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## Voice Profile

*An in-depth feature*

WHHS touts new health service offering

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Submitted Photo

### Savin Rock Winter

The local photo artist going under the name "Sunshine Picz" sent this photo to us recently to "Show the beauty West Haven beaches and shoreline holds." The artist has sent us photos in the past, and has an eye for capturing exactly what is intended. This is, of course, the area behind Savin Rock proper.

## Minority Leader Cohen assesses city

In the Jan 7 edition, Mayor Nancy Rossi and City Council Chairman, Ron Quagliani, provided their assessment of 2020 and what goals they set for this year. In this issue, we asked Councilman Barry Lee Cohen, Co-Minority Leader (R-10), to offer his 2020 reflections, responses, and the priorities he feels the city should be focusing upon in 2021.

Being in the minority can be a daunting task in any legislative body, but in

West Haven where politics is a contact sport, being in the minority can mean being ignored. Councilman Barry L. Cohen (R-10) has tried to give a voice to city Republicans, and has some definite ideas on how to make the city better.

Cohen admits as does all city leaders the COVID-19 pandemic has put a great strain on people.

"Last year, the pandemic loomed

large and made for some very dark and tragic times for many of our families. It also strained most non-profit organizations' resources, such as WHEAT, the Rotary and Elks Clubs, and the West Haven Community House. Each has traditionally been dependent on donors, social events, and other fundraising activities to support at need populations and civic activities," he said.

Cohen concurs with Mayor Nancy

Rossi that the pandemic has factored into many decisions that fueled some frustration and disappointment regarding city operations and events. However, he stressed that "the pandemic should not be interpreted as the main reason why West Haven has lagged behind other surrounding municipalities in promoting and executing economic development." Accord

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## New order defended by officials

It was a short note from the mayor's office last week, but has some eyebrows raised. As of its publication last week, all department heads are forbidden to answer questions from City Council members unless those questions are sent in writing, and cc'd to the mayor and her executive assistant, Louis Esposito.

Calls to the Voice questioning the procedure prompted a series of questions sent to both Mayor Nancy Rossi and Chairman of the City Council Ronald Quagliani

The memo read: "From today forward, if a City Council member contacts you with questions, you must ask the City Council member to put all questions in writing and then send the questions by email to the department head and, also, myself and Lou Esposito. There should be no exceptions to this rule. If you have any questions regarding this directive, please email all questions to me."

The mayor and Quagliani said this week the directive is limited and refers to non-urgent matters. When asked what prompted the memo, Mayor Nancy Rossi said time and staffing. She also said any misunderstanding on its meaning was her fault.

"Positive COVID-19 cases and mandatory quarantine periods have strained our already limited City staff, making the transparency and effectiveness of communication even more important," she said. "I continue to encourage open communication between council members and department heads. Urgent constituent issues are often best addressed and resolved by a phone call from the council person to the relevant department head.

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Robert Slovesky, age 2, a student at the West Haven Child Development Center, Inc. is hoping for more snow this winter.

## On this Date

**1998** Pope John Paul II visits Cuba. It was the first time any Pope visited the country.

**1976** -- Concorde takes off on its first scheduled flights. 2 of the supersonic aircraft took off from Paris and London simultaneously.

**1968** -- The Battle of Khe Sanh begins. It is one of the most publicized battles of the Vietnam War.

**1911** -- 23 cars take part in the first Rally Monte Carlo. Unlike today, the competitors set out from 11 different European locations, heading for the finish line in Monte Carlo.

**1899** -- Opel builds its first automobile. Today, Opel is one of the world's largest car manufacturers.

### Births

**1963** -- Hakeem Olajuwon, Nigerian/American basketball player.

**1941** -- Plácido Domingo, Spanish tenor, conductor.

**1940** -- Jack Nicklaus, American golfer.

**1905** -- Christian Dior, French fashion designer, founded S.A.

**1824** -- Stonewall Jackson, American general.

### Deaths

**1997** -- Colonel Tom Parker, Dutch/American talent manager.

**1950** -- George Orwell, English author.

**1938** -- Georges Méliès, French director.

**1924** -- Vladimir Lenin, Russian politician.

**1683** -- Anthony Ashley Cooper, 1st Earl of Shaftesbury, English politician.

## Clinic resumes counseling services

The West Haven Youth and Family Services Clinic has resumed counseling services for couples, families, individuals and youths using a confidential virtual platform.

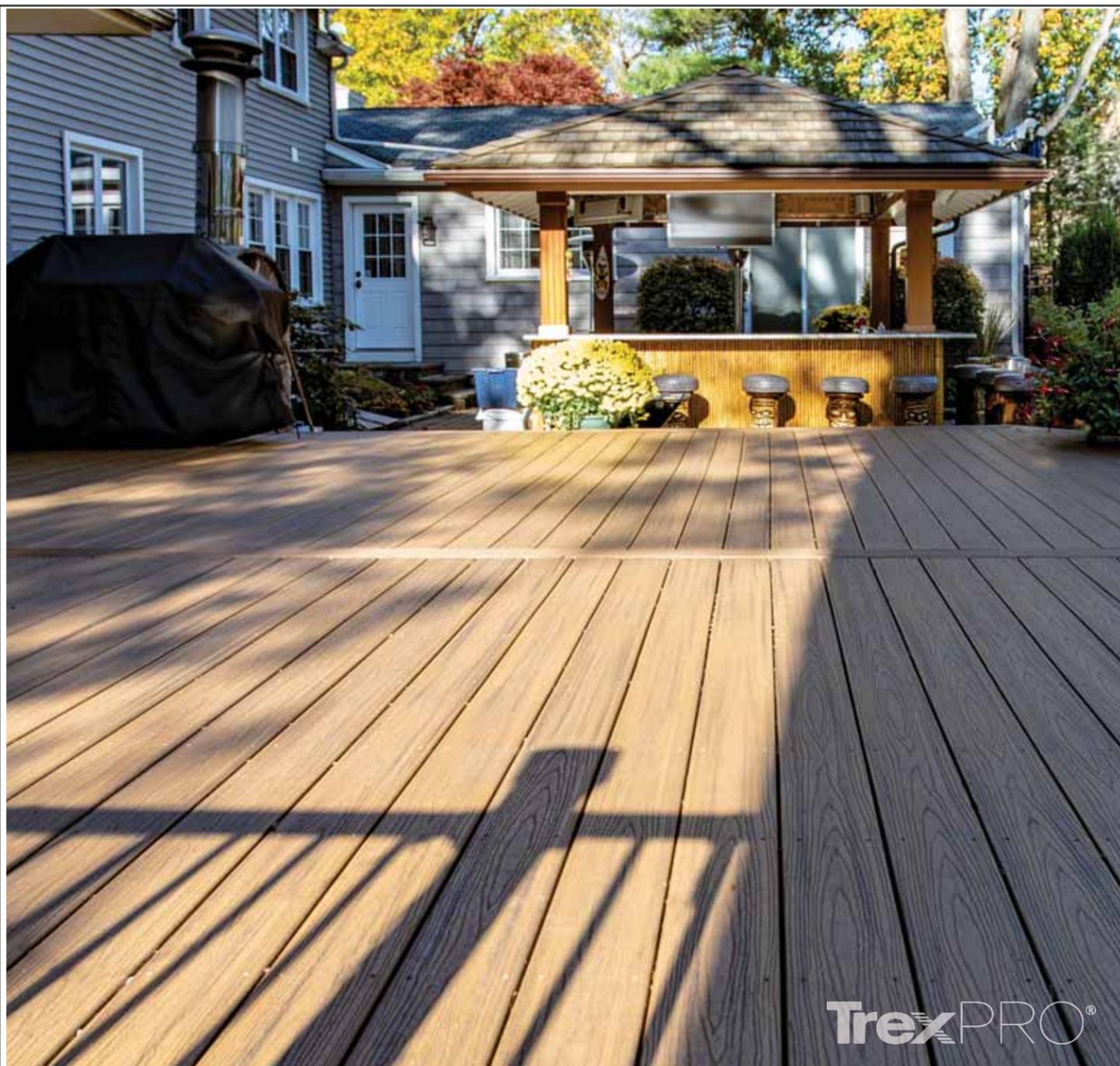
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Former clients and new referrals are asked to leave their name, phone number and reason for calling so a clinician can contact them.

