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School year opens with COVID rules

While some school districts were dealing with outbreaks of the Wuhan coronavirus, prompting closures and distance learning protocols, the city's schools chief is reporting things were going well. Superintendent of Schools Neil C. Cavallaro gave an upbeat report on the opening days of school throughout the system.

The Board of Education determined it would go with so-called "Plan B" in its reopening schedule, approved by the state. That has students having in-person classes five days a week, but only for half-day sessions. That plan will be in effect until state officials allow for other options.

As far as the opening week, Cavallaro was happy with the way events unfolded.

"Students were cooperative, following all of the new rules and protocols developed to keep them safe. Wearing masks wasn't an issue, and buses with buses running below capacity, they were able to separate for each other," he said.

Those new rules and protocols took into account social distancing, which limited class size, and also imposed strict limitations on mask use, allowing some breaks during the day.

While things went off successfully, there was one positive test, according to Cavallaro.

"We know of one case where a student who attended school tested positive shortly thereafter. The Health Department was made aware, and the student and anyone they came in close contact with was quarantined," he said.

In order to limit classrooms to allow for distancing, the various buildings are using larger spaces, such as auditoriums and gyms for classes. Cavallaro said that gyms are being used in elementary schools, while middle and high schools are using auditoriums for things like choral groups and band.

"Those programs have to be adjusted given some of the risks involved like be close, wind instruments, and the possible spread of droplets through singing," he said.

Cavallaro said the system is in weekly contact with state officials regarding the progression of COVID-19, and that protocols will be adjusted as required or recommended.

"Right now the state's infection rate is one of the lowest in the country, and the numbers support in-school learning. I work closely with our local health department and receive weekly reports from the state," he said. "We will monitor this closely and

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Photos courtesy of Ken Carney

Razing the gyms

Crews dismantled and began to raze the gym section of the old West Haven High School last week with work continuing. The razing of the locker room areas was followed by clearing the walls of the two gyms. Three years ago the former auxiliary gym was turned into a shop area to allow for construction of the new high school. Blue Devil athletes mourned the loss of the area, which held



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Kaylani Foster, age 4, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc., sees plenty of sunshine to play outside!

On this Date

1978 -- Camp David Accords are signed. The Camp David Accords were signed by Egyptian President Anwar El Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. The accords were the precursor to the 1974 Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty.

1939 -- Man runs 10,000 meters in less than 30 minutes for the first time in recorded history. Finnish runner, Taisto Mäki, broke his previous record by running the distance in 29 minutes 52 seconds.

1894 -- A day after Japan wins the Battle of Pyongyang it defeats China in the Battle of the Yalu River. Also known as the Battle of the Yellow Sea, the conflict was fought between Japan and China during the First Sino-Japanese War.

1862 -- Bloodiest Single Day of the American Civil War takes place. The Battle of Antietam was fought near the Antietam Creek in Sharpsburg, Maryland. Thought to be the deadliest single day of the American Civil War – at least 4000 soldiers on both sides died – the battle ended Confederate General Robert E. Lee's incursion into the North. While there were no clear victors, many believed that the withdrawal of Confederate soldiers from the battlefield before the Union Army did meant that the Union had won the battle.

1809 -- Treaty of Fredrikshamn is signed between Sweden and Russia. Also known as the Treaty of Hamina, it concluded the Finnish War and ceded Swedish territories, which later formed Finland to Russia.

Births

1985 Tomáš Berdych. Czech tennis player.

1975 -- Jimmie Johnson. American race car driver.

1923-- Hank Williams. American singer-songwriter, guitarist.

1915 -- M. F. Husain. Indian painter, director.

1879 -- Periyar E. V. Ramasamy. Indian businessman, politician, activist.

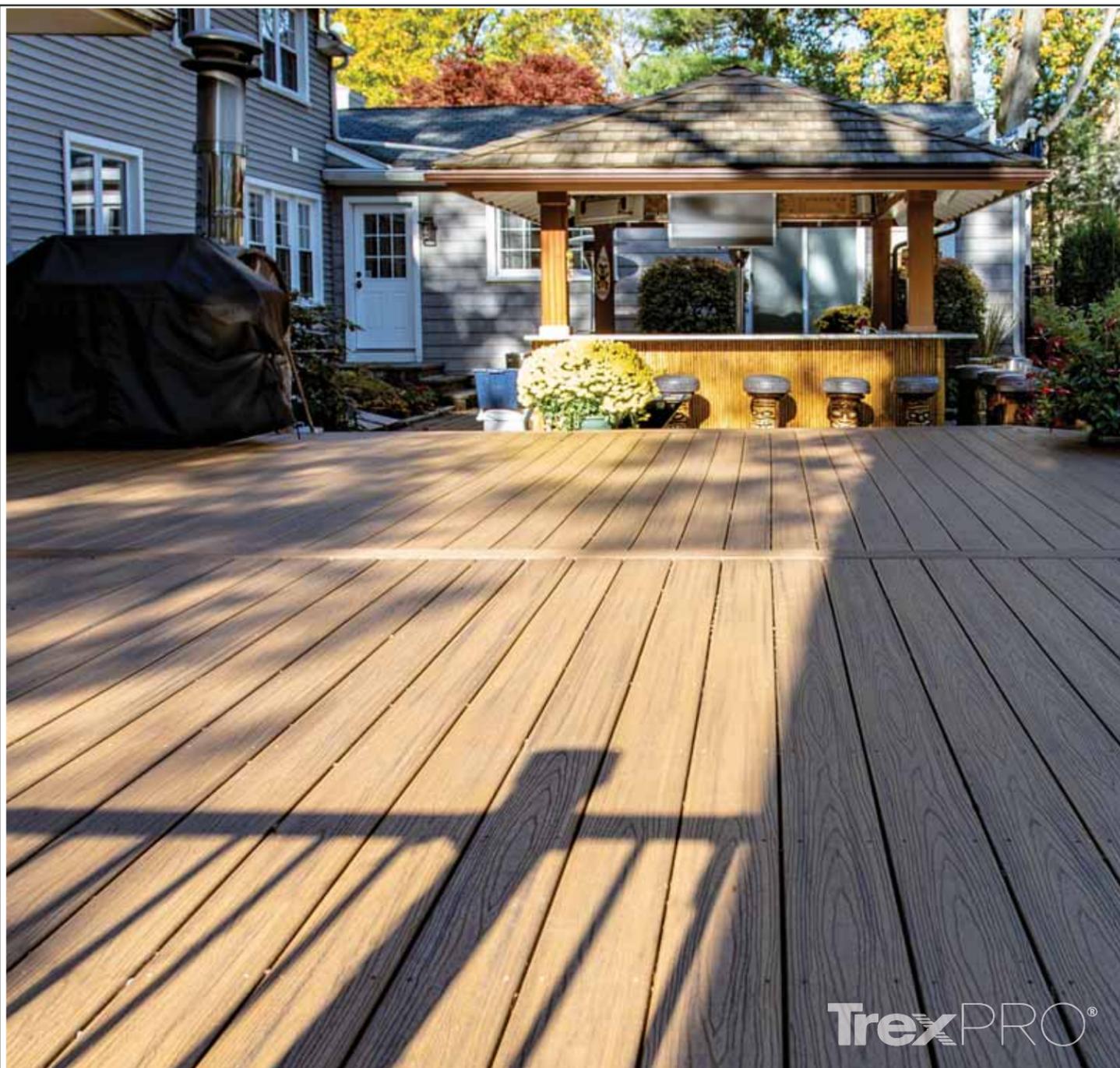
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Schools: *So far, so good with new year*

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adjust as necessary. Who knows what the future will bring? I believe if everyone follows the rules both in and out of school, there's no reason to assume we will have to go out again."

