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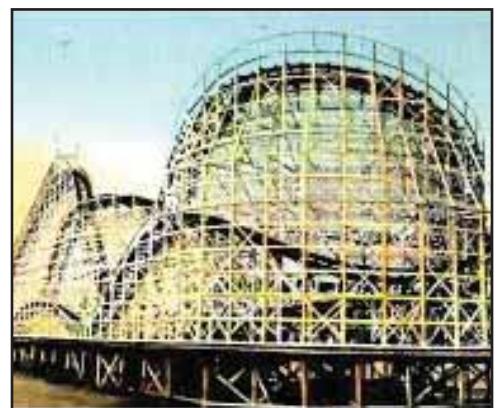
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Ready to begin!

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The West Haven Community House has announced it is ready to reopen its many programs for young students and their families. The agency has taken the pandemic shutdown as an opportunity to make several improvements. See page 4 for details.

Photo by Dan Shine

Sunrise at Prospect

Voice Columnist Dan Shine was out taking his morning walk when he captured this resident taking time to enjoy the view from a different vantage point. Cooler temperatures have made a late-August appearance after six weeks of the season's Dog Days.



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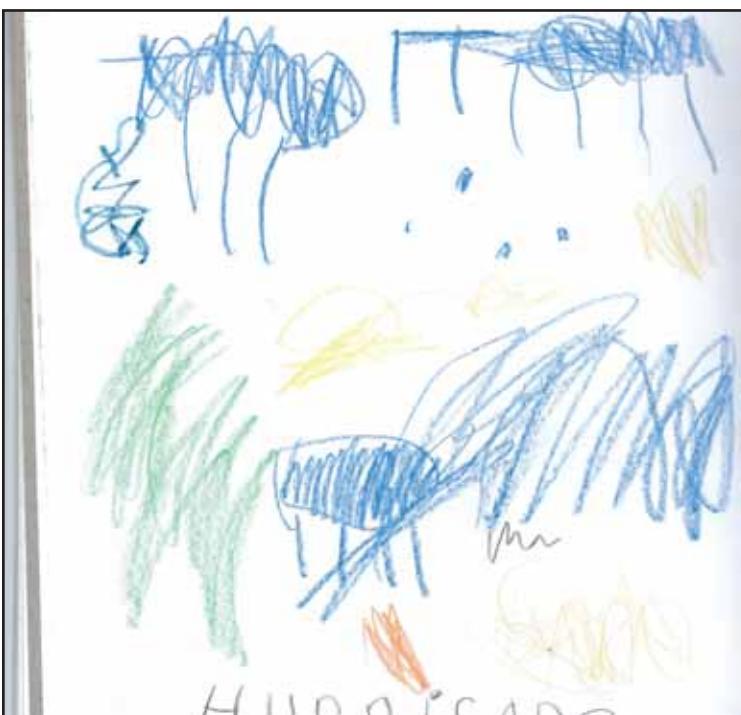
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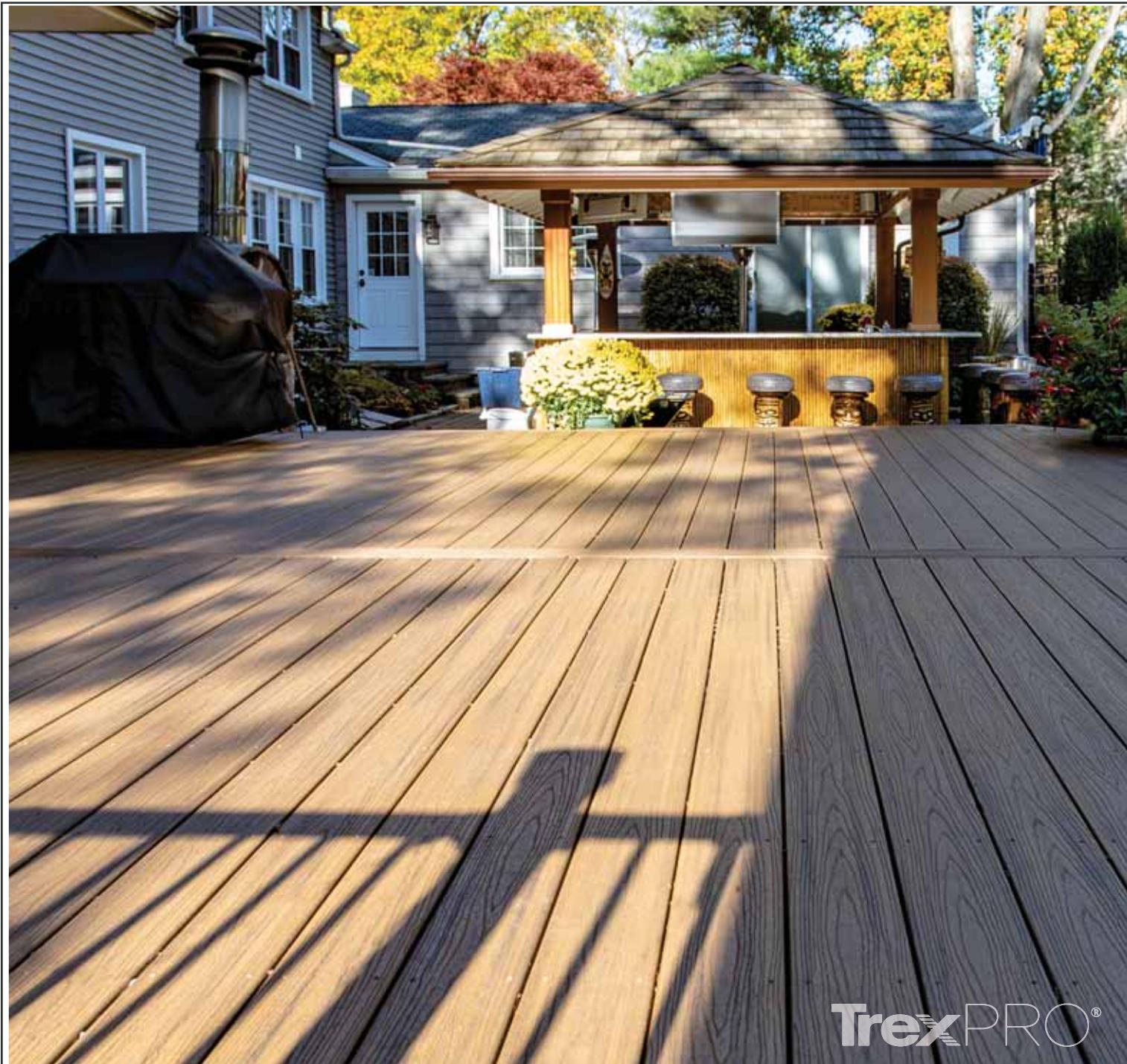
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Bryce Hayden, 5 years old, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., sees rain and winds in the forecast.



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On this Date

1993 -- Oslo accords negotiations conclude. The negotiations for the Oslo Accords were concluded at the Fafo Institute in Oslo. The agreement was between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization. The accords, that were eventually signed in Washington D.C. set up the Palestinian Authority and gave it governing powers over the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

1988 -- The Iran-Iraq War comes to an end after 7 years.

The deadly conventional war between the two Middle Eastern countries began when Iraq invaded Iran on Sept. 22, 1980.

1975 -- Viking 1 is launched by NASA using a Titan launch vehicle. It became the first space probe to successfully land on Mars.

1960 -- Senegal withdraws from the Mali Federation. Senegal withdrew from the Mali Federation, a year after its establishment. Léopold Senghor became the first president of Senegal a month later.