## I-A Bingo reopens

The West Haven Italian-American Civic Association will reopen its weekly Bingo on Thursday Nov. 5, Doors open at 6 p.m.. Social Distancing applies. Masks must worn, no reserved seats. Bring your own snacks & drinks. Call (203) 937-8339 for information.

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# City's annual MLK tribute is streamed

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

The city celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday with a virtual ceremony now airing on West Haven's YouTube channel.

The program commemorated the enduring legacy of King, who inspired a national movement in the 1960s and steered Black Americans in the

struggle for civil rights.

Held at the First Congregational Church on the Green, West Haven's moving tribute of song, prayer and reflection featured remarks by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz.

It included a reading of King's "I Have a Dream" speech by West Haven High

School senior Josh Ofori-Attah and a tour de force performance by Ashli James of "We Shall Overcome," a gospel song that became a protest song and key anthem of the civil rights movement.

The event also included remarks by Rossi's executive assistant, Louis P. Esposito Jr., the master of ceremonies; Carroll E. Brown, the president

and founder of the West Haven Black Coalition; 7th District Councilwoman Teneé McGee; Planning and Zoning Commissioner Steven R. Mullins; Assistant Chief Anthony Campbell of the Yale University Police Department; and the Rev. E. Carl Howard of the

First Congregational Church. James also sang the Black national anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and Howard gave the invocation and benediction. Watch the 42-minute ceremony at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5c-M1trmHe999FXNj56XJg>.



Photo by Michael P. Walsh

A portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. on display at the First Congregational Church of West Haven.



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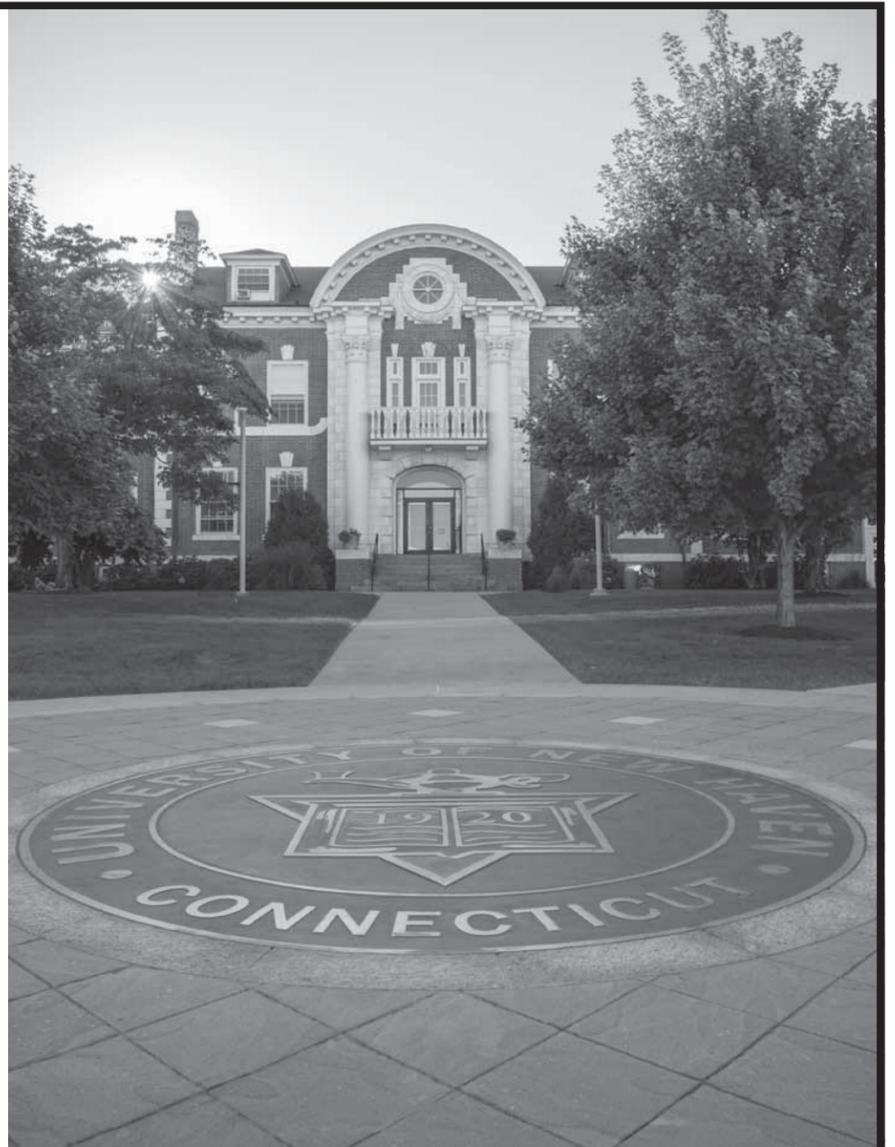
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# Dear Felicia

Well, sweetie pie, it seems that the month o' January is flying by, and all those who thought the new year was gonna bring something new and different have, so far, been terribly disappointed. The year of 2021 has had as much or more bad news for the average person as did 2020, and with a new administration at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. taking shape, the news will only get worse. The average guy is gonna get hit with lots o' bad news over the next 12 months and probably four years here in the Asylum by the Sea, all cuz o' the loon who now sits at the above address.

The Wag came in t'other day and said that he hoid our senior senator was saying he was scared for his life and hiding under his desk when the mob came into the Capitol - the one we are now finding

out ain't what it was said to be. Just to see ole DB under a desk would've been the price of admission. Then again, given his penchant for embellishing the truth or outright lying, we should take his story with a grain of salt. He is given to hyperbole.

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*With the turn of the calendar into an odd-numbered year, our attention will turn ever so to the fact that the Silly Season is upon us. Yup. Hard to believe, but we're gonna have municipal elections sooner rather than later, and the big money is on the fact that Herroner is in line to get another nomination and, probably, another term. The above mentioned Wag sez that the next 12 months will be interesting only insofar as we'll see what, if any opposition comes from either inside the Demmies or elsewhere. We shall see.*

Whilst that was happening, it seems that the thoid floor put out a diktat last week that seems to be directly related to the incoming Silly Season of the election year. All department heads have been ordered not to answer any inquiries from City Council members, but to have said members put the queries in writing and CC Herroner and Louey Esposito, her major domo.

