 100 years. The new constructions, the clean look, and, even though it's not finished, the new Green itself will be something once it's finished.*

*We know that there has been a kerfuffle about the Green and the sale of the former Forest School building that houses the library, but you can't fight success, and, we hafta say, it is successful! As far as the traversing through Columbus Avenue, let's jest say it brought back memories of times gone-by and the people in those times.*

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Sammy Bluejay reports that the School Board is discussing what to do with the schools opening up. As yew are aware there is a bbbbbbiiiiiggggg bit of fol-de-rol going on about whether schools should open up, and, because it is an election year, it is a political football.

Tennyrate, the Governor has asked for school systems to send the state a plan for reopening and what it might look like. The B of E was meeting Monday night to discuss it, and it'll be interesting to see what transpires. We hold that some systems are opting for half-day sessions in the morning and afternoon at least to start, and then see what happens.

Effen there is a new outbreak,

-- and there will probably be some – the systems in coordination with the state will determine what the next step is. Sammy hold that Sept. 1 looks like the date after which buildings can re-open. The question is what happens next.

The buzz is that for two or three weeks many schools will be in a wait-and-see posture. Effen things don't go over the top in cases, things will begin to return to normal. That includes extra-curriculars, etc. Of course, this being a sports town, everyone wants to know what's gonna happen with the fall season?

We are hearing things will begin after schools open, so effen there is a season – and that might be determined in a week or two – it will be shorter, and not have all the usual frills. Stay tuned.

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*Nelly Nuthatch was by t'other afternoon and mentioned that try as they might, people from out of town are using city beaches – witch we don't think the city can legally stop them – and doing their darnedest to find places to park.*

*Ya see, the city won't let non-residents park in city lots, witch when you think about it is penny wise and pound foolish. We could be making some kopecks. They are finding places to park, and walking to the beach. Who's gonna check their residents. But still, we don't think that could happen*

*Remember when the city want-*

*ed to limit access to the beach about two decades ago? Well, it was found that the beaches were built with federal dollars. Therefore, the city could not stop non-residents from using them. That's right our beaches are all man-made. There are longtime residents who can tell yew what they looked like before. And that is one of the reasons that the sand going into the Sound is setch a problem. After the war, the beaches were enhanced with sand with the use of Uncle Sam's checkbook.*

*So, the beaches have been busy, and those who wanna use them are finding out they can get there one way or the other.*

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Here we are heading into the last weeks of July already, and despite COVID-19, the Tax-man Cometh. Bills have been out for a few weeks, and the Actors Colony has found a novel way to allow people to pay in-person: a window with a ramp on the outside o' the building. As yew know only employees are allowed in the building at this time. Heck, even the Chamber of Commerce, which has its offices in the bowels of the building cannot get inside to open.

Sooooo, in order to git the money this berg so desperately needs, the brains trust has got creative. There are those of us who still prefer the US Mail, and will do what we have to regarding the rendering unto Caesar, but for those who like to pay in person, they can do it.

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*Effen I haven't mentioned it, the area around the Sewage Treatment Plant on Beach Street has been undergoing some new pipe placements, necessitating the closure of the street. Iva Lootey said this week that the traffic patterns over there have been diverted to Second Avenue, and those wishing to git to Foist Avenue hafta detour via Monahan Place.*

*How long this construction is gonna go on is anyone's guess, but it's been going on for the better part of a month or so, according to Iva.*

*Meanwhile, we go from construction to nothing. The Haven area is still lying fallow with nary a thing happening to it some two months after Water Street was closed off. The only thing that has happened over there was a fire brigade training session or six on what was part of Richards Place. When are things gonna start over there? Who in creation knows? And effen they know, they certainly ain't telling. The developers over there play everything close to the vest, but weeks after traffic was halted over there the only thing happening is boarded up buildings beginning to rot. It ain't a good situation.*