Before schools opened last week, parents were given the opportunity to opt-out of classes. Cavallaro indicated about a quarter of parents

chose to keep children in distance learning mode. But that is a fluid number.

"As a district, we are about 25% of students who have opted out. I am hearing from the school principals daily, however, that as word is getting out about the things we've done to prepare, more families are choosing to send their kids back to school," he said.

The superintendent noted

that as of opening day, Sept. 8, 5788 students were registered in the system, slightly down from last year's closing number.

He did say the high school registration is up, and attributes that to New Haven's decision to stay closed through the first 10 weeks of the school year. Many city students go to magnet schools there.

Overall, the superinten-

dent is hoping things remain steady, and the school year unfolds with no large difficulties.

"I believe the most important message I can give to families is if schools are to remain open, and students are to return to all normal ac-

tivities which is so important, they must adhere to all recommended safety protocols outside of school; avoid large gatherings, wear masks, social distance, etc. Schools are a microcosm of the community, and we need everyone's cooperation," he said.



The new school year opened last week with few problems, according to Superintendent of Schools Neil C. Cavallaro. COVID rules are working, says the school official.



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Dear Felicia

It's the middle o' September, and fall is jest days away, hon. It's hard to believe the way the year is going, but we should be used to it by now. Before we know it, the snow will be flying, and we'll be wondering about the new year. In fack, a lotta people can't wait until this one is over for obvious reasons. It seems everything that could go wrong is.

Here in the Asylum by the Sea, Sammy Bluejay fluttered on by and was talkin' about the concerns the City Council has with the Haven. We posed some queries about that projeck in our editorial pages a few weeks back and found out, no surprisingly, that we weren't the only ones wondering what in blazes is going on over there.

O' course, the story came out that the fire marshal was dickering with approving the demolition orders for the place, and a signature was needed before things can begin. And that signature came down. Lo and beheld, jest before the

weekend the gasoline station that used to sit on the corner o' Water and Elm was taken down - almost on cue.

We've seen these sporadic razings before, sweets. Jest when the feathers are ready to hit the fan, a building or two is taken down. But this time, Ron Quagliani and his charges on the City Council want some answers, and are using leverage to get them.

Y'see they haven't, according to Quagliani, given final approval of the street abandonment, which is necessary to proceed. Sooooo, the developers or their mouthpieces have been invited to the next council confab on Sept. 28 to discuss the queries the council has. On then will a final vote be taken on the street being closed for good.

This is a good move on the council's part. As Sammy relates, the developer, The Haven Development Company, has played things perty close to the vest over the years and months, and don't like to di-

vulge what they're up to. It's like it's a state secret. Meanwhile, some six years after the whole things was announced - it'll be six years next month - we are seeing things decay over on the site.

The neighbors want some answers, and so does the council and, Cobina would think the taxpayers as well. After all, the properties were taken with Eminent Domain - a terrible abuse. So, the taxpayers have a right to know what is going on after the force of the state was used to coerce sale of properties. Stay tuned, honeybunch. It should be an interesting couple o' weeks.

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 Meanwhile, despite all the angst, Nelly Nuthatch reports that schools opened up in the city perty much without incident, and accordin' to the superintendent, things are going along swimmingly. As yew remember, the Bored of Ed decided to opt for what it called Plan B, which opened up schools five days a week with half-day sessions. It seems to be working.

There was the report o' one case of the Wuhan Virus, and some kiddies had to be quarantined, but anyone who didn't think that was gonna happen ain't payin' attention. Super, Neil Cavallaro, sez that whilst it was an adjustment for everyone with the new rules, things are going along OK. That's good.

For one thing, learning at home might be good for a time, but me-

thinks it gets real old really fast. It can't be good for parents who work, either. Soooo, the kids having a regular schedule of any kind is a good thing. Of course, everyone is holding their breath to see what happens over the next week or so. This is when the rubber hits the road as far as whether there will be an outbreak or not.

Cavallaro did indicate that some parents, who originally thought they's wanna keep their kiddies home have determined they should go back to class. Methinks yore gonna see more o' that as the year progresses as it's seen that things can be safe for the kids, and they hysteria of this thing dies down - effen the media will let it.

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 Whilst that is going on, the demolition of the old high school is running apace and the gymnasium was the next to go. Athletes who used that venue and the old dressing rooms and weight rooms had them doing a lot of reminiscing over the last few days. There is something sad about the tearing down of a building like that, and I mean the school! Lotsa memories, lotsa stuff happened, and lives were affected there. Very sad.

Supposedly, all the new construction is done, so I guess what's gonna happen is continued demolition and continued clean up with the idea that landscaping and other amenities will be completed. Cobina still mourns the amount of dollars that was spent on the

old building, especially over the last decade or so. Those kopecks come from us, and nobody seems to care about that as long as they have their bright, shiny new thing.

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 Iva Lootey, meanwhile, was traversing around the area over the weekend, and happened to be discussing the fack the state seems to be perpetually in Phase II of the reopening with no end in sight. Well, Iva got a big shock when the person with whom he was discussin' this said that the rumors about Hartford are that we're going to be "in stasis" until at least the end of March.

Thank about that, hon. The state is gonna be half-opened through Christmas, the New Year and into spring. Somehow I think that might be a blind, cuz I think things will ease up after the Election on Nov. 3. Just call it a hunch. There's more politics to this virus than meets the eye.

But effen it IS the case, think about the ripple effects that's gonna have on everything, including the businesses that are jest holding on to staying open, and those that are still awaiting opening. Somebody should take that into account.

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 It's been about four weeks since we had the Storm Isias hit the area with the many trees that came down, and we know that the Dept. of Public Works is doing its best - but there are still branches all over town. People have bundled them, and they lie along the curb becoming kindling. Let's jest hope that they, in fact, don't become kindling.

This week might be a wash cuz bulk trash collection for the fall is taking place - it is amazing how much stuff people accumulate - but we hope that all those branches are collected sometimes after that. The leaves are gonna be coming down in a matter of weeks, and that will put more work on the DPW. Soo, we hope things get taken care of perty soon.

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 Lastly, the voters will have a question to vote on come Nov. 3. Some two years-plus after it was adopted, and about 17 months after it completed its work, the Charter Revision Commishes recommendations go to the polls. So, over the next few weeks, the city is gonna publish the question and what is included.

The commish has an education committee to answer queries, and will be doing so, and there will be things in the papyrus over the next few weeks.

It should be interesting to see what happens.

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

*Cobina*

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## City Council's questions of developer are proper

City Council Chairman Ronald Quagliani (D-at-large) has invited the Haven Development Company representatives to the Sept. 28 meeting of the legislative body to give an update on plans for the upscale retail plan. First announced in October of 2014, the three-block area making up the project's footprint has been fenced, but not much else has taken place.

The city closed off Water Street to traffic in late April with the expectation that demolition of the hundreds of former dwellings would begin. Instead, we are nearly five months out and the latest delay was a sign-off by the fire marshal. That has been done, cut as of press time no actual work has begun.