Now, Mrs. Rossi has always been somewhat of a controlling personality, but this one is turning some heads, and not in a good way. The following missive was sent to Cobina, and the questions and comments are valid. "It seems as if her honor is getting a bit testy after the last City Council Meeting. Effective immediately, all Department Heads are verboten to have direct contact with any council member without Big Sister watching. All communications on any question whatsoever must be in writing she and Lou Esposito copied. Some are chalking it up to Council questions regarding overtime costs. Others are concerned with City Clerk revenue projections, while others have noted overspending in some departments where programs were canceled due to the virus.

"Then again...it could be none of the above. Some just think she's being a control freak. We predict this edict will become even tighter and cause further strains throughout City Hall, her fellow Dems, and the council.

"You can expect things to get worse as municipal elections are soon to be front-and-center before you know it. Word on the street is that some Dems are unhappy that Rossi is seeking another term and secretly wish for a better option. As for the Grand Ole Party, the cupboards are empty. Rumors are flying about Michele Gregorio being at the top of the GOP ticket again. Most consider Ms. Gregorio the leading contender. Other GOPers, along with a growing number of unaffiliated and disgruntled Dems are hoping Barry Lee Cohen will throw his hat into the mayoral race. Cohen would be an intriguing candidate if he's got bigger ambitions."

The administration is calling it more transparent and a better way of communicating. In this day and age, we are all aware of the idea of "narrative." Methinks that might have more to do with it than anything else. Effen you can't control the narrative, events can get out of kilter.

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 We can try to unpack what is said in the last graph of the missive, honey bunch. The bloom always seems to come off the rose in this burg after two terms. The two other factions of the party were vanquished perty effectively over the last couple o' terms, but that don't mean they ain't storing their powder and waiting for a chance to get back into the game. Anyone who's been around more than five minutes in this town knows that.

Then there is the GOP. "The cupboard" is bare. That party hasn't had any kopecks since Clinton's first term, and things don't seem to be going in a direction where things will change. They have a new chairman, but who cares? Nothing comes out of the loyal opposition, and we won't hear from them until setch time as they start making noises about their candidates.

Cohen is a bit of a different bird, but yew hafta know that he's ruffled feathers not only outside the party, but inside. And, truth to tell, the fact the Demmies didn't want an O'Brien-leaning candidate to win that districk helped him. But the genie is outta the bottle and Cohen is making his name known and felt. Soooo, it should be very interesting to see how things play out.

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 Sammy Bluejay reports that whilst there is some bit of a respite now, the budget-

making process is continuing in the Actors Colony, and the fact that much of it will happen via a computer screen is not lost on anyone. Last year, at least, most of the work was done before the country shut-down. Now, things seemingly never going to open again, the entire process will keep the online meeting companies in the black for some time.

This is not setting well with more than a few as online meetings have a tendency to be dull and lifeless with no real interaction, nor any real way of gauging the veracity of the person being spoken to. Eye contact and body language are being lost in the entire process, and some are worried that things might go off the rails, or info might be judiciously parsed out in setch a way that a true picture of things won't be seen. We shall see, won't we?

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*The Haven demolition seems to be off OK with the oldest building in the area getting taken down last week. So, maybe things are, in fact, gettin' done in good time. Last week, we wondered effen the promise of having stores open for Christmas 2022 is still in force. Once again, we don't know, and will wait and see jest like every-one else. That said, the demolition is good for the surrounding neighborhood, which still has to deal with the rot of houses that have been closed up for years. Clearing of that space can't come soon enuff for those people.*

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 One note, we hoid over the past week that Patricia Herbert passed away at the ripe age of 102. Over the many years we had contact with her, she was a bright and erudite individual - not something one sees very often these days. She was always involved in city projects and is a link to the city's storied past. We shall miss her.

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 Nelly Nuthatch, meanwhile, came in with this doozy. Yew know that the city is gonna celebrate its 100th anniversary as a separate community. 'Twas in 1921 that we separated from Orange and became our own municipality. Well, as with anything else here in the Asylum by the Sea, there is controversy. A group was formed to mark the celebration, only to have the politicians get involved -- probably cuz they didn't approve of the people involved in the original committee.

Both are going under the same title and both are saying that they are the official panell to get the celebration on the boards. Needless to say, this has more than a few confused.

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 With the final visual of Dick Blumenthal cowering under a desk, mitt luff und kizzez,

*Cobina*

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**Gripe Vine Readers:**

In my last column, I covered complaints and questions in a catch-up mode. In doing so, I felt it gave you an opportunity to see where we were going with various gripes.

Understandably, it takes time for responses to reach my desk, so you can be sure if your councilmen or councilwomen reply, we all will be happy. To those of you who have submitted your issues, and nothing has been resolved, please let me know so I can follow up on them.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I have lived in West Haven for many years and have heard the extremely loud motorcycles that torture everybody's ears. When will it stop?

*DT Tired of It*

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I have seen a few police cars around First Avenue, but the speeding on First Avenue and Beach Street persists. The illegally muffled motorcycles are fewer because of the closed portion of Beach Street. I have seen only one motorcycle stopped in my 50 years of living in this area. He was stopped because he lost control of the bike and crashed into a tree at First and May many years ago. He did not survive. I suppose the motorcycle problem will never be solved.

On another note, I have seen the overflowing trash overflowing on the boardwalk awhile ago...trash all over the place. West Haven is truly becoming a city of litter. It saddens me. I wish that I had more energy; I would clean the city one block at a time!

*JS Longtime Resident*

Dear Gripe Vine Readers:

One of my readers wrote of

### Virtual town hall slated for Feb 3

Mayor Nancy R. Rossi and her staff invite residents to participate in a virtual town hall meeting on Zoom at 6 p.m. Feb. 3.

Residents can join the virtual town hall at the following Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9103126390>. The meeting ID is 9103126390.

The meeting is sponsored by the mayor's office and the University of New Haven Mayor's Advisory Commission, a collaborative, student-driven task force founded in 2015 to strengthen town-gown relations.

The MAC is led by Killian Gruber, a junior studying political science, and adviser Chris Haynes, an assistant professor of political science and national security.

All members of the community are encouraged to participate in the town hall and ask questions. The moderators

the white substance that appeared in the West River, assuming it was from a local car wash. I contacted Councilman Peter Massaro who informed me that he had investigated this appearance years ago and discovered it was caused by the changing to the tides.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I am sick and tired of picking up everyone's trash every week from them over filling or not putting the lids on their trash cans.

The crows tear open the bags as well as other animals and the trash blows all over the neighborhood.

They need to be held accountable for littering and brining rats and mice to our homes. Respect your neighbors!



ELEANORE TURKINGTON

*cagmTired Of IT*

Dear cagmTiredOfIT:

There is an expression the city uses on their website, "Put A Lid On It!"

Rain-soaked trash costs the city 10 times more at the dump. Always use a lid on your trash cans.

Dear Eleanore Turkington:

I would like to thank everyone who had a hand in redoing the artwork at the old grocery store's wall on Washington and Elm Street. It was a real piece of work; such detailing and color; a real beauty!

As a former Marine, whenever I pass it, I give a salute and I salute you all, also.

I for one, appreciate all who gave their time and labor of love..

*Ralph Ferrucci, Jr.*

Coming up...Gripe Vine Reader seeks landscape volunteers to remove weeds and litter .....Voss Road truck

gripes...broken and deteriorating sidewalks...out of town license plates complaints...remove dead tress from Green request...decaying trees.... lighting needed on Captain Blvd business...commercial trucks parking in residential area. Florence Street accumulated destroyed tree remains...speeding on Second Avenue...motorcycle noise complaints and much more.