1940 -- Leon Trotsky is attacked in Mexico. Russian revolutionary and founder of the Red Army, Leon Trotsky was attacked in his home by an undercover agent of the Peoples Commissariat for Internal Affairs or N.K.V.D. He died a day later due to the injuries sustained during the attack.

Births

1944 -- Rajiv Gandhi, Indian politician, 6th Prime Minister of India.

1941 -- Slobodan Milošević, Serbian politician, 3rd President of Serbia, Montenegro.

1935 -- Ron Paul, American physician, author, politician.

1923 -- Jim Reeves, American singer-songwriter.

1890 -- H. P. Lovecraft, American writer.

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Schools: *Hybrid half-day plan gets okay*

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means that students will be going to school five days a week, but follow a half-day schedule. They will take their lunches home, cohort in classrooms, and utilize bigger spaces like the cafeteria if necessary to comply with social distancing rules.

Cavallaro also touched on how the board pushed heavily to have this Monday night meeting in-person, to get input from the public.

He said it was important to have the voices of the residents

of West Haven present because these are their schools, these are the institutions they send their children to, and they are entitled to have something to say on behalf of their child in a decision as extreme as sending their child to school amidst a pandemic.

He also said that the board wants to have a full reopening for the fall. It is important to the school district to continue to push for this.

Cavallaro said this for a multitude of reasons, but the most compelling being children

going to school for the first time at the elementary school level. To teach kindergarten from home would not have the same impact as doing it at desks spaced six feet apart.

Both Cavallaro and Miquelina Felix, who is the Communications Director of the Board of Education, touched on the cleanliness of the schools, noting there will be a morning crew and an evening crew to clean the buildings.

Felix also says that they have bought a lot of supplies to aid in cleanliness, like hand san-

tizer and masks.

"Everything is subject to change," Cavallaro said. "A lot can happen in 21 days. We get the metrics every week, and I go over them with the health director, and they say, 'Neil, you can open schools.'"

School officials were unsure

of the number of families who will take the at-home option instead of sending their children to buildings.

Once that is determined, plans can be refined to meet the needs of both those in the classroom and those at home school officials have said.



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Community House set to reopen

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The agency's Children &

Youth Services before and after school program, which is located in West Haven public schools, offers a safe, constructive place for school age children to be before and after school while their parents work or attend school. The Head Start preschool program,

located at the main building on Elm Street, is licensed by the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood and serves children ages three to five of income eligible families.

"During these uncertain times due to the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone's safety

will always be and has always been our top priority" said Patty Stevens, WHCH Executive Director.

"The Community House is strictly adhering to COV ID-19 protocols and guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) including screening children and staff upon arrival, modifying drop off and pick up procedures, social distancing strategies and frequent disinfecting classroom and playground areas to ensure the safety of all students, staff and families."

She said the pandemic-caused shutdown offered an

opportunity to make some changes to WHCH properties.

"During the time when some of our agency programs were closed due to the pandemic, we used the time to make improvements and enhance the safety of our facilities. We upgraded playground equipment and replaced HVAC systems to ensure better ventilation, repaired fencing and improved other safety and security systems," she said.

For more information about the Community House's Head Start preschool or before and after school child care, please visit the website at www.wh-communityhouse.org or call (203) 934-5221.

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AHSCD is a prescribed plan for earning the required number of 20 academic and elective credits. Credits for work, military experience, independent study projects, and online courses are additional ways to obtain credit. Please note, to receive .5 credit, all classroom courses require a minimum of 24 seat hours of instruction.

All new students MUST be evaluated in the content areas of math and reading before beginning their prescribed program. Upon completion of the evaluation (approx. 1 hour), students will be scheduled for an appointment to meet with a school counselor to develop their individualized learning plan.



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New Students: By appointment: Testing August 24, 25, 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at WHHS

Returning Students: By appointment: Course selection with a counselor August 24, 25, 26 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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Ready for business!

Allington's newest piece of its renewal is the Park Place, across from the Atwood. The Cellini Place building will house resident halls for University of New Haven students as well as tax-producing businesses along the ground floor. The building is the most recent addition to the neighborhood, built by developer David Beckerman and his The Acorn Group.



Public gets reminder about City Hall rules

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

In accordance with state and local guidelines, City Hall reopened to the public with restrictions Aug. 5.

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi said the phased reopening of City Hall allows staff to service residents inside the building for the first time since March 16, when City Hall was closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

For phase one of the reopening plan, City Hall is open for limited business Monday through Thursday by appointment only and restricted to the first floor, Rossi said.

Residents can make an appointment for the Building Department, assessor's office, tax office and city clerk's office from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by contacting the department at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/directory.aspx>. Appointments are limited.

To enter City Hall, visitors must use the west entrance on the Savin Avenue side of the building. Visitors must wear face masks, show identification and pass a temperature check before entering. Health Director Maureen B. Lillis

said.

Visitors must sign in with staff, noting the time and location of the appointment, and sign out when business is done. They must also use the hand sanitizer station before going to the appointment, Lillis said.

Visitors must maintain social distancing, including staying 6 feet away from others, and stand behind the protective barrier, Lillis said.

Although City Hall has partially reopened, the Chamber of Commerce and Department of Motor Vehicles Express offices will remain closed until further notice, city officials said.

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ments and the drop box at the Main Street entrance of City Hall.

Lillis said City Hall will remain closed on Friday until further notice to allow a deeper cleaning of the building.

City employees are working extended hours Monday through Thursday, Rossi said. Employees are available by phone and email at <https://www.cityofwesthaven.com/directory.aspx>.

Since City Hall opened a few weeks ago, people are forgetting the restrictions and precautions instituted for safety.



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Time for Haven to move

We are fast approaching the time when the Haven Development Company should, as the saying goes, "fish or cut bait." It has been almost four months since the city abandoned Water Street, closing it off to traffic. Just before that time, residents were assured the demolition of the area extending from Elm Street, past Main, encompassing more than four city blocks was ready to begin.

April 27 was the date the city closed the thoroughfare, which helped relieve the traffic congestion from the aging Kimberly Avenue Bridge for those commuters exiting I-95. Anyone who has tried to travel that area during rush hour knows the back-up that has become a daily occurrence.

In the time leading up to the closure of the street, the developers promised the beginning of demolition of 55 properties that would begin a process to where "Christmas of 2022" would welcome shopping at the Haven. We have our doubts. We had them then.

The Haven is a proposal that is quickly becoming a thing of the past. Shopping centers, and that is really what this is, are losing tenants at alarming rates with the emerging online buying market. Similar outlets in Clinton and Westbrook are not the mercantile meccas they once were, with several empty stores. Just as West Haven was hoping for a commercial boost to its bottom line, at-home shopping became more the norm.

The history of the project – from its inception almost 23 years ago – has been one of delay, delay, delay. The current iteration, the fourth by our count, was announced with great fanfare in 2014. The upscale outlet center was to have an amphitheater and enhanced amenities along the shore, bring shoppers and fun-seekers to the area.

Haven Development Company likes to play things close to the vest. Over the years it has been reticent to make any pronouncements, even when goaded by politicians looking for something to tell the voting public. We understand that, but we cannot but question what is going on with the project as the area decays rapidly. The administration of former mayor Edward O'Brien pegged much of its hopes on the project, hoping for, and being disappointed with, the lack of progress on the development. Permit fees in the hundreds of thousands of dollars were expected, put into the budget, and never realized.