The *Voice* questioned the timetable of the project four weeks ago, and is still wondering when the long-awaited project will begin. The closure of Water Street has exacerbated traffic flow problems from I-95 into West Haven, making rush hour a nightmare. It would be easier to accept if we saw some actual work taking place.

Quagliani seems to have his own questions as do some members of the council. Several questions remain unanswered as to the project developer's plans, and the chairman is using his only leverage - the final abandonment of the street - to get them. He is threatening to stall the final vote if answers are not forthcoming.

Among the questions he has concern environmental precautions and remedies. The Water Street area has been a manufacturing district as well as a place where oil tanks once stored product for distribution. He would like answers as to what protocols will be in place.

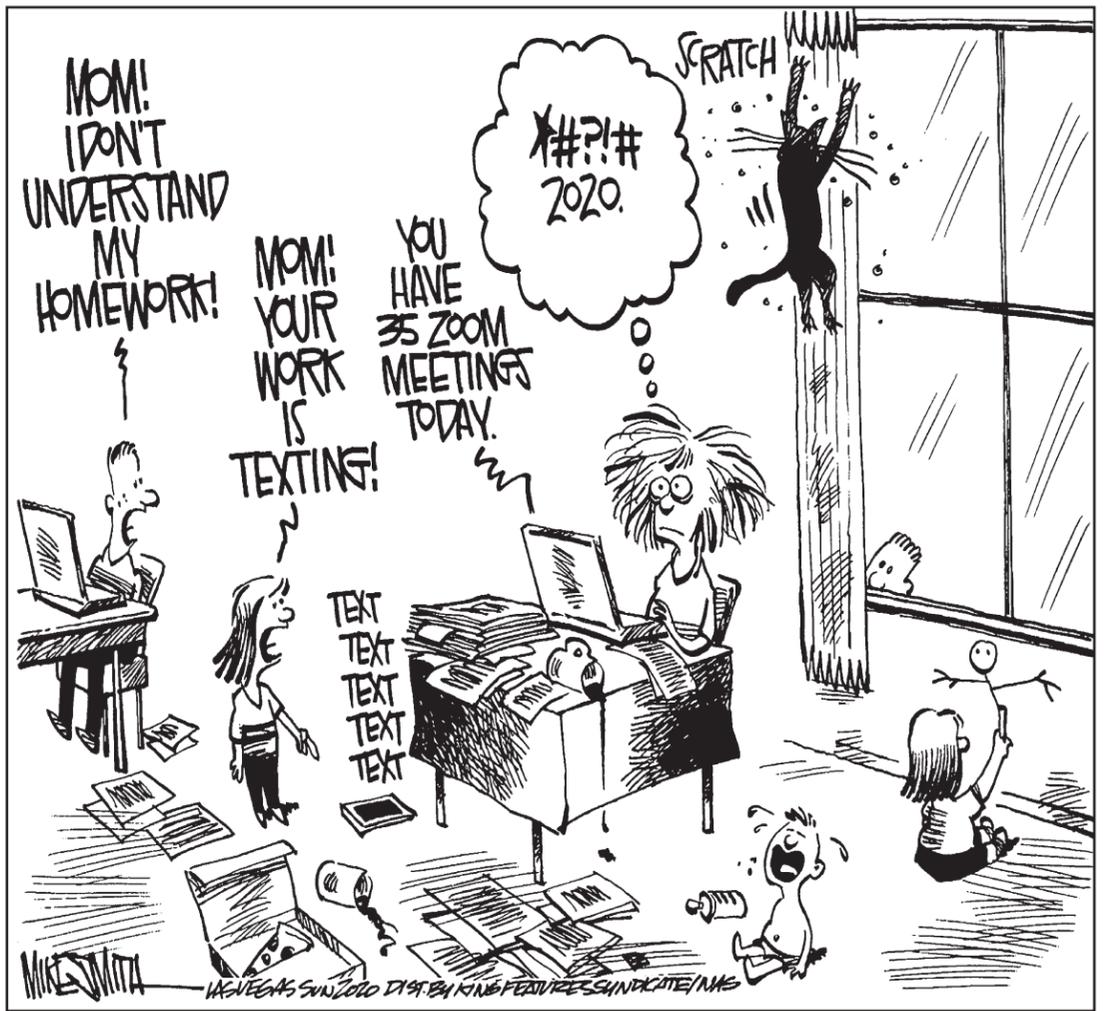
Similarly, the chairman is asking for a timeline in demolition, leasing of space and completion expectations as well as any new or existing communications from the State of Connecticut and reconstruction of Elm Street once the project is completed. These seem to us to be not only reasonable requests, but important to the neighborhood around the project.

Chairman Quagliani is well aware as is the rest of the council that the Haven Project's snail's pace has adversely affected the neighborhood, and that adversity is far beyond property values. Squatters have resided in the decaying buildings, vermin has overrun the area, and fires have erupted sporadically over the last two-plus years.

The Haven Development Company over its tenure has been reticent to say much about the project over the last six years. Instead, its parcels out bits of information as it sees fit. We understand it does not want to give false hope, but city taxpayers have the right to know how things are progressing - or not progressing. Eminent Domain was used - abusively we believe - to gain the properties. That means the project is in the public interest. We want answers. We deserve answers.

Much remains questionable about the project, and we are hoping the new impetus by the City Council chairman will give us the answers needed. A year ago we heard that Christmas 2022 was going to be the date to celebrate. The hopes created by that announcement are fading.

The September 28 meeting is an important one in the history of the Haven project. It should give us some insights as to the progress made by the developers and a timeline of the progress expected over the next several months and years.



## Hollywood kowtows to Beijing

By Rich Lowry  
Syndicated Columnist

Hollywood is accommodating a new era of McCarthyism, imposed this time by Red China.

It involves everything that Hollywood tells us that it hates -- censorship, pressure to conform and blacklists. Yet the studios have seamlessly absorbed China's dictates into their operations.

This most iconic American business is now, literally, an agent of Chinese influence.

The latest outrage is Disney's live-action remake of the animated movie from the 1990s, "Mulan," based on Chinese folklore about a girl enlisting in the army. Disney filmed parts of the movie in China, and in its credits, thanks Chinese propaganda departments as well as a public security bureau in the province of Xinjiang, where Beijing is carrying out its hideous campaign against the Uighurs.

If you think Hollywood would be sensitive about associating itself with an ongoing atrocity, you haven't paid much attention to its priorities lately, which are all about pleasing Beijing.

Hollywood hasn't dared to make movies offensive to Beijing in more than two decades. A trilogy of such movies came out in 1997, most famously

"Seven Years in Tibet," starring Brad Pitt. Ever since, Hollywood has considered kowtowing to Beijing the better part of valor.

In a chilling report released a few weeks ago about Hollywood's subordinate relationship to Beijing, PEN America described the forces that have given China the whip hand.

First, there's sheer market power. China went from having a market about the size of Peru in the late 1990s to a behemoth box office. Money talks, even if it is the money of a country hostile to the United States.

Then, there's China's comprehensive system of censorship that very much applies to foreign movies. It is rare that a studio or producer says "no." To his credit, Quentin Tarantino refused to cut a comic scene featuring Bruce Lee from "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood."