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are UNH student Christyllis Douglas and Haynes.

Participants can send questions before the meeting by email to [cdoug6@unh.newhaven.edu](mailto:cdoug6@unh.newhaven.edu). They can also ask questions on Zoom by using the "Raise Hand" function.

Those watching the town hall on Facebook Live can also submit questions. Participants are allowed one question with

a one-minute time limit. At the beginning of the question, they must state their name and the subject of their question, with all comments related to the city or government of West Haven. Moderators will use the "Thumbs Up" function as a 10-second warning.

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## Suffering a 'new order'

When the Capitol area was breached two weeks ago during a protest rally in Washington, we told callers to this newspaper to keep their powder dry. Too many were too willing to blame former President Donald Trump and (the most recent catch phrase) "white supremacy" for the events that led to the deaths of five people. If we've learned nothing else in the last four years, the narrative cobbled together by Democrats and the establishment media are too facile – and always wrong. See: Russia, Russia, Russia; the Ukraine mess; various "anonymous" reports. When the news media isn't peddling a narrative, it's spiking information, such as the Hunter Biden schemes.

Catherine Herridge of CBS News questioned the timeline of the events as she showed pipe bombs and other weapons were found before things on Capitol Hill were deteriorating, while Trump was speaking – not afterward. But then there is this little item, picked up by Townhall.com in recent days. It comes from none other than CNN:

*"Evidence uncovered so far, including weapons and tactics seen on surveillance video, suggests a level of planning that has led investigators to believe the attack on the US Capitol was not just a protest that spiraled out of control, a federal law enforcement official says. Among the evidence the FBI is examining are indications that some participants at the Trump rally at the Ellipse, outside the White House, left the event early, perhaps to retrieve items to be used in the assault on the Capitol. A team of investigators and prosecutors are also focused on the command-and-control aspect of the attack, looking at travel and communications records to determine if they can build a case that is similar to a counterterrorism investigation, the official said."*

Add to that the arrest of a 34-year-old New Yorker, the son of a judge, no less, who is a registered Democrat and member of Antifa. He was charged with offenses on Capitol Hill. We think in the next little while more and more will come up to further erode the narrative that the half-million people who attended the rally two weeks ago were driven to violence by Trump, making the whole (unconstitutional) impeachment vote a farce.

No, ladies and gentlemen, this is not about the storming of Capitol Hill. This is about the establishment, politicians, globalist corporations and the mainstream media trying to erase any good that has come out of the last four years. That good – which was good for workers, business and the nation – is detrimental to the globalist agenda. The proof of that was the orchestrated effort to shut down talk of the election, which was extremely problematic, and any dissent of the Democratic Socialist agenda. Our freedoms are being taken away from us piecemeal by those who want to install a new order. The "great reset" talked of right after the election is a direct threat to our Constitutional freedoms, and politicians on both sides of the aisle are in cahoots. Don't believe us? Read the latest to come out of Davos. It's an eye-opener.

Trump had it correctly when he stated in his advertising last spring the election wasn't about hating him, it was about hating us, the people who work everyday and try to do the right thing. Both parties want to control our lives, and as Dr. Fauci put it so succinctly, "Do as we're told."

Already the fix is in to alter trade agreements back to Obama days, to not have "fair trade," but "free trade." Already the move is ongoing for more regulation, higher taxes, and, of course, more illegal aliens. With a demented Joe Biden in office, the left looks to continue its revolution. Redstate.com put it best in a column this week, ending this way:

"Meanwhile, the rest of the country get to suffer the very real consequences of the next four years. Isn't that how it always goes? The peons outside the beltway take the punishment so the elites can feel better about themselves."



## Letters, We get letters

### Questions process

Recently, the West Haven City Council voted unanimously to declare racism as a "public health crisis" in the City of West Haven. Below are the comments that I made to the City Council in public session prior to the vote. The comments do not speak in favor of or against the declaration, but to process that the City took to form the resolution and the lack of public health professionals, nor Board of Education representatives on of the resolution committee.

"Greetings Mayor Rossi, Chairman Quagliani and the members of the City Council. I wish you and Mrs. Riccio a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

"I am speaking this evening regarding Communication F on your agenda. The communication is from Mayor Nancy Rossi regarding a Public Health Resolution. To be specific, it is regarding a declaration proclaiming racism as a "public health crisis" in the City of West Haven.

"Last summer, the mayor formed a committee to come up with a resolution to present to the City Council that would declare racism as a public health crisis in the City

of West Haven. This committee became known as the West Haven Community Alliance. (going forward as WHCA committee)

"The WHCA committee membership is made up of ten members. They are the mayor, four City Councilwomen, the Chief and Deputy Chief of Police, the Chairman of the West Haven Democratic Party and two laypersons, who are a Reverend cleric and the leader of the local Black Lives Matter movement.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee members for their hard work and dedication to their task. I would also like to thank and congratulate Councilwoman Trenee' McGee for her leadership.

"I attended the Nov. 18 and the Dec. 2 meetings of the WHCA committee. Several Board of Education matters were discussed regarding the racial makeup of faculty members that the Board of Education has on staff. Out of the ten members of the Committee, none of them serve on the Board of Education, nor are employed as educators by the Board.

"To my knowledge, none of the committee members are members of West Haven's

Republican Party. Also, with the goal of the WHCA committee to present a resolution to the City Council asking the Council to proclaim a public health crisis, there is surprisingly no representation from the City's Health Department, whether it be staff or members of the Board of Health. To my knowledge, there are no healthcare professionals serving on the WHCA committee.

"Having had a long discussion with the West Haven Health Director Maureen Lillis, she suggested to me that I nominate to the mayor the name of Dr. Amid Mohammed or Orange, who is working on a similar resolution in the Town of Orange. Dr. Mohammed also works closely with Director Lillis in the City's response to Covid-19, so he is very familiar with West Haven. In an email to the mayor a month ago, I made recommendations regarding Dr. Mohammed and adding more diversity to the WHCA committee. A larger Committee would make the goals of the WHCA more successful. As of noon today (Monday, Dec. 28,) neither the mayor, nor anyone from her staff have replied to my email. At this time, I am asking the City Council to hold off on

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# Annawon Lodge elects new Master

Saturday, Jan. 9, West Haven Annawon Lodge 115 AF&AM installed its officer core for the coming year. Leading the slate was newly elected Worshipful Master Edward Anyafulu.

Anyafulu, stated his goals as worshipful master, "Our lodge has been privileged to serve the West Haven community for decades and now more than ever our community needs us. Our community has been enduring unprecedented times both from a health standpoint and an economic one as our city has been ravaged by the effects of COVID-19, as a healthcare worker, I understand the effects of the pandemic and have seen first hand the impacts it has had on our community. I promise our lodge will continue our decades of community service and will work to help the residents of West Haven get back on their feet. Technology is an important part of navigating a lodge during a pandemic, I

hope to work with our governing bodies to incorporate virtual options to our lodge to ensure that members can meet as needed both safely and without discrimination.