Granted, the development company had some legal problems over the purchase of a few of the properties, but that has been settled for more than two years. The area is, as we said, decaying rapidly. Neighbors are becoming frustrated with the delay, which is hurting property values as well as bringing safety concerns. The fencing off of the area has helped previous problems with squatters taking over some of the buildings, and several fires had taken place prior to its placement. But that doesn't help with other concerns for such an area. Vermin can fester in those places, which will harm the surrounding area.

The developer and the Rossi administration must assure the public that things are moving in a positive direction. It can happen with:

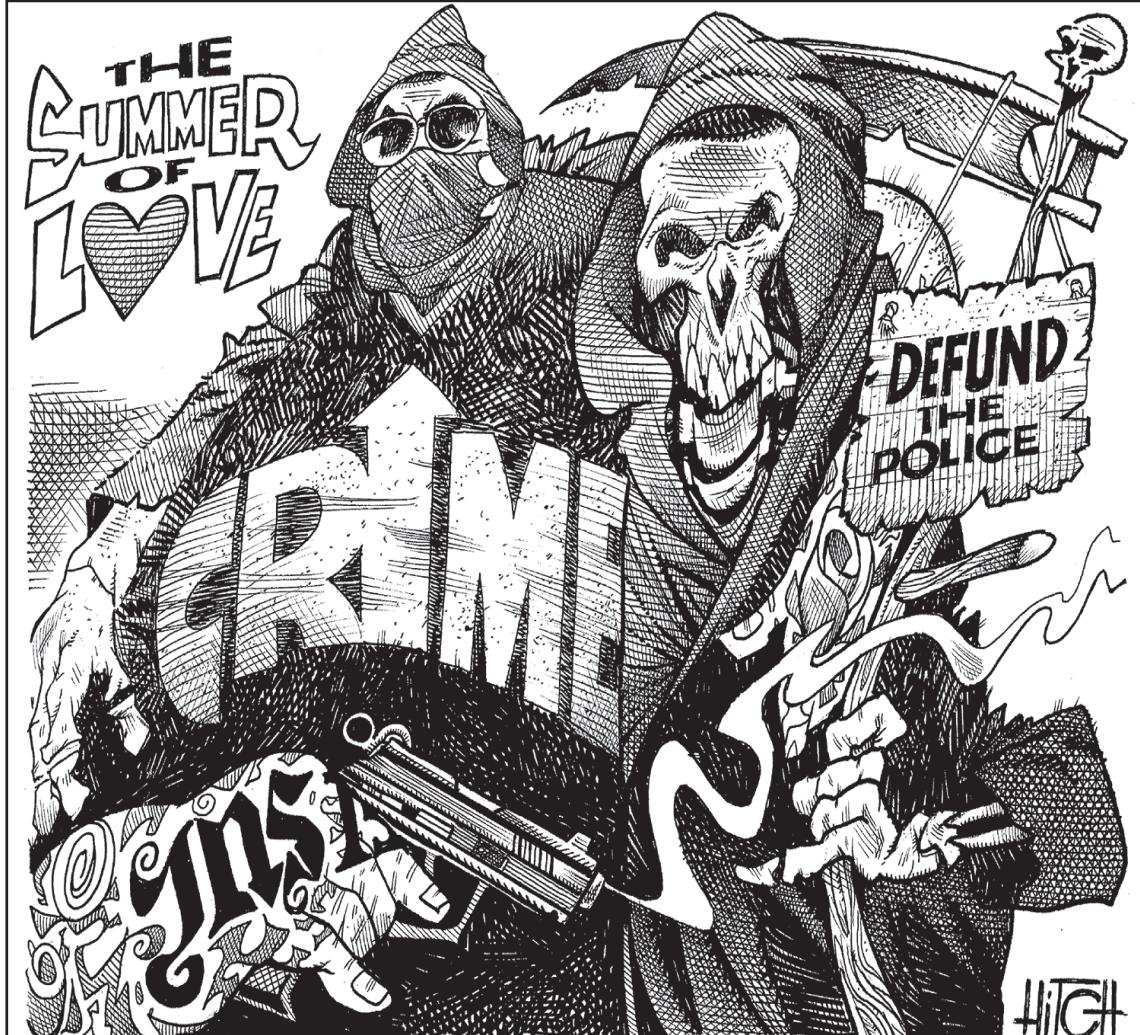
- ~~ The publication of a timetable of demolition and work begun;
- ~~ Announcement of tenants for the complex;
- ~~ Further expansion of the details and expected progress over the next several months and years.

West Haven has waited long enough. We need to know what is going to happen.

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The sinking of the Indianapolis

By Rich Lowry

Syndicated Columnist

This summer marks the 75th anniversary of the worst disaster in the history of the United States Navy -- the sinking of the USS Indianapolis.

Three hundred men died in the initial catastrophe on July 30, 1945, then the survivors cast into the sea suffered unimaginable horrors, abandoned for days without food or water in shark-infested waters.

As long as tales of the sea move human hearts, the story of the Indianapolis will shock and inspire.

She was a heavy cruiser, in between a larger battleship and smaller destroyer. Sleek, fast and elegant, she bristled with firepower -- her 8-inch guns could fire a 250-pound shell 18 miles. Franklin Roosevelt made her his ship of state, and she became the flagship of the Navy's 5th Fleet.

During World War II, she saw significant action and suffered a debilitating kamikaze strike at Okinawa. Quickly repaired, she embarked on a secret mission to deliver components of the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima. She then proceeded unaccompanied to Leyte in the Philippines.

A Japanese submarine stumbled upon her on a dark night. It fired six torpedoes, two of

which struck the ship in quick succession right after midnight. The ship sank in 12 horrifying minutes.

Nine hundred men made it off, suddenly in the middle of the Philippine Sea at night with their home, their weapon, their mistress gone. Only about half had a life jacket or life vest. They were spread over miles. Many were wounded.

At first, they were hopeful about a rescue that didn't come for four excruciating days. The ship's SOS call was picked up at three places, but the message was ignored. A failure in the Navy's tracking system meant no one noticed when the Indianapolis didn't show up at Leyte. Day by day, hundreds more men died.

During the day, the sun tortured them. The salt water weakened them. Thirst agonized them. Their life jackets began to give out.

They died of exposure and exhaustion. They died from the nightmarish attacks of circling sharks. They died from the terrible temptation of drinking salt water. They died from madness. They died from sheer despair, giving up and sinking beneath the waves.

Still, somehow, at the extreme edge of human endurance, 317 men survived when a plane on a surveillance mis-

sion finally came across them.

For Capt. Charles McVay, a new agony began. As the Indianapolis sank, he had considered going down with the ship before getting swept away by a wave. At first separated from his men, he had the horrifying thought that he alone might have survived.

The Navy court-martialed him for not having zigzagged to evade attack, even though his orders only made it mandatory during the day, even though the maneuver was of dubious effectiveness, even though the captain of the Japanese sub said he assuredly would have sunk the Indianapolis anyway.

There was a much stronger case that McVay had been let down by the Navy, since he wasn't apprised of reports of Japanese subs operating in his vicinity and the Navy, shockingly, lost track of his ship. Yet McVay was found guilty. A broken man, he took his own life in 1968, and the Navy didn't expunge his record of wrongdoing until 2001.

It's another tragedy associated with a ship whose drama, heartbreaking and astonishing, will never leave us.

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*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I have been asking for help to the mayor's office and to the traffic division as well as speaking to Council Woman and Officer D'Amato to make a change to Second Avenue as there is too much traffic to be safe to our neighborhood. There have been many cars hit with their car mirrors knocked off. There have been cars involved in accidents on Second Avenue a couple of weeks ago.