Otherwise, the changes are exacting. "Mission: Impossible III" cut a scene where tattered clothes hung from a clothesline in Shanghai. Chinese villains are out of the question. Notoriously, Paramount changed the invaders in a remake of "Red Dawn" from Chinese to North Korean.

Since Beijing can delay the release date of a movie or demand that a scene be reshot,

and studios don't want to deal with the uncertainty, Hollywood preemptively accedes to Beijing's wishes. PEN America notes that producer David Franzoni has said, "They have a lot of power so you want to try to be sure you have it all down the first time."

Paramount removed patches with the Japanese and Taiwanese flags from Tom Cruise's bomber jacket in the sequel to "Top Gun." As PEN America points out, the changes had already been made when the trailer was released, meaning Paramount didn't wait for Chinese censors to object.

The director of "Seven Years in Tibet," Jean-Jacques Annaud, subsequently released a letter expressing slavish regret. He "solemnly declared" that he never supported Tibet independence and never had contact with the Dalai Lama. "Moreover," he added, "becoming friends with him is out of the question."

The upshot is that Hollywood is much more comfortable criticizing the United States than one of the most reprehensible regimes on the planet. The repression of the Uighurs? As far as Hollywood is concerned, it doesn't exist and, at this rate, never will.

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

I have talked to Public Works and the mayor's office several times beginning in May through this week, regarding the lack of signs on the boardwalk indicating masks are required by the governor's executive orders if unable to maintain a six foot distance. However, few people wear masks. It is so inconsiderate. I hope you will be more effective than I.

*BC Campbell Avenue*

**Dear BC :**

I have written to your Councilman, William Conlon and I hope to hear a reply soon. Perhaps before my next column you will see new signage on the Boardwalk. When you do, let me know. If not, I will continue to pursue your request.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

When I first moved to my house on Jones Hill Road five years ago, the City of West Haven sent a representative to my house and explained to me that they were here to cut the bamboo at the very back of my yard that is coming from Bailey Middle School Soccer Field. The city came back two



**ELEANORE TURKINGTON**

years in a row to cut it all back but nothing since. I have complained to City Hall and I was told it wasn't in the budget to have someone come out to take care of it.

The bamboo is growing so thick and is taking over at least a couple feet of my back yard. It is also starting to spread. It is also starting to spread to other parts of my yard. I didn't ask for this and now I have it and have no clue how to get rid of it. I will never get rid of it totally because it is growing in between mine and my neighbor's fences. However, there has got to be a way to

keep it at bay.

Any advice or help with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

*Henry Raccio*

**Dear Henry Raccio:**

I have sent your complaint to Councilwoman Crystal Fanelli, Councilman Robert Bruneau and Barry Lee Cohen. No response to date. However, if you are a reader of Gripe Vine, you will know that I don't give up easily. A visit from a city representative to determine the extent of plant removal, would be the way to go. Give it a week. If you don't hear from the City, please, let me know and I'll continue further.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

In front of my home, there is approximately 24 feet of severely cracked and broken cement sidewalk. It is the only bit of sidewalk on Painter Drive and it is due to the large and decaying 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 home have

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tripped and fallen due to this unsightly broken cement area.

*398 Painter Drive*

**Dear 398 Painter Drive:**

I notified your Councilman William Conlon of this condition and to date have not received a reply. As soon as I do, you will read it in Gripe Vine, and, hopefully, see the improvement before his response appears.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

A city tree on Central Avenue was damaged during a recent storm and should be removed.

*WH Resident*

**Dear WH Resident:**

Gripe Vine notified Coun-

cilman Robert Bruneau who replied, "I had a conversation with Publix Works Director, Tom McCarthy on the Central Avenue damaged tree and his response indicated he would handle it in the next day or two."

Since then Gripe Vine has been notified the tree was taken down but that there were still some huge pieces of it left. Readers living in this area can email me or write to let me know if this tree has been completely removed.

**Dear Eleanore Turkington:**

When is the blinking light on  
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# Financial Focus

## *Financial moves for widows and widowers*

If you've recently become a widow or widower, you're obviously dealing with an enormous emotional burden, and coping with your grief can seem like a full-time struggle. Unfortunately, the business of life must go on – and the financial moves you make at this time can have a big impact on your life.

So, as you attend to your affairs, consider the following suggestions:

- **Don't make hasty decisions.** Even though you will need to make some moves in the near future, don't feel rushed into decisions that may prove to be ill-advised. For example, don't immediately sell your home or liquidate all your stocks.

- **Consult with your estate planning professional.** If you and your spouse created an estate plan involving a will, living trust or other documents, you'll want to consult with your estate planning professional to determine what steps should be taken to implement these arrangements.

- **Address life insurance issues.** If your spouse had a life insurance policy, you'll want to contact your insurance agent for help in navigating the paperwork necessary to receive the death benefit. Of course, some financial advisors also sell life insurance within the context of your overall financial strategy, so,

if this is your situation, you'll want to speak with your advisor about how to handle the insurance proceeds.

- **Apply for Social Security benefits.** If you are 60 or older, you may be entitled to Social Security survivor benefits, along with a one-time death benefit. Contact your local Social Security office to stop the benefits your spouse received and apply for the new ones for yourself.

- **Change the name on financial accounts.** If you and your spouse had jointly held accounts with "right of survivorship," the assets will typically pass automatically to you, the surviving spouse. However, for legal purposes, it's still a good idea to retitle these assets in your name. This usually only requires filling out some simple documents, which are available from your financial institutions – bank, credit union, investment firm, etc. But you also may need to change the beneficiary designations on accounts held only in your name, such as your 401(k). These designations are powerful and can even supersede instructions in your will or living trust.

- **Go over bills and debts.** Review all your bills, automatic payments and outstanding loans. If they are in your spouse's name, or in both your names, contact the merchant or financial services provider

to change all correspondence and account information to your name only. For any outstanding accounts in your spouse's name, you may need to notify the business that all payments will be handled by your spouse's estate, if you choose to go that route. You may need to provide these businesses with the contact information of your estate plan-

ning professional.

- **Plan for your future.** Once you've handled the immediate financial needs described above, you'll want to think about your own future. This means you may have to update your estate plans and insurance policies. You'll also want to consult with your financial advisor to see what changes, if any, you might

need to make to your investment portfolio.

Only time can ease the pain of losing a spouse. But by taking care of the mundane matters of daily living, you can at least alleviate the feelings of being overwhelmed – and that, in itself, has value.

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## Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

### The Armstrong Rubber Company Part IV

Photo courtesy of Joanne Archibald

When your Historian asked for personal accounts from those whom had worked at the Armstrong factory, it seems that everyone questioned remembered the Banbury

mixer. This hourglass-shaped production machine is a work-horse mixer of the plastics and rubber industries, and was a familiar sight to anyone who spent time at Armstrong's. It resembles a robust dough-mixer, with two opposed rotors providing mixing force at the speed of 30-40 rotations per minute. Needless to say,

the shearing action of this machine is intense.

Now, at Armstrong, a tire maker was a production worker who essentially built the raw tires. He created the tire by putting in place the wire beads which would fit over the wheel, and then he pulled the tire fabric around those beads. Originally, that fabric consisted of four layers of cotton; later Rayon was used, and still later fiberglass, and most recently, the standard fabric is a system of steel belts, which totally reinforce the structure of the tire. The work of a tire maker is heavy and hard; the unfinished product which they produce is called a carcass.