In addition to Anyfulu, those installed included: John Garcia as Senior Warden, Christopher R. Belous as Junior Warden, Gerald A. Calabritto as Treasurer, Dennis J. Frosolone as Secretary, Joseph F. McVety Jr as Senior Deacon, Frank J. Andriulli III, Junior Deacon, Douglas J. Turcotte III as Senior Steward, Daniel J. Turcotte as Junior Steward, Matt Schwartz as Marshall, William K. Barr as Historian, Alan M. Friedman, Jr as Chaplain, Lee Canapetti as Tiler, John K. Ryan as Master of the Works, and William C. Lang as Almoner.

Photo by Steven Mullins  
**Worshipful Master Edward Anyafulu**



## Check home for radon gas, says official

By Michael P. Walsh  
*Special to the Voice*

January is National Radon Action Month, and city Health Director Maureen B. Lillis is encouraging residents to protect their health by testing their homes for radon, the second-leading cause of lung cancer.

Radon is found in rock, water and soil. While radon in outdoor air poses a relatively low risk to human health, it can enter homes from the surrounding soil and become a health hazard inside buildings, Lillis said.

A limited number of free radon test kits have been made available to West Haven residents by the state Department of Public Health. To receive a test kit, call the city Health Department at (203) 937-3660.

# Letters, We get letters

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voting on Communication F until Mayor Rossi has added committee members to the WHCA with a full background of expertise and bi-partisanship to properly give input to the proposed resolution. I am also proposing that the final verbiage of the resolu-

tion be published in print media and the City website to allow the West Haven public to be fully aware of the wording and allow them to ask questions of the WHCA committee members and their respective City Councilperson regarding said resolution before it is voted on. As I stated to Mayor Rossi in my email,

I am more than willing to assist her in finding additional WHCA members that are open minded and would be good fits to the task at hand. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time to further discuss diversifying the WHCA committee.

*Commissioner Steven R. Mullins*

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# Directive: Rossi, Quagliani clarify process

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These issues should be addressed in that manner. I should have clearly stated that in the directive, and I welcome the opportunity to do so now.

She continued, "The need for written format applies to questions about department functions, processes, and other non-urgent issues. This is not meant to limit, but rather to increase, accountability and transparency. For example, if a council person contacts a department head by phone, reports out the conversation during a City Council meeting, and the information is disputed, there is currently no documentation to which the council person or department head can refer for clarity."

Rossi insists the new directive will not hamper communication and her vow for transparency in governance, but enhance it.

"This directive enhances both accountability and

transparency by creating a documented record of communication between council people and department heads. Again, this directive applies to non-urgent communication, and is not meant to hamper the need for direct and immediate phone communication between council people and department heads to address the urgent needs of constituents," she insists.

Further she said if department heads are asked to attend council meeting for a Q and A, the same procedures as in the past are in force. She rejected the notion the Jan. 13 procedure would put a "chill" on questions going to department heads.

She dismissed questions or ideas the reason for the new directive was to control the narrative.

"I served as a City Council member for ten years. During my first term in office, the chair(man) of the City Council

encouraged all City Council members to email questions and concerns to the department heads," she said.

She also encouraged the City Council to be very involved with Connecticut Council of Municipalities (CCM) for research and inquiries for information.

"All CCM requests had to be emailed. Putting questions in writing increases transparency, documents questions and answers, facilitates Freedom of Information, and saves valuable time for our department heads, their staff, and members of City Council," she said.

Meanwhile, Council Chairman Ron Quagliani said anyone questioning the procedure was part of the ongoing discussions.

"The procedure was discussed at a previous meeting with the mayor and council. There were no objections at the time. When a communi-

cation is placed in a council committee, the Committee Chair(man) is responsible to research the communication and seek feedback and questions from the committee members and other council members and work with the specific department head to get the answers. This process ensures all council members are aware of all information and avoids 13 members from each potentially contacting the same department head with potentially the same questions. The department head then joins the council for a public discussion on the communication at a meeting," he said.

Quagliani said the new procedure should be more beneficial in gaining information for members.

"The council should get more information as they receive answers to their questions as well as all other questions from other members. The

members will subsequently still be able to question the department head at our Council meeting," he said.

Quagliani said the new instructions will better serve the process of gaining information and is not an attempt to limit contact.

"This process is for the council committee work flow which I stated above should provide our members with more information prior to the meeting which will allow for better preparation and a more thorough discussion on the issues at our meetings," he said.

"Outside of our Council meetings, Council members are still encouraged to reach out to the Mayor and department heads should they have a particular resident or constituent concern that they are working to rectify. Non-urgent requests should be via email while urgent requests should be by direct contact via text or voice followed up by an email."

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## 'House calls' to continue 3-decades-old traditions for St. Valentine's Day

By Michael P. Walsh

Special to the Voice

For the past three decades, the city has honored West Haven couples who have been married for at least 50 years with a Valentine's Day party featuring entertainment, dancing and refreshments.

And this year is no different — well, a little — with the city's Valentine's Day tradition continuing despite the coronavirus pandemic, Mayor Nancy R. Rossi announced.

Without skipping a beat, the city will play Cupid for the 31st straight year by holding an alternative event that celebrates the holiday of love from the safety of couples' homes.

On Feb. 12, Rossi will recognize those sweethearts who have reached the half-century mark and beyond with a congratula-

## Schools purchase coats

In lieu of COVID-19, the yearly coat drive for Bailey Middle School and Carrigan Intermediate School was carried out a bit differently.

In past years, Bailey and Carrigan collected gently used coats, bought new coats, as well as received coat donations from Savers. This year, coats were purchased instead of collected for Bailey and Carrigan students in need.

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# 1937 outbreak had its own restrictions

By Jon E. Purmont

WH Historical Society

Did you ever wonder what it was like to live in West Haven when quarantines were imposed during epidemics in the early decades of the 20th Century? Are there any similarities to the current covid-19 restrictions we have endured in recent months? What were the policies of the local Health Department when diseases such as mumps, measles, and scarlet fever spread among the population? Were children particularly susceptible to these infections?

Answers to those questions were found in an unlikely place: a scrapbook recently acquired by the West Haven Historical Society. I came across an informative article written by the late Harriet North, City Historian. She wrote the article entitled "20th Century Epidemics Gone, But Not Forgotten" in the February 25, 1988 edition of the *West Haven News*. In it was her recollection of a 1937 outbreak of Scarlet Fever which infected her young daughter.

Scarlet fever was an acute infection caused by the streptococcus virus. It was characterized by the onset of a fever, sore throat, and rash and it

## School system set to destroy old records if not requested

The West Haven Board of Education's (WHBOE) Special Education /Pupil Services department informs parents when personally identifiable information, which was collected, maintained or used under IDEA is no longer relevant to the provision of educational services to a student and the WHBOE plans to destroy the information.

The WHBOE reminds parents that they or their child may need the information for Social Security benefits, educational or other purposes in the future. However, a permanent record of a student's name, address, and phone number, his or her grades, attendance record, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed may be maintained without time limitation.

Please be advised that the WHBOE will be destroying special education records for students with a date of birth between July 1, 1991 to December 31, 1993. The WHBOE considers this 30 days' notice for the destruction of these records. If the WHBOE does NOT receive a written request for your records by Feb. They will be destroyed on Feb. 15.

was one of the leading causes of death among children between ages 5-15.

The use of an anti-toxin was first used in 1924 to treat patients but its efficacy was not very successful. Penicillin became available as a treatment in the 1940's and its use proved quite successful.

Mrs. North's only child, once diagnosed, was subsequently quarantined in the family's home on Center Street. Although her case was not severe, she faced total bed rest and three weeks confinement in her home. But the restrictions did not stop there.