How much more is it going to take to get someone to address this problem, someone to die? Please do something!

Mrs. VB

Dear Mrs., VB:

There are three council members I will contact, Councilman William X. Conlon, Councilwoman Elizabeth Johnston and Councilman Peter Massaro. Watch an upcoming Gripe Vine for any or all of their responses to this dangerous traffic issue.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

In front of my house is approximately 24 feet of severely cracked and broken cement sidewalk. It is the only bit of sidewalk on Painter Drive and is cracked due to the large and dying Elm tree which is breaking up the cement. The tree is also cracking the curb and the pavement in the street.

I have observed people trip over the cracks and several guests to my house have tripped and fallen due to this unsightly broken cement area.

J Z Disgusted Homeowner

Dear J Z:

I have written to Councilman William Conlon and described the condition of the sidewalk on Painter Drive.

Please let me know as soon as you hear from Councilman Conlon or the repair/replacement of this dangerous condi-



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

tion. Give it several weeks and if there is no response, let me know.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There is a traffic light blinking at 2-6- Central Avenue. The traffic light is at the intersection of Route 34 and Central Avenue. It's been blinking the past week.

Westville Neighbor

Dear Westville Neighbor:

I will reach out to Councilman Robert Bruneau for help with this hazardous traffic issue. Please let me know if and when the light is repaired.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There has been dumping of sudsy water from a car wash on the Boston Post Road into the water below. Will you have someone look into it? The suds are floating on top of the water below.

Caring Environmentalist

Dear Environmentalist:

Peter Massaro is your councilman and I have notified him of this condition. Please keep an eye on this situation and keep in touch with Gripe Vine.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

Why are homeless people allowed to sleep on our beaches? Can you alert the authorities and have this situation cleaned up?

A Regular Walker

By Eleanore Turkington

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Dear Regular Walker:

I have asked your Councilman, William Conlon, to follow up on your complaint. Perhaps signage or larger signage would help.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

There is a damaged city tree 26- 55 Central Avenue that has fallen from a recent storm and needs to be removed.

MD Neighbor

Dear MD Neighbor:

By the time you read today's column, your Councilman Robert Bruneau will be aware of your complaint.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I live on Jones Hill Road behind the city's soccer field in back of Bailey Middle School. In the past 2-3 years, I have been to West Haven's City Hall to see if they can cut back the weeds and bamboo that is not legal to be planted in the state. I was told it would be looked into.

My neighbor also called this past Spring but NOBODY CALLED OR CAME TO LOOK AT THIS ISSUE.

Our property is starting to get overgrown by the bamboo and all the other bushes. Also, there is a brush pile next door to me the city has not picked up yet. The truck drives by but nobody stops. My neighbor called city hall, but as usual, no reply.

I had part of a tree down and a city truck came and ground all the branches and the trimmings that were cut. We pay a lot of taxes here in West Haven

and receive slim and slow services.

Jones Hill Road Resident  
Dear Resident:

There are three Council representatives in your neighborhood. I will contact Councilwoman Chrystal Fanelli, Councilman Robert Bruneau and Councilman Barry Lee Cohen and seek some assistance with your complaint.

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From the desk of....

Let's just say it all together and get it over. Antifa and Black Lives Matter are evil. Full stop. No qualifications. Evil. That's E-V-I-L. And, no I won't make a qualifier saying that the sentiment of Black Lives Matter is different than the organization. The two are joined at the hip.

And, they are both funded by outside groups and individuals, including the enemy of the United States George Soros. Soros, a shady figure who is the globalist *par excellence*, is doing all he can with his billions to bring the country to heel so it will conform to his vision of what the world should look like. And he's not alone.

Globalism in this iteration is the belief that the only way the world will find lasting peace is to end borders, meld cultures and get rid of superpowers. The belief is the flattening of world cultures and mixing of races and tongues will bring about some type of understanding. Wars would be eschewed and peace will reign.

It's a nice thought, but it's a bit simplistic as most such philosophies are. But you see, Soros and his gang, the people who jet set around the world to various "forums," think the biggest hurdle is the United States, particularly since Donald John Trump won office in 2016. The US was almost where it should be, under the previous administration. The US was "leading from behind."

Whenever I hear of Soros and his gaggle of internationalists discuss this worldview I always have one question: where is China in all this? You

see, China wants world domination in economy and the military. If the recent events in Hong Kong are any indication, China will be the greatest threat to the world since the Soviet Union. Soros and his people never seem to include the CCP in their calculations.

Antifa stands for "antifascist." This is Orwellian in the truest sense. The mobs that have plagued Portland and Seattle for the last few months are, in fact, fascist. It has become a mark of recent history that if you want to understand what the Left is doing, listen to what they accusations they make concerning their political opponents. Intolerant? Check. Violent? Check. Self-righteous? Check.

Do yourself a favor. Go on the Internet and watch some old newsreel footage of the Fascisti in Italy, or the Brown Shirts of Nazi German in the 1930s. Then watch footage of Antifa. Except for the color, the tactics are exactly the same.

The Democratic Party has been infiltrated by this group. They use the term "democratic socialist," but what they really want is government control of the economy, health care and our lives. Everything will be free: college, health care, guaranteed incomes. The rich will pay for it, and the rest of us will live in Shangri-La.

But the real objective is total control. We are people to be ruled, and the collective is more important than the individual. That is fascism at its essence. Progressives as they call themselves have always believed this. Technocrats would run the government because the

people are too stupid. This will bring about a brave new world.

When Antifa began its latest insurgency, I remember thinking the entire mobilization seemed a little too organized. Of course, it was. The death of George Floyd, which we are not seeing is not what it was billed to be, was the proximate cause of the violence. But, forgive me, this was a riot waiting to happen. All that was needed was, in fact, a proximate cause.

Antifa's thugs are paid. They are paid by Soros and those of like mind. So, it is a mercenary army, looking to rain down terror. It is a domestic terror group and its leaders should be rounded up and made longtime guests of the federal government.

Black Lives Matter, Inc., meanwhile, is a well-documented Marxist organization. The leadership says so. Who are we to dispute them? Black lives do matter, and I will state a heresy. All lives matter! The taking of a life matters. But, BLM is a fraud, because only those lives that serve the political ends of the organization matter.

Like Antifa, BLM is E-V-I-L. The goal of the organization, like Antifa's, is the destruction of the nation. They too are an organized insurgency looking to create mayhem, and use violent tactics to get their way. BLM should be declared a domestic terror organization, and they, too, should be made guests of the federal government.

Meanwhile, the useful idiots both organizations use to work their evil deeds are 20-somethings or teens are the results of 40 years of deconstruct-

Bill Riccio, Jr.

ing the US in the education system.

These college students and graduates have little real knowledge, but as the song in "Carousel" says, they were "taught in their dear little ear" to hate and fear. What they were taught to hate and fear was their own country. The radical leftists of the 1960s have succeeded in brainwashing our youngsters, making them legions of useless idiots.

What they don't know about history, culture and real thought would fill libraries. But, they are convinced in their self-righteousness and goodness. That's the only thing needed to do evil for evil.

One final thought. If you want to know what the world would be like under this type of leadership, look no farther than New York City. A true believer, the mayor of the city, is in his second term. He is implementing all the tenets of Marxism and Socialism that he can.

You can see the results. People are leaving the Big Apple in record numbers. The rich, who for generations bankrolled liberal policies as long as they were able to stay above the fray are in mass exodus. That means the people who paid most of the taxes are gone. So, too, are corporations, stores, outlets.