*I'll close mitt luff und kizzez,  
Cobina*

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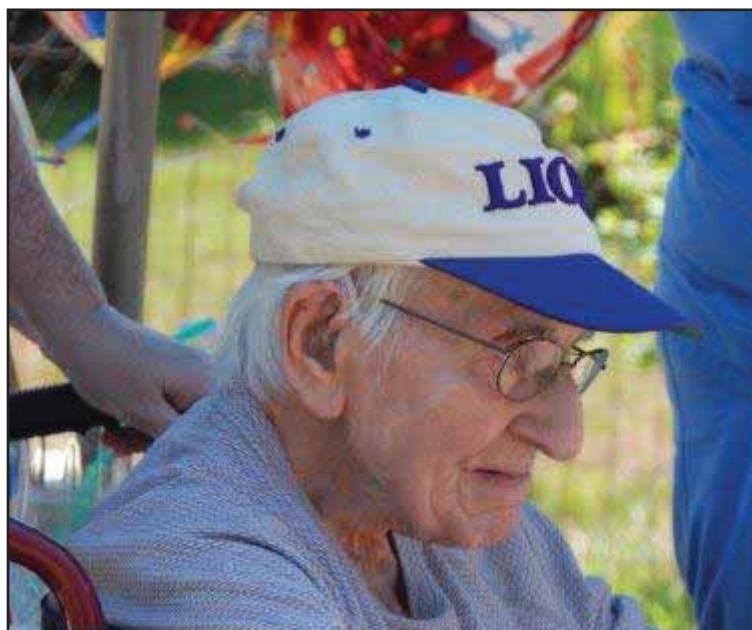
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# Family, friends honor Jerry!



On Thursday, July 9, Gerard "Jerry" Canadeo celebrated his 100th Birthday, surrounded by family and friends, and honored with a parade.

Born in Queens, NY, Canadeo came to Connecticut in 1943, where he married Madeline Orio, and had three children. Throughout his 70 years in West Haven, Canadeo worked for the state of Connecticut, and has been very involved in the Lion's Club. He has also been an active member of St. John's Vianney's Church, where he volunteered every year until he was 95 for the annual carnival, raising money for the church.

Compassus, an agency dedicated to palliative care, coordinated with Canadeo's family to arrange a car parade to celebrate the special milestone. The City of West Haven Fire Department and Police Department came to support, leading the parade with family, friends, Louis P. Esposito, Jr. (Mayor's Chief of Staff), and Compassus team in tow in decorated cars. The honoree waved to everyone from his lawn, while his daughter passed out goodie bags and thank you notes.

After the parade, friends and family gathered to continue the celebration with a framed letter sent by President Trump

and First Lady Melania, and a citation sent by Mayor Nancy Rossi to honor Mr. Canadeo's 100th birthday.

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## Sand and Surf relief

The sand and surf was a big drawing card over the last week as sweltering temperatures enveloped much of the nation, and all of New England. The heatwave saw temperatures top out over 90 with heat-index numbers well over 100. Heat advisories have been the norm over the last few days, and there doesn't seem to be any relief in the next few days. This was taken by Voice Columnist Dan Shine toward the beach area near Tyler Street.

**UFO**

**BY TOM ASCHENBACH**

CAPTAIN JOHANN FEARLACK RECORDING. WE'RE ON OUR THIRTEENTH DAY EXPLORING THE DARK NEBULA. IT SEEMS ... QUIETER HERE THAN OUTSIDE.



WE'RE ALL SO FOCUSED ON READING SCAN DATA, WE FORGET TO SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER. WE'VE SIGHTED NOTHING BUT CARBON ATOMS AND DARKNESS THAT SEEMS TO GO ON FOREVER. MAYBE WE'LL NEVER GET OUT.

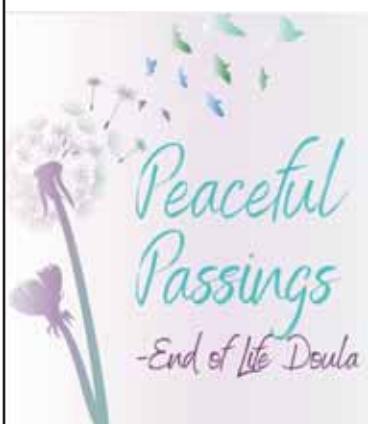


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**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I've lived across the West Haven Beach for the last five years. I can't tell you how many times I have called the mayor complaining about people driving and seeing people trying to cross the street. It's a law that you STOP at a crosswalk when you see someone trying to cross the street.

A few weeks ago, as I was at the sidewalk going to the beach across from Dunkin Donuts I was halfway across when the lane on the left stopped for me to cross. I had the right lane to watch when a SUV wasn't going to stop. I yelled and pointed to the huge sign for him to stop. He did stop but was yelling at me. When I got to the other side I didn't realize a police car was there taking a right turn. He saw everything and pulled him over. The next day I called the mayor's office and complained. I'm still waiting for results. I feel there is nothing that can be done until there is a serious accident.