In the early 1970s, one of those tire makers was Lenny Croteau, young and fresh out of West Haven High School. Somewhere along the line, he met an Armstrong sales manager named Dawn Manseau. They would eventually marry and have three daughters; today, they are grandparents, and their family is and remains active in First Church. (The family has now moved out of state.)

Back in the 1950s, there was a confirmed bachelor named Don Beckwith, who worked

in the claims adjustment department at Armstrong's. One day, he was sent a secretary named Gert Dickson, and it wasn't long before (in Don's words), "I realized that I didn't want to be a bachelor anymore." The Beckwiths married and had three children; today, they too are grandparents. (Both Don and Gert have since passed away.)

First Church's head usher for many years was Harvey Lobner, another Armstrong employee. Harvey has read the preceding account, and has attested that it is accurate. (Harvey has since passed away.)

Judy Iversen remembers her time at Armstrong's in the late 1960s: "Back then it was still a thriving business. I believe that at one time the warehouse was the largest free-standing single warehouse in the U.S. New employees were given a tour through the factory and told about the business, from information about rubber trees to extruding to molds for tires, and so forth. It was a good job with nice people. It troubles me that the old Armstrong factory has stood vacant for so many years. Sometimes, my husband and I will sit in the coffee shop at Stop & Shop on Elm Street, and look across the

street and remember the old times at Armstrong's and the days of old West Haven."

Jeanne Insalaco tells it like this: "My Sicilian father-in-law, Steve Insalaco was a foreman at the West Haven plant. He knew every piece of machinery there, inside and out. The engineers were often unable to make the production machinery function properly, so they turned to him for help—and he always had the answers. When he came home

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Don and Gert Beckwith met while working at Armstrong Rubber Co. Gert passed away last week.



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

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# WHCH celebrates support staff

By **Kathy Hart-Jones**  
*WHCH Public Relations*

National Direct Support Professional Week is an annual celebration that highlights the life-changing contributions of the direct support professional workforce. The West Haven Community House (WHCH) recognizes and appreciates the work of more than 80 direct support professionals (DSP's) who work at Community Connections, a residential and day program serving adults with intellectual disabilities.

DSP's are the heart and soul of supports for people with intellectual disabilities helping them live full productive lives. Among the many aspects of their careers, they help individuals with daily activities including building their social skills, provide transportation, accompanying them to doctor appointments, cooking and serving meals, performing light housekeeping duties, assessing medical needs, and providing companionship.

"WHCH is grateful for our DSP staff who work together to ensure that all people with disabilities are respected as individuals, are empowered to make choices, big and small, and to learn the skills they need to improve their engagement and productivity in everyday life", said Patty Stevens, WHCH executive director.

As a day and residential service provider for adults with intellectual disabilities for 45 years, WHCH's Community Connections program provides critical assistance and meaningful opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities to experience community living, skill building, and increased independence to become active members in the community. Whether it's living alone or with roommates, learning in a supported environment or participating in community activities, WHCH helps individuals realize their full potential and dreams.

The five month, temporary shutdown of WHCH's Community Connections Day program, due to COVID-19, was

an extraordinarily challenging time for individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families. The unpredictable outcome and uncertain duration of the virus, and the stress and anxiety of the shutdown will have a long lasting impact on individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families. Without the structure and routine, individuals can lose ground on the skills they work to build and the connections they make on a daily basis at the program.

During the shutdown, staff from the day program continued to support families and reached out to individuals to offer emotional support and resources, and many staff members stepped up to ensure day-to-day coverage at the agency's Residential program, which provides 24-hour support at seven residential sites.

The Day program reopened in early summer with safety measures in place for both staff and individuals, and although the all-important community outings and day trips have diminished, the connection with their peers and the

renewed structure has proven to be a true blessing for the participants and their families.

While residents were sheltered in place and had to forgo visits from family and no day program to go to, it became increasingly difficult for employees to keep up with daily skill building routines and come up with new and engaging activities on top of the added responsibility of following the recommended COVID guidelines to keep everyone safe.

"Cut off from friends, family, day programs and services — sometimes without understanding why — many of our residents struggled with frustration and anxiety in response to the disrupted routines and plans. Our staff did an excellent job stretching their ability to keep the individuals engaged and healthy day in and day out while they couldn't attend a day program or have family visits and outings. The residents see our staff on a daily basis, and although they are not immediate family, they are considered extended family," said Stevens.



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The Community House celebrates its Direct Support Staff this week. Programs opened up this summer after weeks of closure because of the pandemic.

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# Chairman wants answers from Haven

Chairman of the City Council Ronald Quagliani (D-at-large) wants some answers, and he's hoping to get them on Sept. 28. Quagliani is inviting the Haven Development Company and Economic Development Commissioner Fred Messore to the council's next regular meeting.

At issue is the chain of events that will take place over the next months and years toward the completion of the retail outlet mall that was first announced in 2014. An August editorial in the Voice wondered when the demolition of the project footprint would begin several months after traffic was closed on Water Street, leading to its eventual abandonment.

In fact, it is the final abandonment of that artery that

Quagliani hopes to leverage in order to get some answers.

"I and the City Council have not lost sight of this project and your queries are shared by me and many on this council as well as our residents," Quagliani responded this week. "I do not have answers to your questions nor does the council and that is why I am requesting the developers and the Economic Development Commissioner join us at our Sept 28 meeting to update us and the community as to the status of this project."

Following the publication of the editorial, the developer stated it was awaiting a sign-off by the Center District fire marshal in order to begin demolition. That signature has reportedly been received, but nothing has happened on the

property.

Quagliani is looking for answers to questions in several areas, saying the neighborhood, which has had to deal with fires, squatters and vermin on the abandoned properties, is beyond reasonable expectations.

"The lack of progress has negatively impacted this area for far too long," he said.

According to the chairman, he is looking for answers to several questions as far as an update from the developer. Those include environmental cleanup on the site, a timetable of demolition in all its phases, an update on leasing of space with the percentage of contracts signed and the percentage needed to commence construction, and expectation of when the project might be

completed and opened.

But his questions go beyond just construction issues.

"Also, I would like to know if there are any non-construction related items that will impact the project from moving forward such as the State of Connecticut legislation on the Special Taxation District; additional State of Connecticut funds requests; Elm Street reconstruction; and approvals based on submitted timelines/permit expirations.

From the city, he wants answers in the following areas: meetings with developers; all blight investigations on subject properties/letters issues/fines; roadway closure impact on residents in the area/traffic; and legal issues pending (if any). He is hoping he can get those answers from Messore.

Though the city closed Water Street on April 27 to accommodate the beginning of demolition, Quagliani has reserved the final approval of abandonment. He is hoping that leverage will elicit the answers he is looking for from the developers and city officials.

"The City Council has been clear that we will not approve the final road abandonment until we get a better understanding of these listed items. A project update is long overdue to the community and especially the residents in this area," he said.

Last week, one actual demolition took place. The former filling station on the corner of Water and Elm streets was razed.

The Haven was announced in the fall of 2014 and is the latest of several projects that were heralded for the Water Street area. In September 1997, then-Mayor H. Richard Borer, Jr. announced the "Water Street Project," which was to use the Yale Architectural School and the aid of Bilco Door officials to come up with a multi-purpose commercial/retail zone, which would include the extension of the beach walk all the way to lower Elm Street.