That's the world the Left and the Democratic Party are supporting. Let's say it again.

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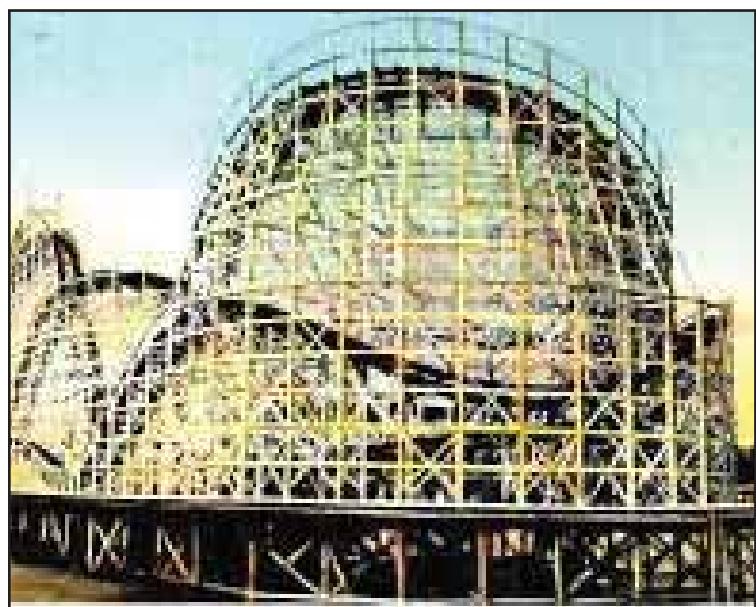


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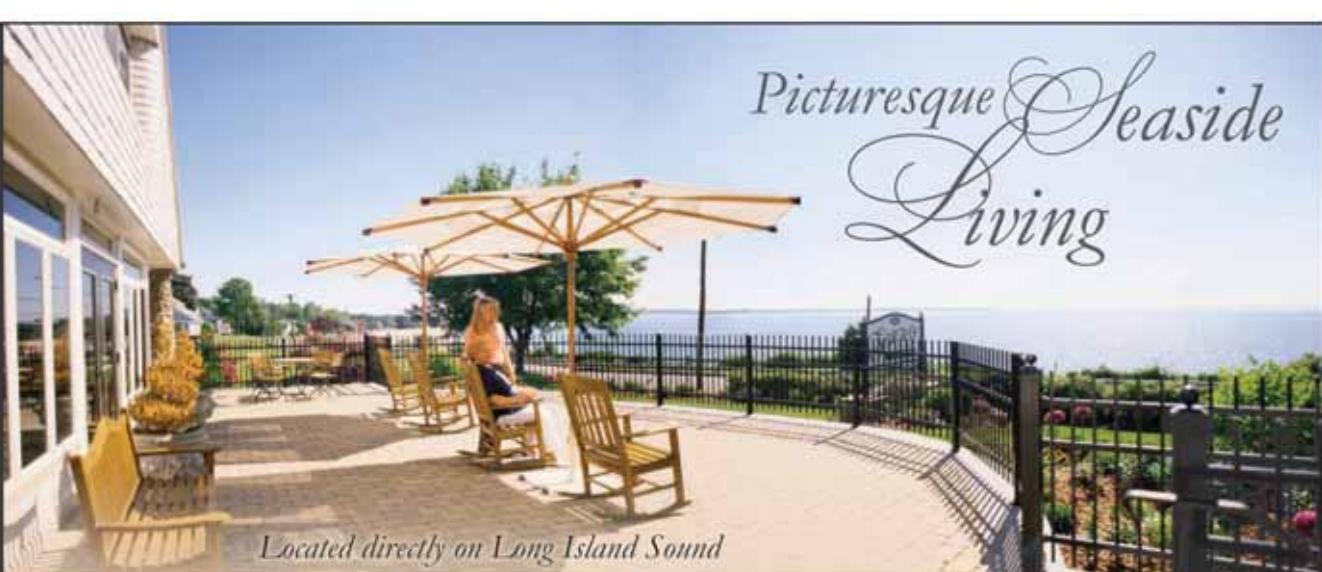
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Dear Felicia

Howdy do, honey bunch. Here we are in the last weeks of August. I'd like to say things fly by when yore havin' fun, but let's face it, with the COVID situation, there's not a whole lotta fun around the berg, or anywhere else for that matter. Interestingly enuff, Cobina was talkin' with a neighbor who cannot be classified as a "political type."

She had a very interesting commint which, I hafta say, is something that this body has thought about. She said she's calling the virus the Election Day Flu. She's convinced that a lotta the hype that is going on with the virus – which effen yew look at the numbers is nowhere near what was predicted, shut down or not – there will be a miracle cure found once the ballots are counted in November. She ain't the only one, a lotta people think there's more politics to this than much else.

One wonders then, effen things don't go the way the media and the Demmies want

what in Hades is gonna happen thereafter. And, right now, I wouldn't put my kopecks on what the media and Demmies want. So, it's a thought that is steeped in reality.

Meanwhile here in the Asylum by the Sea the big thing people are wonderin' about is the opening of schools. Whatever might be going on nationally, the day-to-day concerns of people are what take up most o' their time. The school system is expected to go into some type o' "hybrid" plan, wherein the students are gonna be in class some days and learning online others. That seems to be the plan issewed by most systems in the area.

That is puttin' a crimp in some households cuz they aren't able to have the at-home presence cuz both parents work. It's gonna be very interesting to see how this all plays out. Of course, effen we git a couple o' cases in school when things begin – as will probably happen – one hopes that there won't be panic, but that ain't

a given nowadays. Panic is the theme of the season.

A cleric our esteemed editor knows has coined the term "Covidtide," and it seems an apt name for the 21 weeks we've been under various arbitrary rules. Yup, 21 weeks! Remember when it was supposed to be only two?

Of course, school is supposed to open Sept. 8, we're told, cuz hiz excellency in Hartford don't want schools to open until after Sept. 1. Sooo, we'll be back to the day after Labor Day like it was for ages. Tennyrate, one has to wonder how the bus companies are gonna cope. With "social distancing" regulations abounding how many buses are gonna be needed to make sure that the kiddies are apart and in such a way that things don't git contacted. Tis quite a puzzlement, and I figger our own bus company, Winkle, is tryin' to woik out that conundrum.

We will be printing the bus schedule in our next edition, which is planned on Sept. 3. We are told that the bus regulations as put out by the powers that be are quite extensive, and being perused by all the bus companies in the state.

As the wag said, they've saved money during the shutdown, now the bus companies are gonna hafta shell out bucks for extra bus runs effen things shake out the way their expected.

One last thing on the schools: it was something to see the front o' the old high school git torn

down. Memories came back to Cobina even effen we didn't graduate from that building. A lot has happened since 1964 and with the demise of an iconic building like that, yore thoughts go back to the people who have traveled this way over those 56 years.

The other thing that happened just after we went to press last time was the tropical storm "Isaias" pronounced in a Latin sort o' way, though why, one doesn't know. Honey, talk about getting things wrong. The forecasters from the National Weather Service should be sued for misrepresentation.

During the days and hours leading up to the storm, we were told things weren't gonna be so bad. Well, judging from the number o' trees that went down and the powerlines that stayed down for more than a week afterwards in many places, things went off the rails with the forecasters right away.

Hereabouts we had a lotta old trees take a tumble. One on Chestnut Street came down and just missed the house, falling in a diagonal. But that was the one thing they got right, the wind came from a different direction than the tress' normal defenses were geared for, and came tumbling down.