*I'm Terrified- Ronnie*

**Dear Ronnie:**

Here is how the state of Connecticut Crosswalk law reads: Connecticut' crosswalk law has been changed several times. Starting in 1978 Connecticut law required drivers to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, provided the pedestrian was in half of the road in which the vehicle was driving or crossing to it from the opposite side. The pedestrian also had to be approaching so quickly or be so close to the portion of the roadway on which the vehicle was traveling, that he or she was in reasonable danger of being struck. (PA78-309)

Then, in 1994 legislature enacted (PA 94 -189) which required drivers the right of way(1) not only to pedestrians on a crosswalk, but also to pedestrians who had stepped to the curb at the entrance to a crosswalk and (2) regardless of whether the pedestrian was in danger of being hit.

In 2007 legislature again changed the law, requiring that drivers grant the right-of way a pedestrian has stepped "off the curb or into the crosswalk".(PA 07-167)codified as CGS& 14-300c)

Bottom line: It is a state law that decrees how to safely, as a driver, enter a crosswalk area or a pedestrian, when to step out onto the crosswalk safely.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I have taken photos to show you what was on the beach recently. It included two dirty baby diapers, two baby wipes, food cans, soda cans and water bottles.

It is very disheartening to try and take a walk on the beach and find that people have no respect for the environment



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

and our community.

My daughter and I came prepared this time and brought a trash bag, gloves, and a trash picker to clean up what we could. We tried to pickup as much plastic trash as we could before it could be carried into the sound.

The sea creatures do not need to eat any of our poison.

Please clean up after yourselves and take some pride in our natural resources and community.

*We Care*

**Dear We Care:**

First, a special thank you for being diligent and caring. According to Mayor Nancy Rossi's City Website, to keep the city's three-mile beaches clean, carry out what you bring in.

Might be well to remember readers, littering is also a state of Connecticut offense with a hefty fine.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

I want to thank you for all the fine work you do. Gripe Vine has done a lot that we have been lacking for so long.

I am writing this information for your readers. I bought a box of tissues and on the package in small print, was a notice that said, "Do not throw tissues in the toilet." They plug up the system and the wet wipes are bad for the same. I also read recently, that New York had a big back up in their septic system because of what I have written today.

*Florence Palermo*

**Dear Florence Palermo:**

Thank you for your concern. Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Hundreds of children and adults walk the Boardwalk. Why is it necessary for bicyclists to be there?

Shouldn't they be on the roadway with other vehicles? I have nearly been run down many times by cyclists who speed along through the crowds of people.

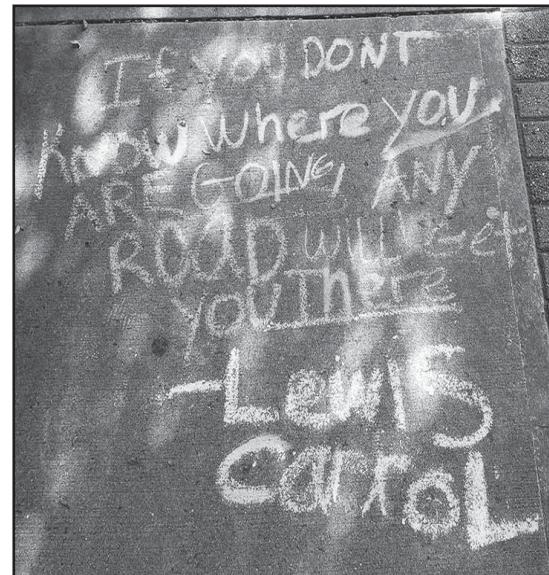
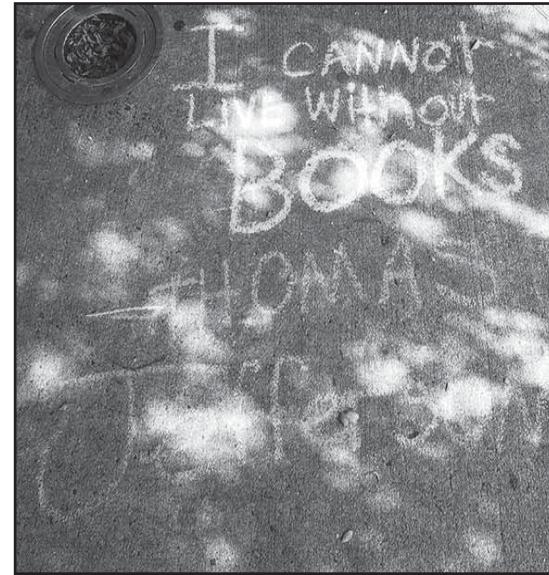
I think they should be banned and forced to ride along Captain Thomas Blvd. There is no reason to be on the boardwalk. It's not as if they are cruising along looking at the scenery. Most of them are working out at a fast pace which can be done on the shoulder of the roadway.