A picture of the Health Department's quarantine notice (shown here) accompanied Mrs. North's article.

The sign had to be attached to a prominent place in the front of her home. It noted that a person living in the house was quarantined-and "no person could enter or leave the premises without permission of the city's Health Officer Dr. Eugene Cozzolino."

The name of the ill person was written on the notice and included the effective date when the quarantine began and when it would end. In her daughter's case the dates were June 19-July 10, 1937.

Needless to say, children who were quarantined were not allowed to attend school until the three week period ended.

Mrs. North mentions she was "in a state of collapse" after keeping her young-

ster amused and entertained throughout the ordeal.

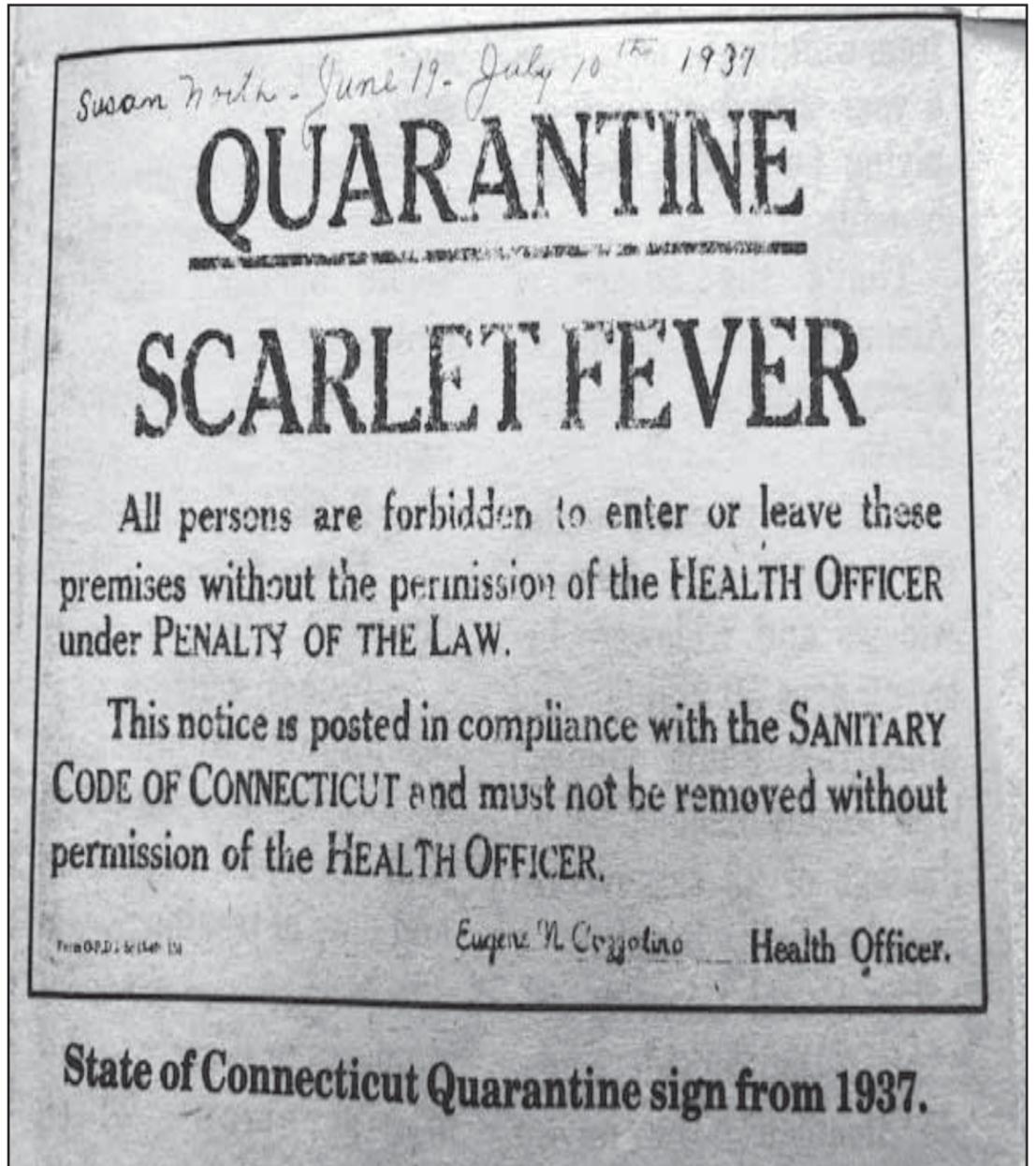
All of this in a time when there was no television, no virtual learning option for the young girl, and no playmates to take up her time!!

Sorry Mrs. North, an epidemic is with us again in the 21st century!!

Fortunately, we have television and virtual learning to keep young people entertained and educated- to keep

them occupied during this health crisis.

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## City tax deadline looms

The second installment of city tax bills — real estate, personal property, motor vehicle, sewer — were due Jan. 1, and payments after Feb. 1 are considered delinquent and subject to interest, Tax Collector Dorothy Chambrelli said. The 2019 supplemental motor vehicle bills are for vehicles registered after Oct. 1, 2019, and were also due Jan. 1.

Current taxes that were due Jan. 1 will have a 30-day grace period. Under the city's COVID-19 relief plan, the interest rate on taxes that were due Jan. 1 will have a reduced interest rate from 1.5% to 0.25% per month until March 31. Taxes can be paid by check, credit card, debit card or money order from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the window outside the tax office on the Campbell Avenue side of City Hall or by the drop box at the 355 Main St. entrance of the building. No cash is accepted and City Hall is closed on Friday until further notice, city officials said.

Taxpayers who have cash can go to a bank of their choice to obtain a money order or certified check. While waiting in line for in-person payments at the tax office window, taxpayers must wear face masks and maintain social distancing at all times, including staying 6 feet away from others. Taxpayers can also make a payment on the city website at <https://www.mytaxbill.org/inet/bill/home.do?town=westhaven>. Sewer bills are on the same page but under a separate tab. The fees for credit cards and electronic checks are available at <http://cityofwesthaven.com/276/Payments>. Taxes can also be paid by mail — check or money order, no cash — to the tax office lockbox or drop box. When paying by lockbox or drop box, the canceled check is the receipt. After Feb. 1, taxes with interest can be paid by mail to the Office of the Tax Collector, P.O. Box 401, West Haven 06516.