Nelly Nuthatch was the only one who really thought the thing was gonna be as bad as it was. The days leading up

to the storm were hot, humid and dank, and that always seems to precede a big storm around here. It's only August.

One hopes were in the midst of a normal August cool-down that leads into September and the beginning of fall. Otherwise, be prepared the next storm or two might not be as nice as the last.

And look at that. We had a primary in the state, people went to the polls as normal, and those who couldn't took out absentee ballots, and things went off without a hitch. All this talk about ballots by mail is silly. A package was sent to Cobina back in June from North Carolina. That package didn't arrive until seven weeks after it was mailed, to the pernt that the person sending it gave up that it would ever arrive. And this ain't the foist time. What would happen effen they did that with ballots – and it wasn't just a malfunction.

Nope. Effen you can't go to the polls. Tough cookies. Take out an absentee ballot. The politicos will have too much temptation to do something nefarious. Better to have ballots that are traceable than mail-in ballots that appear – or disappear. After more than 50 years of watching politics, you never cut a politician an even break.

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And we're back to the Haven. Sammy Bluejay fluttered in and said that nothing was happening over there – not that Cobina was surprised. Our editor writ an editorial wherein it says it's about time the developers let people have a timeline of what exactly is gonna happen. Things have been laying fallow there for years, and it's been almost four months since Water Street has been close.

Except for nightly rush hour traffic jams that are worse than ever, nothing much has happened over there. It's about time the developers let everyone know exactly what to expect --- or not expect --- in the coming weeks and months.

After six years, it's a small thing to ask. All we want to know is effen things are gonna move over there or not.

Meanwhile, over in Allington town the project that David Beckerman is working on is moving along at a steady pace and seems to be in teh fngal stages.

As we said a couple weeks back anyone who comes down that Allington Hill and remembers what it looked like can't be but impressed by the job that's been done.

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

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Participants can ride or walk their own routes or use any combination of the event's 5, 10, 20 and 40 mile routes along the scenic CT coastline.

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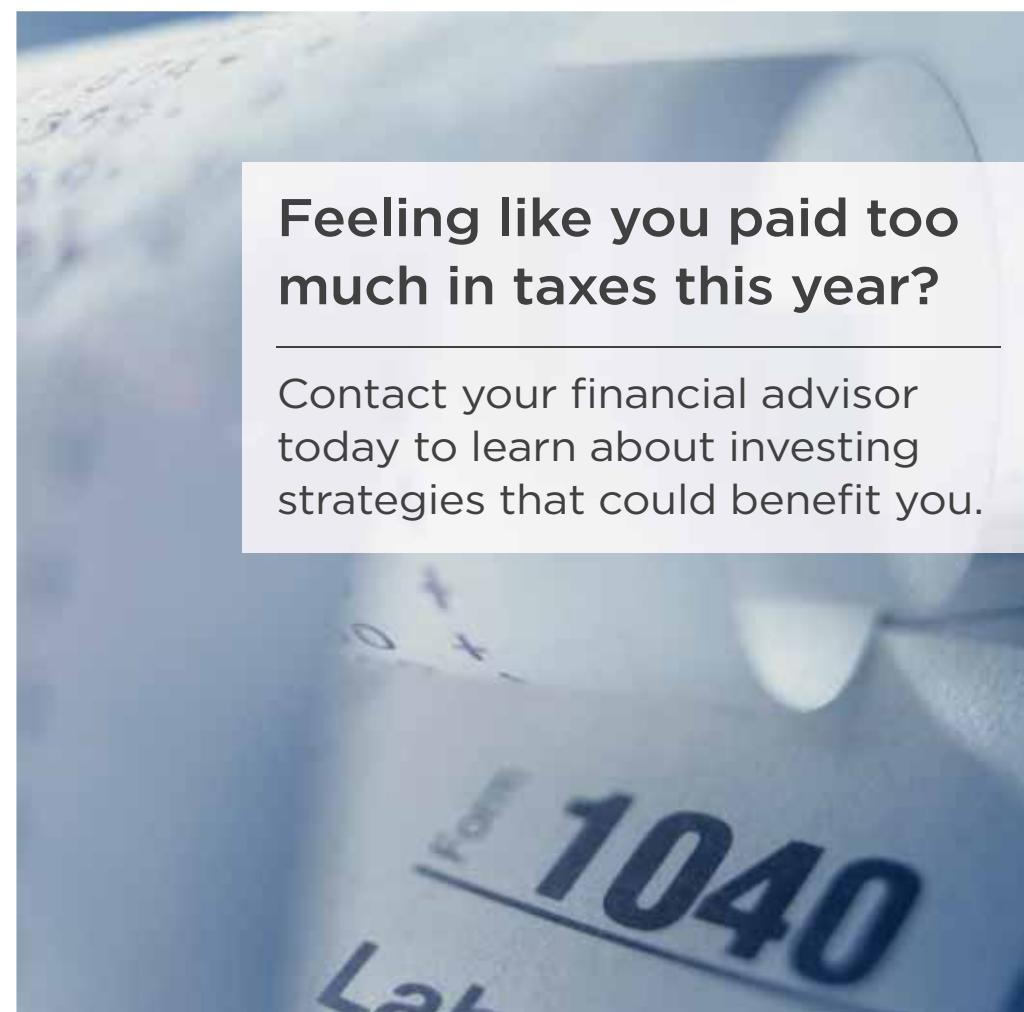
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Short-term rents are subject to city ordinances

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

Planning and Development Commissioner Fred A. Messore reminds residents about a year-old regulation guiding "Short-Term Rentals" in the city.

The Planning and Zoning Commission adopted the regulation in August 2019 amid concerns that West Haven homeowners may try to rent their properties for short-term stays, Messore said.

Homeowners seeking to rent their properties should first review the regulation at <http://cityofwesthaven.com/Document-Center/View/2558/Regulation-for-Short-Term-Rentals-PDF>.

Short-term rentals include dwellings rented through such vacation rental websites as Airbnb and VRBO. The sites connect people offering residences or rooms with others who want to rent them for short-term stays.

"The Planning and Zoning Commission recognizes individuals have a need to be flexible in meeting monthly housing expenses, but the commission is also committed to protecting residents of the neighborhoods in which such uses might occur," Chairwoman Kathleen Hendricks said. "The commission does not want to see overcrowding of residential streets and wants to protect residential character from being impacted by excessive turnover on local streets."

Messore said the regulation for short-term rentals establishes an approval process for such uses and allows the usage in two residential districts and two commercial districts by "special use exception" approval through the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The regulation requires a seven-day minimum stay for rentals, limits occupancy and defines space requirements for the short-term use.

"Owners must also demonstrate they have sufficient parking to support such rentals," Messore said.

According to Zoning Enforcement Officer Catherine Conniff, the zoning board may grant a special use exception if appropriate safeguards and conditions are met.

Those, Conniff said, include the impact of proposed use on the surrounding neighborhood and properties, including the impact of property values on adjoining lots; the impact of proposed use on the health, safety and welfare of the community, specifically adjoining neighborhoods; and the impact of potential traffic generated by the proposed use.

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Financial Focus

Get the most of your 401(k)

You won't see any greeting cards celebrating it, and it's not likely to be on your calendar, but in just a few weeks, National 401(k) Day will be observed. And this type of recognition may be warranted, too, because 401(k) plans have become key building blocks for a big part of people's lives — a comfortable retirement. Are you making the most of your 401(k)?