*A West Haven Walker*

**Dear West Haven Walker:**

Gripe Vine has been receiving pros and cons on bicycles on the Boardwalk.

I welcome any comments from my readers on this issue and perhaps suggestions will arrive that may be helpful to both sides of this issue.



Submitted Photos

## Quotable quotes

Friends of the West Haven Public Library kicked off a Sidewalk Chalk Project at the Main Library, 300 Elm St, on July 15. Originally intended for when the library opened back up on July 1, some pesky rain was in the forecast. The first phase of the project is at the front entrance and includes inspirational quotes. It will soon wrap about the Campbell Avenue side.



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## By Eleanore Turkington

Councilmen and Council-women have been notified of these pot holes.

You can send your gripes, comments and issues to [gripevine4wh@aol.com](mailto:gripevine4wh@aol.com) or mail them to Gripe Vine c/o West Haven Voice 840 Boston Post Road, West Haven, CT 06516.

## Obituaries

### **William S. Gaudet**

William S. Gaudet, age 39, passed away peacefully at CT Hospice, on July 7, 2020. William was born on October 10, 1980, in West Haven, CT. He was the loving son of Ronald Gaudet, Jr. His mother, Hildie Gaudet, passed away on August 12, 1994. He is survived by his father, Ronald Gaudet, Jr., his father's fiancé, Georgene Natarelli, his brother, Ronald Gaudet III, his loving grandfather, Ronald Gaudet of Cheshire, his aunt, Lisa Bishop & husband, Mark Bishop of Cheshire, his aunt Gigi Gaudet, of Stamford, and four beloved cousins, Scott Booth, Caroline Booth, Josh Bishop & Jeremy Bishop.

In addition to his mother, William was predeceased by his paternal grandmother, Marilyn Gaudet, who enjoyed and encouraged all her children and grandchildren, on



June 18, 2017.

He loved to fish and caught many bluefish and striped bass. He was also loved to strike up a conversation with people he just met. Please say a prayer for Bill. He will be deeply missed. All funeral services are private, and in care of West Haven Funeral Home at the Green.

### **Cynthia J. Butler**

Cynthia Joan Butler, age 87, of Milford, formerly of Orange, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, July 4, 2020. She was born in West Haven, CT on July 11, 1932 to the late Alexander and Mary (Kolodenna) Butler.

Cynthia graduated from West Haven High School, and received a Bachelor's Degree from Southern Connecticut State University. She went on to earn a Master's Degree from Columbia University. She received an Advanced Certificate in Administration from Fairfield University. Cynthia taught in the West Haven School System until her retirement. She was active in the West Haven Retired Teachers where she served as Secretary. Cynthia was also active in the Orange Democratic Town Committee.

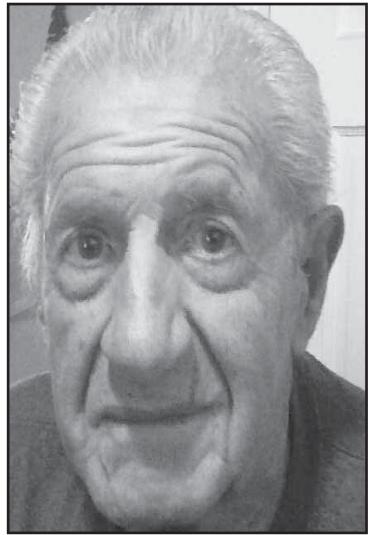
Cynthia is survived by her niece Janice Potochny and

her husband Andrew, and her nephew Richard Butler and his wife Veronica, as well as one great niece and three great nephews. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Michael Butler, and two sisters, Helen Zubchonic and Jennie Butler.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Infant Church, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange, CT. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, 769 Ella T Grasso Blvd, New Haven, CT. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.keenanfuneralhome.com](http://www.keenanfuneralhome.com).