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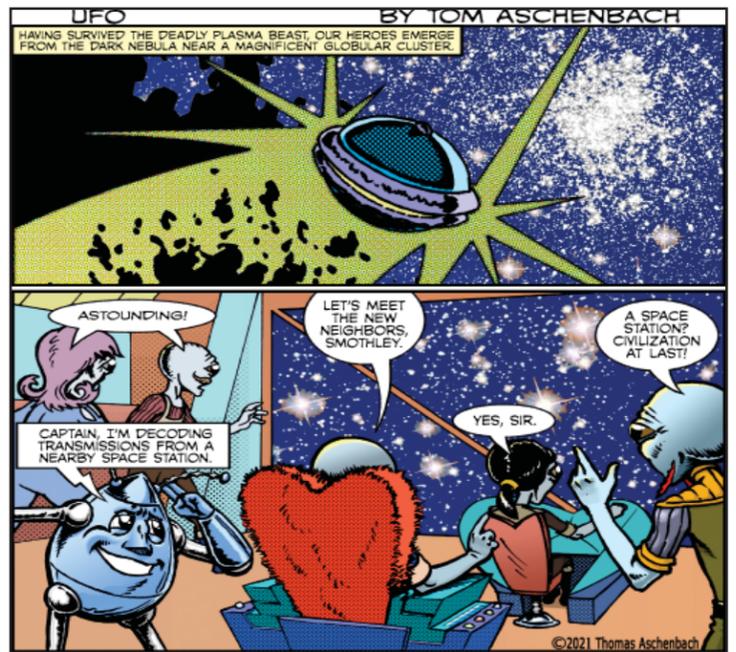


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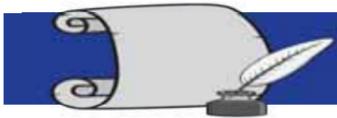
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## Historian's corner

By Dan Shine

### The 1920s

Here we are, still in the early stages of the 2020s, and perhaps this is a good time to look back upon the American way of life one hundred years ago:

The population of the United States had just reached 100 million in 1920, and in that year, it was noted that for the

first time the number of Americans living in the cities exceeded the number living on farms and in rural areas. This change was brought about by the rapid rise in the number of new factories and the arrival of wave upon wave of European immigrants. Also, at that time, the Connecticut popula-

tion was 1.4 million; today it is close to 4 million.

The presidents during the period 1920-1930 were Warren G. Harding (R), Calvin Coolidge (R) and Herbert C. Hoover (R). The Roaring Twenties as it was called was a decade of great economic growth and widespread pros-

perity, driven by recovery from wartime devastation and deferred spending, a boom in construction, and the rapid growth of consumer goods such as automobiles and electricity in North America. By means of comparison, the average wage of a factory worker in the 1920s was \$22.00 per week, double what it had been ten years earlier.

Notable legislation included:

The 18th Amendment to the Constitution, known as the Volstead Act or Prohibition, outlawed alcohol production, sale and consumption. This act went into effect in 1920 only to be repealed by the 21st Amendment in 1933. Initially, the 18th Amendment was widely supported, but as time went by "speakeasies" flourished, even as criminal gangs gained control of the beer and liquor supply in many cities, and a new opposition emerged nationwide. This widespread change in public sentiment led to the end of Prohibition.

The 19th Amendment granted American women the right to vote, a right

known as women's suffrage, and was ratified in 1920, ending almost a century of protest.

Americans became healthier during the 1920s: penicillin was discovered; in addition, great strides

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The first Macy's Parade took place in the 20s. It was then known as the "Christmas Parade."



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

## Financial Focus

### Remote work might offer financial benefits

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have been forced to work from home. But once we've moved past the virus, many workers may continue working from home. More than one-third of companies with employees who started working from home now think that remote work will stay more common post-pandemic, according to a Harvard Business School study. This shift to at-home work can affect people's lives in many ways – and it may end up providing workers with some long-term financial advantages.

If you're one of those who will continue working remotely, either full time or at least a few days a week, how might you benefit? Here are a few possibilities:

- **Reduced transportation costs** – Over time, you can spend a lot of money commuting to and from work. The average commuter spends \$2,000 to \$5,000 per year on transportation costs, including gas, car maintenance, public transportation and other expenses, depending on where they live, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. If you are going to work primarily from home, you should be able to greatly reduce these costs.

- **Potentially lower car insurance premiums** – Your auto in-

surance premiums are partially based on how many miles you drive each year. So, if you were to significantly reduce these miles by working from home, you might qualify for lower rates.

- **Lower expenditures on lunches** – If you typically eat lunch in restaurants or get takeout while at work, you could easily be spending \$50 or more per week – even more if you regularly get coffee drinks to go. By these figures, you could end up spending around \$3,000 a year. Think how much you could reduce this bill by eating lunch at home during your remote workday.

- **Lower clothing costs** – Despite the rise in "casual dress" days, plenty of workers still need to maintain appropriate office attire. By working from home, you can "dress down," reducing your clothing costs and dry-cleaning bills.

As you can see, it may be possible for you to save quite a bit of money by working from home. How can you use your savings to help meet your long-term financial goals, such as achieving a comfortable retirement?

For one thing, you could boost your investments. Let's suppose that you can save \$2,500 each year by working remotely. If you were to invest this amount in a tax-

deferred account, such as an IRA or your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan and earned a hypothetical 6% annual return for 20 years, you'd accumulate more than \$97,000 – and if you kept going for an additional 10 years, you'd have nearly \$210,000. You'd eventually pay taxes on the amount you withdrew from these accounts (and withdrawals prior

to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty), but you'd still end up pretty far ahead of where you'd be otherwise.)

You also might use part of your savings generated by remote work to help build an emergency fund containing a few months' worth of living expenses. Without this fund, you might be forced to dip into your retirement accounts

to pay for something like a major home repair.

Becoming an at-home worker will no doubt require some adjustments on your part – but, in strictly financial terms, it could lead to some positive results.

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# Minority: *Cohen gives his own assessment*

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ing to Cohen, "Economic development must no longer take a back seat. Years of economic neglect has negatively impacted taxpayers' wallets and quality of life services that allow our families to thrive."

In terms of economic development, Cohen provided the following assessment.

"Accelerating economic development should be the city's absolute top priority to grow our revenue base. West Haven is a city of boundless possibilities, yet largely unrealized potential. As witnessed with stagnant new building permit revenue, the city would benefit by developing a comprehensive market plan to attract new businesses, as well as hire an economic development director that not only knows how to "close the deal," but develop relationships with brokers, real estate companies, and key investors throughout Connecticut and the Northeast corridor that keeps West Haven 'top of mind' in this extremely competitive marketplace."

He sees the city has having things that should make other cities envious.

"West Haven possesses incredible assets: an exceptional waterfront, home to two world-class universities, a highly coveted, strategic location with easy access to major interstates, and an awesome train station for business and leisure travel," he said. "Unfortunately, the council has yet to see a true economic development plan."

"Expanding economic development will be central to reducing the high tax burden we continue to experience. Some will place the blame squarely on MARB, however, our highly questionable financial decisions of the past in combination with rising taxes and fees has contributed to making West Haven less desirable than other municipalities for both small businesses and multi-national corporations."

In terms of the recent audit of the FY 2021 budget, Cohen was cautiously optimistic.

"I recognize and respect the tough decisions that were necessary that has allowed the administration to report a favorable audit. However, please make no mistake: our general, "rainy day" fund surplus is

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predominately due to the infusion of millions of dollars in MARB funding that has helped to keep our city afloat. As for spending reductions, some were due to unfilled open or new positions, pending studies, or certain recommendations made by the MARB oversight board."

Cohen congratulated the administration for meeting many of the requirements placed upon West Haven as a condition of MARB funding, and most especially the city's finance team headed by Frank Cieplinski.

He sees the city's budgeting problems going beyond the line-items, however.

"Budgets are more than balancing line items; it is ensuring that funds are used most effectively, regularly monitored and justified. As I stated during the last budget cycle, largely cloning the prior year's department budgets in their entirety does not foster innovative thinking and high performance. In fact, such practices can inadvertently result in not constructively questioning the need for certain line items with the objective to maximize every taxpayer dollar," he said.

Cohen is enthusiastic about the ongoing negotiations to redevelop the Savin Rock Conference Center site with the Smyrna Group, but equally concerned about the lackluster response received from the city's request for qualification (RFQ) solicitation.