Of course, during the past few months, you may have had mixed feelings about your 401(k). After all, at the beginning of the coronavirus, when the financial markets tumbled, the value of your account probably fell significantly, although it has likely regained some ground since the initial drop.

Nonetheless, the recent market volatility and its short-term effects on your 401(k) should not unduly influence your decisions about this important retirement account. After all, a 401(k) is truly a long-term vehicle, in every sense — you contribute to it for decades while you're working, and you can draw on it, along with other sources of income, for decades during your retirement. Consequently, you'll want to con-

sistently review your account to ensure it is working hard for you.

Here are a few suggestions:

Get the match. At a minimum, put enough into your 401(k) to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. While employers can set their own rules, a typical match is 50% of what you put in, up to 6% of your salary. So, if you don't contribute the amount needed to earn the match, you are essentially "leaving money on the table." (Be aware, though, that some employers have temporarily suspended matching contributions in response to the economic slowdown during the pandemic.)

Give yourself regular "raises." Every time your salary goes up, increase your annual contributions. Most people typically don't come anywhere near hitting the maximum annual 401(k) contribution limit (which, in 2020, is \$19,500, or \$26,000 for those 50 or older), and you might not, either, but try to put in as much as you can afford. Not only will you be building tax-deferred resources for retirement, but you'll be giving yourself a big tax break,

because the more you contribute each year, the lower your taxable income (unless you have a Roth 401(k), in which case your contributions aren't deductible, but your earnings can grow tax-free).

Invest for growth. Because your 401(k) is designed to help fund your retirement, which could last 20 years or more, you'll want to build the biggest account possible. That means you'll need to include investments designed to provide growth within your 401(k), subject to your personal risk tolerance.

Be careful about loans. You can take out loans from your 401(k), but it's not always a good move. You'll have to pay yourself back, and if you leave your job, either voluntarily or involuntarily, the repayment may be due at an inconvenient time. (However, as part of the CARES economic stimulus act, many 401(k) loan repayments are being suspended for up to one year.) Furthermore, by taking out money from your account, even temporarily, you can slow its overall growth potential. So, you may want to look for other sources of income before tapping into your 401(k).

National 401(k) Day is just that — a day. But by taking the appropriate steps, you can help ensure your own 401(k) gives you many years' worth of benefits.

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Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

This is the New Haven Railroad side of the Armstrong factory as it appeared in the 1930s. Eventually, the products of the company would turn to war production, and later, the need for tires made the city-based employer one of the major producers in the United States.



The Armstrong Rubber Company Part II

Walsh and Machlin had taken a very risky gamble in purchasing Armstrong Rubber just as the Great Depression hit bottom. And yet the purchase was a success—they finished their first year in the black! And then they got a windfall: in 1936, the rubber workers union went on strike at the tire plants in Akron, Ohio, paralyzing all of the major tire makers. Sears, Roebuck & Company, a major tire retailer, was suddenly without a reliable supply of tires.

Sensing a golden opportunity,

Walsh and Machlin traveled immediately to Sears and signed up what was to be by far their biggest customer for decades to come. While other factories were still negotiating with Sears for a tire contract, Armstrong began dedicated production; at the end of the first week, they telephoned Sears and announced that they had several thousand tires ready, "So where do you want 'em?" Armstrong Rubber was off to a running start with Sears, while their competitors stood watching.

Soon the Armstrong factory was running three shifts, producing 5000 tires a day

and employing a workforce of over 650. The tire making machinery was operated using compressed air and live steam. By one visitor's description, "It was like Dante's Inferno, hotter than hell and noisy, and you had what looked like giants of people working there, stripped to the waist, dripping with sweat, cursing and yelling. It was like a nightmare." But they were getting the job done, and for decades, West Haveners passing by the Armstrong factory could hear the din of constant tire production—day, night, summer, winter, spring and fall.

World War II brought with it the end of the Great Depression, and also brought new needs for the national defense. Some of the older members of First Church will recall working at the Armstrong factory, building inflatable rubber rafts which were used, among other things, as amphibious assault craft. And they built inflatable rubber cannons and tanks, which were designed to fool the enemy into feeling outgunned on the battlefield.

Throughout the war, the demand for military tires stretched the factory to its limits. Meanwhile, the supply of rubber from the plantations in the East Indies was nearly cut off by the Japanese, who controlled the surrounding waters. But somehow, enough rubber was smuggled out to keep the supply of military tires coming out of the U.S. tire factories, while a

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

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My two cents

By Bill Riccio, Jr.

All eyes in the state's high school sports world are looking to Cheshire this week. At stake is the fate of the fall sports season. In a story with few straight lines and meandering narratives, Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Executive Director Glenn Lungarini is to meet with officials of the Dept. of Public Health to discuss whether there should be high school sports in the coming weeks.

In a city like West Haven, where high school athletics play a big role in the culture of the community, the lack of a basketball and hockey tournament in March, and no spring sports made the pandemic not only more real, but more painful. There was nothing to dull the monotony, either for the parents or the kids, be they athletes or not. There were no extracurriculars at all.

Just to recap. There was a real hope when summer rolled around that the Wuhan Virus pandemic would be about over. That hasn't happened. Over the summer, school officials had to wrestle with what to do about reopening schools. They've been closed to in-person lessons since March, and it was believed the building could be open.

In recent weeks a series of possibilities has been proposed. Most school systems are opting for a hybrid in-school, distance-learning model, allowing those who wish to keep their children home to do so. The question then came what to do with fall sports.

This writer has a stake in the outcome as I am the assigning commissioner for the Vincent J. Reilly-New Haven Football Officials Association and the state's rules interpreter. We are part of the discussions insofar as we have to know what the schedules are, when they are to be played, and/or whether we should plan for a season at all.

Two weeks ago, I ran a webinar for officials and one for the state's coaches on the new rules in high school football for 2020. Usually, we have a state clinic, but that had to be shelved because of COVID concerns.

We took hope in the CIAC's decision to have an abbreviated season, and were planning to begin training and meeting with officials. But throughout the last few weeks the elephant in the room has been whether there will be a season at all. It was there big as life, but we all tried to act otherwise.

As the weeks dwindled to days toward school opening, the fact the state hasn't opened up completely, and plans have not really been finalized as far as building use, other alternatives were floated. The CIAC's Football Committee, voted early last week to move the season to the spring.

The plan floated around was having winter sports wait until the new year to begin, with the season taking place in January and February. Fall sports would be played in March and April, and spring sports in May and June. That is a packed six months!

The CIAC Board of Control voted, instead, to keep its original plan of beginning the season on Sept. 24, and finishing on Oct. 30. Football would play a 6-7-game schedule, with other sports playing 12 or so

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Photo by Mike Madera

Cam Cruz applies the tag in 14U action. The West Haven Seadogs, a 14-U team completed the abbreviated summer season with a 9-6 mark.

Seadogs end year with a 9-6 record

The Savin Rock (West Haven) Seadogs 14U travel baseball team closed the regular season with three consecutive victories to finish with a 9-6 record and a fourth-place league finish in a field of 14. The Seadogs are the fourth seed in the upcoming playoffs and will open the post-season Friday evening.

After falling to the Connecticut Edge in the opening game of a doubleheader, the Seadogs responded with a 19-6 victory in the nightcap behind five runs batted in from Evan Jones.

Jones led the offensive attack with three hits and three runs scored to go along with the five runs batted in, while Ray Gilbert, Haygen Axelrod, and Ryan Robinson each added a pair of hits. Jesse Buonocore, Cam Cruz, Michael Madera and Fabrizio Nunez all added hits in the win.