### **Louis Asard**

Louis Asard, born December 14, 1928 passed peacefully from this world on June 30, 2020 after a brief illness. Lou



was predeceased by his mother, Rose, and his father, Peter. He was also predeceased by his six sisters Joanne, Lulu, Esther, Alice, Evelyn and Susie as well as his three brothers Wilson, Jeffery and Joseph. Louis is survived by many nieces and nephews all of whom loved him very much and was predeceased by several other nieces and nephews.

Lou served in the US Army from 1953 to 1958 being stationed in Germany, thereafter he worked as a longshoreman in New Haven and Bridgeport Connecticut as a crane operator.

Lou lived a simple life and was a man of few words. He loved animals and his cottage by the sea. Many people will remember him as the man who fed the ducks and geese at the shoreline. Although Lou did not have any children of his own, he was very good to all of his nieces and nephews and was a true family man.

Lou was a good and generous man and would help anyone if they needed it. Lou will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Special thanks to all of Lou's care givers at the end of his life especially John, Lee, Lorie and Tracy. Services will be private.

If you would like to honor Lou's memory, please consider making a donation to the West Haven animal shelter in his name.

### **Joseph J. Cullen**

Joseph J. Cullen Sr., age 81, of West Haven passed away on Monday July 13, 2020, after months of failing health, he died peacefully. For 61 years, he was the loving husband of Marie Montesano Cullen.

He was born on June 26, 1939 in New Haven, son of the late Joseph M. and Evelyn Brown Cullen. In addition to his wife, Joseph is survived by his children, Joseph J. (Connie) Cullen, Jr. of Orange, Mark V. Cullen of New Haven, John M. (Jill) Cullen of Stratford



and Maria G. Carrano of West Haven. Family was the most important thing to Joe. He was a loving and supportive Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, and Brother-in-law. He is also survived by his grandchildren Stephanie Ferraro, husband Tom and great-grandchildren Stella and Cole Ferraro, James Cullen and girlfriend Ashley Audino, Hallie and Elaina Carrano, and Emily, Kathryn, and Lauren Cullen, as well as sister-in law Elena Ferretti. He was predeceased by his sister Patricia Cullen Root.

Joe was an avid public servant, and active member of the West Haven community. He was a longtime scout leader and active member of the Our Lady of Victory Church. He served as a West Haven City Councilman for 14 years, many years as the chairman and served a short time as Acting Mayor.

In addition, Joe was a member of the Connecticut Air National Guard, and a lifetime member of the Disabled Veterans of America.

He worked for the Burndy Corporation for 39 years, where he started in the stock room and retired as Vice President of Manufacturing. He had second career as a Vice President of Iseli Company of Terryville, CT where he worked for 12 years before his retirement there. He was loved and respected by many and will be missed.

As a strong member of his community Joe never accepted a salary as an elected official and directed all monies earned to go directly to West Haven Emergency Task Force (WHEAT) organization of West Haven.

The hours for visitation were Tuesday from 4-7pm at the West Haven Funeral Home at the Green. His funeral procession left the funeral home on Wednesday morning at 10:30 for a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Victory Church, St. John Vianney Campus. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to WHEAT, 674 Washington Ave., West Haven, CT 06516 [www.wheatpantry.org](http://www.wheatpantry.org).

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For starters, just how widespread is financial fraud? Consider this: In 2019, more than 3.2 million fraud cases were reported to the Federal Trade Commission, with identity theft being the most common type of fraud, accounting for about one-fifth of the overall cases. And fraudulent new accounts (mortgages, student loans, car loans and credit cards) amounted to about \$3.4 billion in 2018, according to a study by Javelin Strategy & Research.

To help yourself from being victimized, consider the following suggestions. They are certainly not an exhaustive list, but they should prove useful.