The project was to utilize the history of the area as a ship-building hub to bring in development. Originally the project was to extend from Main Street east to Wood Street, but that was quickly abandoned. It was to be part of Borer's "Gateway Project," intended to upgrade the entrances to the city at all locations.

After wallowing for several years, the plan was redesigned as the West River Crossing plan, which was to use some of the elements of the original, bringing about commercial and retail construction extending to the river. That, too, never got off the ground. The city's high taxes brought about by a dwindling tax base scared away potential developers.

That plan did get some traction, but was vetoed by incoming Mayor John Picard when it was determined the bulk of construction would be high-end condominiums that would not add to the city's tax base and continue the problems of draining revenues in services. Picard hoped for commercial development.

The closest he came was an announcement in 2012 of 5 Water Street, a six-story office/commercial structure. That, too fizzled, and Picard began the negotiations with the developers to begin work on the Haven.

His loss in 2012 to Edward O'Brien did not end the plan, but was announced under that administration.



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# Southworth gets endorsement of WHPD union local

At an Aug. 25 meeting, the West Haven Police Union Local 895 voted to endorse Mike Southworth in the 14th State Senate District Race.

Sean Faughnan, the President of the West Haven Police Union cited Southworth's long service to the city of West Haven and his commitment to public safety. "Mike Southworth is the only senate candidate who will advocate on behalf of every resident of our

city and has a track record of opposing irresponsible legislation like HB 6004"

Southworth accepted the

endorsement saying, "It is an incredible honor and responsibility to have the support of our local Police Union. West

Haven needs a State Senator who will listen to experts and constituents and that is exactly what I will do if I have the op-

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Southworth will face Sen. James Maroney, Nov. 3.

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# Historian's Corner

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at night, his clothes were almost always black from the lamp-black that was used in the tire production.

"He met my mother-in-law, Cecelia Cambino there. When he was driving to work, he saw her walking to work every day; so one day he offered her a ride, and the rest is history. One thing about Armstrong's: family pulled in family—and everyone knew everyone's business.

"My father-in-law worked all day in the factory. When he got off work at night, he went directly to a plot of land on Sawmill Road near Meloy Road that had been given to him by his father-in-law, Joseph Cambino, who owned Buddy's Barber Shop on Washington Avenue.

"There, he built a house for his family—how he wanted to get them out of that Water Street apartment in New Haven! But just three years after he finished the house, he was visited by some people from the state, who told him that Interstate 95 would soon be running through his property, and they would have to demolish the house or move it.

"Thankfully, he arranged to have the house moved to nearby Edwards Street, where it still stands today.

"Sawmill Road then was a dirt road that was 'paved' by laying oil on the dirt to make it passable, and to keep the dust down."

Our thanks to those who have helped to keep alive this chapter in the life of Old West Haven!

## Club publicists reminded of press release deadlines

The West Haven Voice would like to remind club publicists of the requirements for weekly reports. Our rule is: we will edit it, headline it and print it, but we will not write it.

Publicists are reminded that copy should be in complete sentences, paragraph form. No bullet-point announcements will be accepted. Deadline for copy is Tuesday at 10 a.m.

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# Bridges wins grant for prevention programs

Bridges Healthcare, Inc. has been awarded the Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS) grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The SPF-PFS Grant will

## CAP opens competition

The Connecticut Association of Photographers (CAP) announces its 2020 TOPS in Connecticut, its popular juried digital image competition. This event is held every two years. The 2018 event had more than 125 Connecticut photographers enter, competing with 734 images. All Connecticut photographers are invited to submit up to five digital photographs from nine categories. The photographs will be reviewed by three professional out-of-state judges.

The award-winning images and 100 top scoring photos will be shown at the Annual CAP Dinner in the Spring of 2021.

Submissions are from now through Oct. 25. The Virtual Competition begins at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 7. For complete rules and image submissions, visit <https://cap.photocomp.org>.

provide the regional group with \$300,000 per year for five years. This was the only prevention coalition region in Connecticut to be awarded with this year's round of funding.

The SPF-PFS program will work to create a sustainable prevention infrastructure and strategies/activities in five neighboring communities (Milford, West Haven, Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge). The program's purpose is to target excessive use of alcohol, growing use of electronic cigarettes, and high levels of depression and anxiety which have been shown to have a "multiplier effect" on substance use. It will target students in grades 7-12 in the region - a population of over 8,000. Over the project lifetime, more than 13,000 stu-

dents will receive services.

The program builds on the experience of the Milford Prevention Council (MPC) and the support of a variety of community organizations and leaders in all five towns. As a result of sustained implementation of the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) process, MPC has achieved reductions in the use of alcohol and marijuana in Milford exceeding 60% over the past 10 years. Wendy Gibbons, LCSW led the Milford Prevention Council for 8 of those years, and will be leading this new initiative.

"We are proud to partner with these cities to help families prevent substance use and address mental health concerns," said Jennifer Fiorillo, Bridges' President & CEO. "The development of these community Coalitions will

drive much needed strategies that will address the reasons for and consequences of binge drinking, vaping, and related mental health concerns."

Bridges was also recently awarded a grant from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (SAMHSA/

CSAP), as part of the Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (STOP Act) grant. This targets the reduction of alcohol use by minors in the West Haven community.

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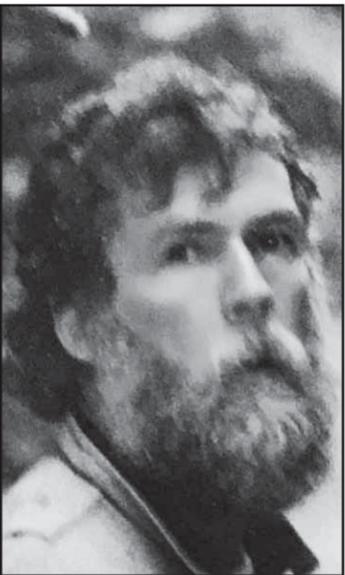
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**Obituaries**

**John F. Carney**

John F. "Jack" Carney, age 72, of West Haven passed away peacefully on September 10, 2020, with his family by his side. He was the loving husband of Donna Dunabeitia Carney. Born in New Haven, he was the son of the late Stephen and Dorothy Williams Carney. In addition to his wife, John is survived by his children Shannon (Michael) Geato of NC, John (Melissa) Carney and Roberta (Scott) Looney of Hamden, Donna Brockett of PA and Heather Pullen of West Haven. John is also survived by his siblings Judy Carney and Stephen Carney, both West Haven. John



aka "Fluffy" leaves behind his ten beloved grandchildren, Bug, #1, Ry Guy, Raymondo, Chance Man, Chewy, TB, SMB, Itchy Brother and Adriana (eww,eww,eww), nieces and nephews and his #1 neph. John was predeceased by his daughter Maria Bouldin.

Prior to retirement, John was a member of Union local 455. He proudly served in the USMC Reserves. An active donor to the American Red Cross throughout his lifetime, John donated twenty-one gallons of blood. He was extremely proud of his Irish heritage.

John's favorite sports team was the Yankees. He loved to read and work on crossword puzzles. You could always find John down by the ocean fishing or digging worms. He was known to everyone as "the fisherman". He will always be remembered for his soft spoken ways, his love for his family, especially his own grandchildren and his love for humanity. His one regret in life would be that would not be able to vote again for President Trump.