Axelrod scored four runs, Gilbert scored three times, and Buonocore, Madera and Nunez each

scored twice. Jones went the distance on the hill in a game stopped after five innings, allowing eight hits, while striking out seven and walking three.

The Seadogs took control of the contest in the first inning, scoring four times. Gilbert singled and scored on a triple to right by Axelrod, Jones delivered Axelrod with a single, and Buonocore tripled to score Jones. Cruz delivered Buonocore with a sacrifice fly to left.

Savin Rock took a 9-1 lead in the third with five more runs. With two outs and the bases loaded, Cruz singled to score Jones and Buonocore, Madera walked to load the bases, a balk scored Axelrod, Chase Supan walked to load the bases, and Robinson singled to score Cruz and Madera for a 9-1 lead.

Jones hit a bases-loaded triple in the fourth to score Nunez, Gilbert, and Axelrod, before Sav See Seadogs, page 19



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Letting it fly!

Jesse Buonocore pitching against Mayhem. The travel team closed out its regular season with three wins, and a 9-6 record.

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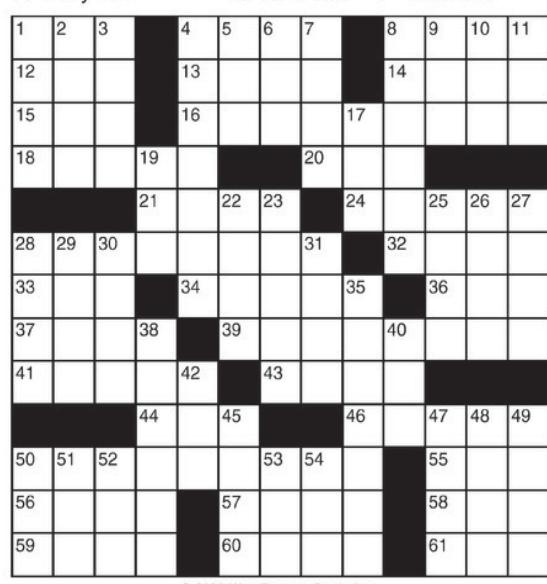
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— Doris Day

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King Crossword

ACROSS	55	Aye opponent	25	Bean curd
1 Autumn mo.	56	Heap	26	Cupid's alias
4 —	57	Carte	27	Society new- bies
Breckinridge"	58	Conk out	28	Skewer
8 Drag along	59	Choir member	29	Launder
12 That girl	60	Vail gear	30	One of HOMES
13 Quite some time	61	On in years	31	Chills and fever
14 Shrek is one	DOWN	1 Norway's capi- tal	35	Dutch Renaissance scholar
15 Remiss	2	Fellow	38	Audiophile's setup
16 Flattery	3	Libretto	40	Expert
18 Eye-related	4	Team animals?	42	Joan of —
20 Marry	5	Evergreen type	45	Weaponry
21 Hen pen	6	Caviar, really	47	Loosen
24 Famous	7	From the start	48	Catch
28 Flowering vine	8	Frank	49	red-handed
32 Clinton veep	9	Khan	50	Changed the color
33 Standard	10	Web address	51	Painter's medi- um
34 Billow	11	Albanian	52	Last (Abbr.)
36 Watch chain	12	money	53	"A mouse!"
37 Sister of Osiris	13	coffee break	54	Blackbird
39 Grump	14	hour	55	
41 Eighth Greek letter	15	Lemieux milie		
43 Rip	16	Piece of work		
44 Historic period	17	23 1992 presiden-		
46 Healthy	18	tial candidate		
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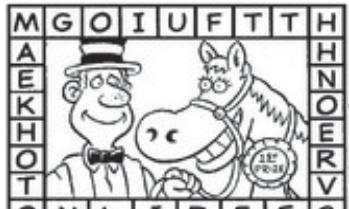
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3. Part of hand.
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2. Young sheep.
3. Generates light.
4. To exist.

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My two cents

games.

See Then came the letter from the DPH, last week. It rejected the timetable voted on by the Board of Control, and supported the move to spring. But it went further. It wanted no practices until school opened, with a two-week buffer between the opening of school and the opening of practice. In other words, 14 days after school opens, practices can begin.

Football and Volleyball were specified as sports that should be eliminated this year or moved to the spring.

A meeting between Lungarini and CIAC officials is planned for this week with the DPH, and by this writing some accommodation might be reached, or the season might be moved.

Having said that, there is reason to be pessimistic about fall

sports returning in the next few weeks:

Schools are unsure as to what they will happen when the scholastic year opens. Do officials really need the added headaches of worrying about sports?

Prep schools have shut down their fall programs, it makes the possibility of public schools allowing sports more remote.

The constant contact of football is a worry in times of contagion, and there is no way to limit that contact.

How do you have practices with the possibility of hybrid in-school, distance learning?

Over the next several days, the options will be mulled over by the CIAC and health officials. Everything is on hold. Scheduling is not ready, teams are not practicing.

If the fall season does, in fact,

get off the starting blocks, it will be a continuation of a strange time, and a strange year.

Safety is the primary concern, and nothing will happen if there is the possibility of danger to the student-athletes. Given the uncertainty of the situation and the general feeling of the public, the best that can be hoped is the fall season is moved. But even that might be too much to expect.

And the decision to suspend or go forward is one that is being watched by more than the high school community. Dozens of youth leagues in soccer and football are looking toward the CIAC to see what they should do in the following weeks. As of this writing, two youth football leagues in the area, Pop Warner and the Shoreline League, which encompasses many towns up

and down the state, are moving toward their own openings. That could change, though.

The leagues are aware the psychological effect the suspension of the season can have as well as the logistical effect. Cities and towns might be unwilling to allow games on their venues in fear of liability.

Many towns have opted out of the year already, prompting those leagues to curtail schedules.

Soccer leagues are having the same scenarios play out. Some towns are willing to go forward in regional leagues, while others opt out of the year.

Meanwhile, town-wide leagues are planning to have a season, but like the spring, can determine the risk is too great and decide to hold off until the health situation changes.

Seadogs: 14-U team closes out abbreviated season

Continued from page 16
in Rock put the game away with seven in the fifth. Anthony Constantinople walked

in Madera, Supan scored on a fielder's choice by Nunez, Axelrod walked to force in Constantinople, Jones singled to score Nunez, Gilbert scored on a hit batter, Josh Trager walked to force in Axelrod,

and Jones scored on a single by Madera.

In the opening game loss, Buonocore led the offense with two hits, Axelrod drove in three runs, Nunez drove in a pair, and Robinson and Madera each scored twice.

The Seadogs picked up their eighth win of the season with a 4-2 victory over Boys of

Summer. Robinson went the distance on the hill, allowing eight hits and two runs, while striking out four.

In a well-pitched game by both teams, the Seadogs managed just six hits, with Gilbert, Jones, Buonocore, Madera, Robinson, and Nunez each picking up one apiece.

Trailing 2-0 in the third,

Robinson and Nunez sandwiched singles around a walk to Constantinople to load the bases, before a single by Gilbert scored Robinson to cut the deficit to 2-1. Axelrod delivered Constantinople with a sacrifice fly to center, and Buonocore singled to score Nunez for a 3-2 lead.

Savin Rock added an insur-

ance run in the seventh when Buonocore scored on a passed ball.

The Seadogs closed the regular season with a 9-4 victory over Mayhem Saturday at East Shore. Buonocore and Jones combined on a four-hitter, allowing just one earned run on the hill. Gilbert led the offense with three hits.




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