- *Review your credit reports.* As mentioned above, the fraudulent opening of new accounts is a big source of financial scams. To be sure nobody has opened new accounts under your name, try to review your credit reports at least once a year. You can get them for free at AnnualCreditReport.com.
- *Follow up on fraud.* If you've already been victimized by having new accounts opened in your name, contact one of the three major credit reporting agencies (Experian, Equifax or TransUnion) and place a 90-day fraud alert on your credit file. You might also want to file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission, print it out and file it with your local law enforcement agency. And it's also a good idea to contact the fraud department of the financial companies where the thief has opened a fraudulent account in your name.
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# Roundup: Seadogs roll in opening week

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 pitcher also led the offense with three hits and two runs scored. Axelrod, Jones, Izzo and Anthony Rubin all scored twice in the win for West Haven.

The Westies picked up their seventh victory of the season with a 9-1 victory in the nightcap. Barrington and Jones were stellar on the hill, combining on a six-hitter. Barrington tossed the first five innings, allowing five hits and one run, while Jones allowed just one hit in two innings of work.

Espinal completed his stellar day with four hits in the contest to give him seven on the day. Jones and Boni added to the offense with Jones finishing with three hits and Boni picking up a pair. Jones and Barrington also scored twice apiece.

West Haven dropped to 7-3 with a 5-4 loss in eight innings against Branford at Piurek Field. Supan gave West Haven a much-needed boost on the hill, resting arms, as he went the distance, allowing nine hits and striking out five.

Boni and Wyatt led the offense with three hits apiece, with Boni and Axelrod each scoring twice.

**Seadogs open at 4-0**  
 The Savin Rock (West Haven) Seadogs 14U travel baseball team opened the season with four consecutive wins in the East Shore Travel League. The Seadogs topped Monroe Travel in their return to the diamond, then CT. Hank Yanks in a doubleheader sweep two days later.

Savin Rock opened the season with a 14-4 victory over Monroe Travel. Jesse Buonocore was stellar on the mound for the Seadogs as he went the distance, allowing four runs on five hits, while striking out seven. Ryan Robinson, Ray Gilbert, JJ Trager, and Evan Jones all had two hits, Robinson drove in three runs, while Gilbert, Jones and Cam Cruz each drove in a pair. Michael Madera, Robinson, Haygen Axelrod, and Fabrizio Nunez each scored twice in the win.

Monroe jumped on the

board with a run in the top of the first, but Savin Rock responded with four runs in the bottom of the inning and five more in the second for a 9-2 lead.

Madera and Robinson opened the first inning with walks, before Gilbert singled to left to score Madera and put runners on the corners. Buonocore grounded out to score Robinson, and Gilbert scored on a single to left by Trager. Cruz ended the first inning scoring with a two-out single to plate Trager.

Leading 4-2, the Seadogs pulled away with five more runs in the second. Anthony Constantinople and Fabrizio Nunez opened the inning with walks, with Nunez and Madera scoring on a one-out single by Robinson. Robinson scored on an error, and a two-run single by Jones drove in Axelrod and Buonocore for a 9-2 lead.

Savin Rock took a 12-4 lead in the third. Chase Supan, Axelrod and Constantinople walked to load the bases, before a one-out walk by Madera plated Axelrod. Robinson singled to score Constantinople,

and Gilbert singled to score Nunez.

Jones singled, stole second and third, and scored on a sacrifice fly by Cruz for a 13-4 lead, before Supan scored on a wild pitch to cap the scoring.

The Seadogs improved to 3-0 with a doubleheader sweep of Hank Yanks on Saturday, winning the opener 9-0 behind the pitching of Supan and Robinson, and the nightcap 11-1.

In the opener, Supan and Robinson combined on a one-hitter, while striking out nine. Supan went the first four innings, striking out six, while Robinson closed the contest, allowing one hit and striking out three.

The Seadogs again got off to a quick start, scoring three times in the first and two in each of the second and third innings.

In the first, Madera led off with a walk, moved to third on a one-out single by Gilbert, and scored on a passed ball. An error allowed Gilbert to score, before Buonocore scored on a wild pitch. Axelrod scored on a wild pitch and Constantinople on a fielder's

choice in the second, before Trager singled, stole second, and scored on a fielder's choice by Jones for a 6-0 lead in the third. Cruz singled later in the inning and scored on a double by Axelrod. Buonocore and Jones scored in the fifth to cap the scoring.

In the nightcap, Savin Rock scored single runs in the first and second innings, then added three in each of the next three innings for an 11-1 victory. Robinson started on the hill and allowed one run on two hits, while striking out three in three innings of work. Jones pitched two innings, striking out four and walking two.