To John from Donna: you are my very best friend and I will miss you and your corny jokes beyond words. I was blessed the day God put you in my life. RIP my beloved. Until we meet again...John 3:16.

In accordance with his wishes, there are no services. To leave an online message for the family, please visit our website: [www.westhavenfuneral.com](http://www.westhavenfuneral.com).

**Gertrude Beckwith**

Gertrude Harriet Dickson Beckwith was reunited with Donald, her late husband of 54 years, when she passed from this life on September 4, 2020. The daughter of William and Emily (Ganter) Dickson, she was born in New Haven on February 4, 1933. As a young child she moved from the Westville neighborhood to Newport, RI, before settling in West Haven at the end of World War II in 1945. She was to remain a West Haven resident for the next 74 years, only relocating to Masonicare's Ashlar Village in Wallingford a year ago.

Faith, family, and service are cornerstone values for many. But for Gert Beckwith, they were a way of life. Faith animated her Christian values, while her devotion to family and dedicated service put these values into everyday practice.

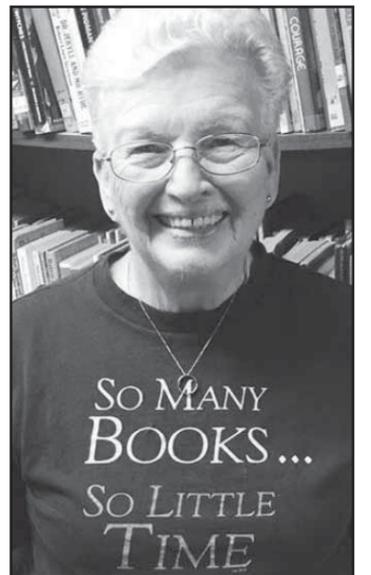
Faith and service converged through Gert's membership in the First Congregational Church of West Haven for 75 years until her passing. She

and Donald (and, later, their two daughters) were married in the Church and she will be memorialized there at a future date. In between, she served the congregation in many capacities. These included as a choir member, a coordinator of the Apple Festival held every fall, secretary of the married couples social club for over 50 years, a member of the Mission committee, a delegate to the Connecticut conference of the United Church of Christ, and many more. Gert was an especially avid reader who left stacks of finished books in her wake, so she took special joy and pride in the semi-monthly book sale she ran at the Church for many years.

During her final illness, Gert was overheard saying to herself "Oh, God, thank you for my family." And her family, indeed, was central to her life. She was predeceased by her parents and younger sister Marion, and survived by her older brother William(Shirley); her children Carol (Gary) Warner, Robert (Martha) Beckwith, and Cynthia (Peter) Goettler; grandchildren Christopher (Paola) Warner, William (Monica) Beckwith, Erika (Stephen) Bourque, Julieanne (Patrick) Ferguson, Cynthia (Carlos) Barrientos, Elizabeth (Katie)

Goettler, Emily (Jaryth) Bolinger, Abigail Goettler, and Samuel Beckwith; and 12 great-grandchildren—four of whom are yet unborn, but the arrival of whom Gert was eagerly anticipating at the time of her passing. Following the birth of her first great-grandchild in 2013, Gert relished the moniker—"GGG" or "Great Grandma Gert"—by which she would thereafter be known. Gert enjoyed supporting her grandchildren by attending every play, concert, recital and sporting event her grandchildren took part in.

In addition to her long career as an accomplished legal  
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## My two cents

By Bill Riccio, Jr.

Maybe just maybe by the time this edition hits the newsstands, a final decision will be made about football in the 2020-2021 scholastic calendar. The continuing saga, a bad soap opera really, has dominated the local sports pages for the better part of two months now.

This week, acting Dept. of Public Health Director Diedre Gifford reasserted her decision against full-contact football for the fall, despite game modifications and measures the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Football Committee and the Board of Control offered during a meeting last week.

Reportedly, some of the modifications included curbs to the kicking game and spacing of players, along with areas where breaks from wearing masks could take place. Despite the modifications, Gifford's take on the sport has to do more with the blocking and tackling of the game, and what effects it will have on the spread of COVID-19. In her original objections in early August, she desired 7-on-7 games with no tackling.

Athletes from around the state protested last week, with more than 1500 wanting a season. Gifford, however, is holding fast.

The potential of a spring season – one shoehorned in March with a five-game schedule – became more of a possibility, with Gov. Ned Lamont encouraging a look into the option. The CIAC's Football Committee voted in August for the option, but was turned down two days later by the governing body's Board of Control.

Since then, the tug of war between state health officials and the CIAC has continued. Executive Director Glenn Lungarini has attempted to salvage a fall season at the request of his membership, but, so far, the state's health hierarchy, in the person of Gifford, has nixed all attempts.

One of major concerns is the transmission of sweat and spittle during the course of the game. So-called "spit shields" were approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) in July with states allowed to use them if they see fit.

Now the focus turns to spring with the Football Committee expected to reaffirm its support. The hope is the Board of Control will allow the possibility. But things might be taken out of the CIAC's hands. Reports have surfaced throughout the state that some school teams and some coaches are attempting to form "club leagues" to sponsor games. These would be outside the CIAC's control, which has determined it will not sponsor the sport in the fall (at least at its last notification on the subject).

The potential for these leagues and teams to come about have been discussed under the radar by some involved in the sport. Supposedly, teams in Fairfield and around the Hartford area are being discussed. Meanwhile, some schools have scheduled "scrimmages" for their players.

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Photo courtesy of Ken Carney

### *An era ends!*

The hulking shell of the former West Haven High School gymnasium complex is all that remains after workers began demolition last week. The gym, locker rooms and weightroom were the topics of many comments on social media sites by many former Blue Devils. The new home of the were completed over the summer.

## Youth Soccer opens

The West Haven Youth Soccer League returned to action on Saturday, and the fields were buzzing with action. Action opened with the Elite Soccer Camps Wolves taking on the Oyster River Energy Tigers, with the Wolves coming out on top, 5-0. Benjamin Trenchard pulled off a step-over turn early in the game to lose a defender and play the ball up the field to Matteo D'Elia who put the ball into the back of the net. D'Elia and Trenchard would both score again, as did Seth Empiric and Luca DeCrescenzo. Jax Guarino played a great game defensively. Jacob Radar showed off some impressive footwork in the win.

Nick's Luncheonette topped the Rock House, 4-2. Sammy Gartani, Giovanni Gardella and Miguel Morales Jr. showed some excellent foot skills. Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center took on Porto Funeral Homes, with Porto winning, 8-3. Julian Esposito had two goals and an assist to Alessia Biseaglia, who scored the third goal in the loss. In what was a high-scoring game, the Gunning Law Firm Macaroons fell to the First Congregational Church Greys, 9-6. The Macaroons lead, by Lehanna Philogene and Julissa Oliveras, put up a great fight but could not complete the comeback late in the game. The Greys were led by Stella Porto and Valentina

Massa, each finding the back of the net numerous times. Allyson Hernandez Arce and Ava Boykin played well and stellar defense was played by Taliah Boykin. Brooklyn O'Mara and Phoebe Dinuzzo played well in goal.