Robinson walked and scored on a grounder by Gilbert in the first, Jones walked and scored on a single by Supan in the second, before Gilbert drove in Nunez with a double for a 3-0 lead in the third. Supan walked and scored when Madera reached on an error for a 6-1 lead in the fourth, Robinson singled to score Constantinople, and Nunez scored on a ground out by Gilbert.

Savin Rock closed the scor-

ing in the fifth as Trager doubled and scored, before Cruz singled to score Jones, and Cruz scored on an error.

Robinson, Jones and Nunez each scored twice, while Gilbert drove in three runs.

The Seadogs improved to 4-0 with a 7-3 victory over North Haven Friday evening in North Haven. Buonocore started on the mound, allowing three runs on three hits, while striking out one. Robinson recorded the last six outs to earn the save. Jones led the offense with three hits, two runs scored, two runs batted in, and three stolen bases.

The Seadogs took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Robinson singled and scored on a double by Gilbert. The lead increased to 3-0 in the second as Trager scored on a fielder's choice, and Jones scored on a single by Nunez, before Jones singled to score Trager, who had walked, in the fourth.

Savin Rock put the game away with three more runs in the sixth. Buonocore tripled to drive in one run, Jones singled to score Buonocore, before scoring on an error.

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# Westies up mark to 7-3; 14-u 4-0

The West Haven 19U baseball team opened the summer season in the Connecticut Elite Baseball Association with seven victories in its first 10 contests. West Haven has received solid pitching, along with timely hitting and solid defense to post the 7-3 record.

The Westies opened the season with an 8-5 victory over Orange in the first game of a

doubleheader at Piurek Field in West Haven. Daniel Izzo came up with the big hit as his double broke a 5-5 tie. Orange rallied in the nightcap to post a 5-4 victory over the Westies.

West Haven improved to 2-1 with a 2-1, 8-inning victory over Hamden at Legion Field. Bryan Barrington and Hunter Axelrod combined to allow just one run, and their pitching

held West Haven in the contest until the Westies evened the game in the seventh and took the lead for good in the eighth.

Gianni Gambardella came up with the big hit in the seventh inning as his double evened the game at one. With runners on first and second in the eighth, Brandon Thayer sacrificed, and an error on the play allowed the eventual winning

run to score.

The Green Dragons traveled to Piurek Field a day later and the two teams played to a 1-1 tie in a game called after 11 innings due to darkness. Trailing 1-0 as Hamden scored on a bases-loaded walk in the second inning, the Westies evened the game in the fifth inning on a run-scoring single by Isaiah Wyatt.

Lorenzo Espinal and Mike Boni led the West Haven offense as Espinal had three hits and Boni added two. The contest will be completed later in the season.

West Haven improved to 3-1 with a thrilling 3-2 come-from-behind victory over Wallingford at Pat Wall Field in Wallingford. Trailing 2-0 in the seventh, Barrington hit a two-out, two-strike single to deliver one run. An error on the play evened the game at two, before Barrington scored on a passed ball for a 3-2 lead.

Dylan Supan led the Westies with three hits and Barrington added the run-scoring single. Espinal started and pitched well for the Westies, and Izzo closed out the contest for the save as West Haven posted the victory.

West Haven improved to 4-1 with a 10-0 victory over

New Haven at Piurek Field in a game stopped after five innings due to the mercy rule.

Gambardella led the Westies on the hill as he tossed a no-hitter. Offensively, Supan led the way with one hit and three runs batted in. Espinal also drove in three runs in the win.

The Westies then traveled to New Haven and posted an 11-3 victory to improve to 5-1 on the year. Supan tossed the first four innings to pick up the win, before Jake Romano closed the contest with three solid innings of relief.

West Haven received offensive support throughout the lineup with Wyatt leading the offense with four hits. Espinal added three hits and scored twice, while Tyler Jones had two hits and scored three runs. Gambardella, Izzo and Boni each scored twice in the win.

After a loss to Wallingford dropped West Haven to 5-2, the Westies got back on the winning track with a double-header sweep of East Haven at East Haven High on Saturday.

West Haven took the opener 13-1 behind the pitching and hitting of Espinal. Espinal allowed just a seventh inning hit and run, while striking out six on the hill. The West Haven

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Tyler Jones lines a single in Connecticut Elite Baseball League action last week. The West Haven entry is 7-3 going into this week's play.

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