The G Pool games kicked off as the WH Professional Fire Fighters faced off against Meledes Construction, LLC. Dean Azano and Bianca Dinallo scored for Meledes Construction and Matthew Osorno played well, while Jimmy Louis, Bentley Cisse and Victor Garrido worked hard for the Fire Fighters. West Shore Family Dental took on Elite Soccer Camps. Landon Alling and Noah Johnson each scored twice for West Shore Family Dental, and Aubrie Pantone scored as well. Graciela Santiago and Aurora Frye played well in the game. For Elite Soccer Camps, Juliana Barrios showed a lot of hustle, and Savannah Clarck and Justine Davila worked hard for their team.

The Top Hat Dance Academy Navy Blue Bobcats got off to a good against Baybrook Remodelers. Amara Cataldo played strong on defense and helped stop many shots. Fatiyah Beyah scored three goals leading the offense. Peyton Vitelli dribbled the length of the field through three defenders and got her first goal of the season. Dianiliz Cervantes

played aggressive on the ball and helped create a lot of turnovers to get the offense going.

The UNH Red Devils took on P&B Express, tying 2-2. The Red Devils played great in the draw. Jackson Schoeman led the way with a goal and exceptional dribbling. Danny Aloï showed off his speed on offense and passed the ball well. Sebastian Rivas worked really hard, adding a goal and strong play overall. The Milano & Wanat Warriors defeated the George Ellis Company Saturday, 4-0. Adan Beyah and Julius Stokes scored, and nice foot work was shown by Bastian Tandazo, who also added a goal. Keeping the net empty with a couple of nice saves was Jordan Walker.

The #DAVILATRIBE Lighting topped the Rock House School of Music, 5-0. Nylah Arthur scored a couple of goals for her team. Naomi Shubin used her speed to control the ball well from mid-field. Lania Donovan played a terrific defensive game.

Shoreline Wellness edged Cappetta's Italian Imports Polar Bears, 4-3. Karine Davila, Zoey Prutting, and Anessa Worrell split the time in goal, all making some big saves. Vanessa Woodcock, who starred in her first soccer game ever, picked up a goal, along with teammates Gillian Wynus who scored two goals and

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# Youth Soccer: *Teams open fall season*

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Josylyn Davila picking up one in the win. For the Polar Bears, Jocelyn Kenny had some great saves in goal. Luciana Cappetta and Annabelle Fiorillo scored in the tight game.

Sweet Relief Catering edged out Stars Ice Cream, 6-4, behind the Christensen triplets. Stephen picked up two goals, David with had one and great field play from Paul. Two goals were scored by Caleb Awuah and Isiah Ramsey added one as well. A great effort was put in by Matt Davis and Jayden Williams.

The #DAVILATRIBE Thunder, lost to WH Italian American Civic Assn, 5-1. Emma Shuckerow played a great aggressive game and scored the first goal for her team this season. Kailey Ramirez Serrano made sure she got to the ball and made her touches count. Seacrest Retirement Center beat Stars Ice Cream, 4-1. Anthony Dimeglio had a great

goal, Seth Laudano was rock solid in defense, and Roman Shubin dominated the mid-field all game long.

In travel team action, the U-2 boys took the win over Guilford, 2-1 Saturday afternoon. The first goal was scored by Aidan Panton followed by Alex Limacortes. Chase Agvent and RJ Jackson held down the defense.

In Saturday's U9 girls action, the Westies defeated Shelton, 1-0. After a scoreless first half, the deadlock was broken when Stella Proto connected with Ariel Titus for the game's lone goal. Clara Frost was great in goal coming up with four amazing saves to keep Shelton from scoring.

The U11 girls traveled to North Haven Sunday, and despite playing well, fell 4-0. Sophia Locklear and Avery Congacha played strong defense. Lulu Sebas had a few great saves in goal in the second half. The

U12 girls team started the

weekend with a game under the lights against Wallingford falling, 1-0. A great effort was shown in defense by Amiyah Jones and Cianna DiGioia. mKayla Quintanilla held Wallingford to just one goal.

In a quick turn-around Saturday, the girls were back in action Saturday as they traveled to Orange for another well-fought game. In this battle, Riley Fenn was shining with her quick feet and powerful cross-overs. In the second half, Camilla Murphy used foot skills to outsmart her opponent and put one into the goal. In the end, the Westies lost to Orange, 2-1.

The U10 girls hosted Shelton at home Saturday, falling 4-2, despite some great footwork

by Gillian Wynus. On Sunday, they traveled to North Haven where Stella Porto scored for West Haven.

Josylyn Davila had several great saves in goal in the effort, but the Westies fell were defeated, 5-2.

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## My Two Cents

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And the entire matter gets a bit fuzzy because state Phase II rules allow for youth football leagues to operate, though most throughout the state have canceled their seasons. The Southern Connecticut Pop Warner League canceled in mid-August. The other regional league, the Shoreline League, is still exploring the possibility of having a shortened season. The question is posed by football people, if youth football is allowed, why not high school? It's a fair question.

So, the focus of state football people seems to be headed toward March. We can only hope the COVID reality -- real or imagined -- changes.

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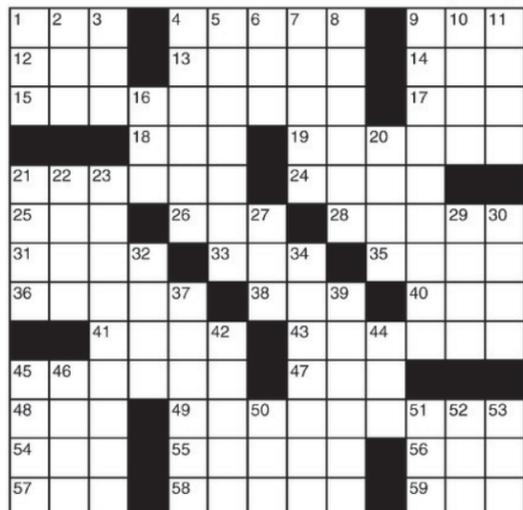
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- 26 Attempt
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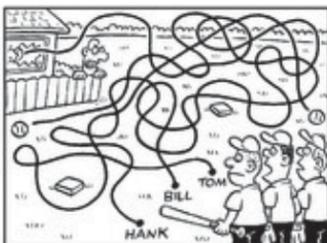


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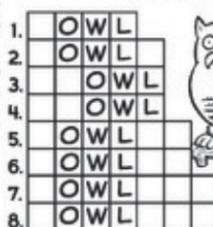
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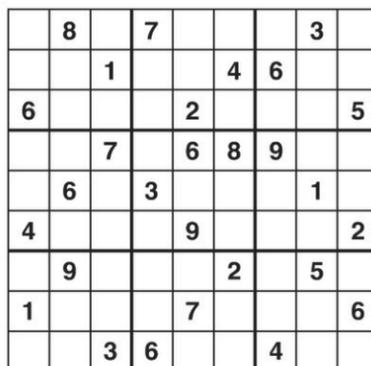
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3. What police cars do.
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5. Type of hunter.
6. Type of monkey.
7. Type of knot.
8. Hair that sticks up or out.



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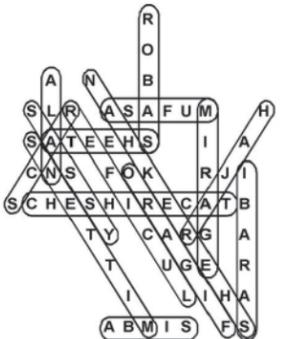
**Answers to last week's puzzles**

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Solution time: 24 mins.



**DISNEY CAT NAMES**



**Weekly SUDOKU — Answer**

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