"As I've previously stated, the draft proposal by the developers exhibited energy, vision, and much-needed rejuvenation of this strategic shorefront location that I believe can and should be the foundation and catalyst of further redevelopment and revitalization along Captain Thomas Boulevard through the end of Beach Street," he said.

Cohen said if a deal can be had, he is excited about "reimagining" and "rebranding" the area, and he believes the project will act as a "stabilizer" and "stimulus" for the area.

However, Cohen is also concerned that the city only received four proposals for the project with the Smyrna Group being the only real, viable choice.

"Blaming COVID-19 for the lack of response is not

acceptable or believable," he said. "Given the location, the lack of marketing and networking with potential developers and investors was sadly apparent. With that said, we all hope that this proposal will be realized."

When it comes to the Haven, Cohen is as irritated as most others.

"To the credit of this council and administration, we've cleared virtually all financial obstacles for the developer to move forward. This was recently witnessed with our unanimous vote for our state delegation to request the state legislature approve the Haven location as a special taxation district. In my strong opinion, 2021 is a make-or-break year for the developer to truly execute or re-evaluate their development plan," he said.

Cohen added the need for pinpointing other areas of the city.

"We also need to address the Boston Post Road and Railroad Avenue/Sawmill road corridors, along with a distressed downtown. As previously mentioned, our strategic location offers enormous opportunities for companies ranging from retail to high tech," he said.

A final goal that Cohen would like to see significant progress made by yearend is a police pension plan.

"We must aggressively identify the financial viability, limitations and benefits to transition to a defined benefit pension plan which must include a disability component. In partnership with our police leadership and union, I believe we would all ideally like a plan in place yesterday," he said.

Cohen offered the advice for the members of the minority party. Many times non-Democrats are seen as much more than opponents.

"At times, the minority will be your opposition. However, we are not your enemy," he said. "On behalf of fellow Co-Minority Leader, Colleen O'Connor (At-Large), our mission remains on improving the quality of life for every taxpayer and neighbor. We will never lose sight that elected officials are blessed to serve."

In his assessment of the city, Republican Councilman Barry L. Cohen (R-10) looks at the possible sale of the Savin Rock Conference Center, which was announced in early December. He agrees with the concept, but believes the city has to expand its sights on other parts of the municipality as well.



# City issues bulk trash reminder

The 2021 bulk trash pickup weeks are April 19-23 and Sept. 13-17.

West Haven residents are reminded to separate metals, recyclables and regular trash from bulk trash and put them out no more than 24 hours before pickup. Violations carry a \$100 fine per daily offense, Public Works Commissioner Tom J. McCarthy said.

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

Bulk items include couches, chairs, tables, carpeting, padding and fencing, which may not exceed 6 feet in length. No building materials, tires, mattresses, propane tanks or hazardous waste are accepted.

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

Tires can be brought to Town Fair Tire, 63

Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$2.75 per tire.

Mattresses can be disposed of for free in a container at the city's highway maintenance garage, 1 Collis St. Mattresses must be dry.

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

Propane tanks can be brought to Taylor Rental, 304 Boston Post Road, Orange, for a fee of \$10.60 per tank.

The 2021 pickup schedule for leaf bags is April 1-June 1 and Oct. 1-Dec. 31. The pickup schedule for grass bags is May 17-Nov. 19. The bags are picked up on residents' weekly collection days. Leaves and grass clippings must be in separate biodegradable paper bags and will not be accepted if they are in plastic bags.

The city also picks up brush that is cut into 3-to-6-foot lengths and tied in small bundles, no more than 70 pounds. Logs and stumps are prohibited.

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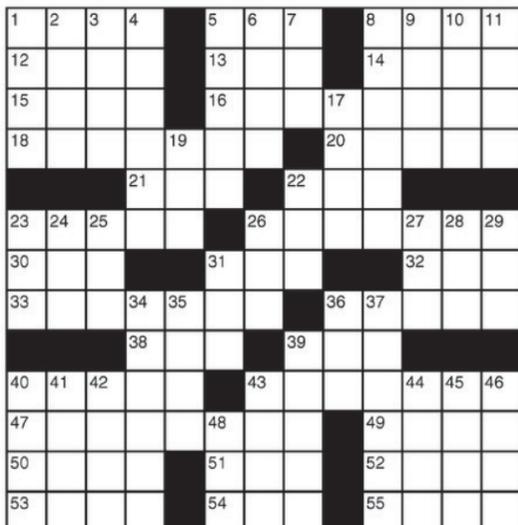
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**King Crossword**

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  - 5 Cistern
  - 8 Sprint
  - 12 Guitarist Atkins
  - 13 -- de-France
  - 14 Formerly
  - 15 Antelope's playmate
  - 16 Its days are numbered
  - 18 Degree of excellence
  - 20 Endures
  - 21 "Nova" aier
  - 22 Lass
  - 23 Regions
  - 26 Volcanic crater
  - 30 "Entourage" agent
  - 31 Branch
  - 32 Felon's flight
  - 33 Trinidad music
  - 36 Fountain drinks
  - 38 Fine, at NASA
  - 39 Marry
  - 40 Dishonor
  - 43 Actor Rory
  - 47 Squid dish
  - 49 Big fair, for short
  - 50 "Oops!"
  - 51 Drench
  - 52 Peruse
  - 53 Facts and fig-ures
  - 54 Guitar master
  - 55 Tolkien crea-tures
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Outlet letters
  - 2 The Mets' old home
  - 3 Rind
  - 4 American flag feature
  - 5 Bad habits
  - 6 Winged
  - 7 Aviv preceder
  - 8 Disney duck
  - 9 &&&
  - 10 Ella's style
  - 11 Towel word
  - 17 Israeli airline
  - 19 Small ammo
  - 22 Leg, in slang
  - 23 Efron of "Parkland"
  - 24 Man-mouse link
  - 25 Zero
  - 26 -- -Magnon
  - 27 Right angle
  - 28 Squealer
  - 29 Early hrs.
  - 31 Request
  - 34 Motorcycle maker
  - 35 "The Raven," for one
  - 36 Actor Gibson
  - 37 Stick
  - 39 Is patient
  - 40 Gulf War mis-sile
  - 41 "Funny!"
  - 42 Oodles
  - 43 Manitoba tribe
  - 44 They can take a yoke
  - 45 -- the crack of dawn
  - 46 Agrees silently
  - 48 Piercing tool

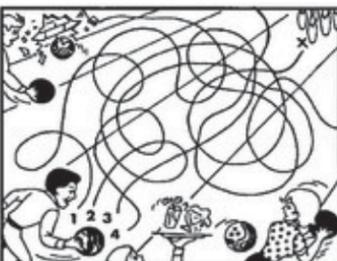


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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: SUSPENDED FROM A NECKLACE

- Breadbox
- Briefcase
- Capsule
- Cask
- Compact
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- Gripsack
- Inkwell
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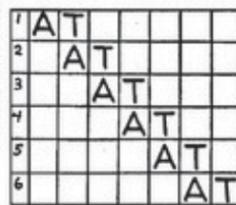
**ALLEY OOPS!** Which path does the bowling ball take to hit the pins above? Pick 1, 2, 3 or 4, and see if you are right.

**VERSE OFF!** From a number that's odd, cut off the head. It then will even be. Next, we say, cut off the tail. A time of day, you'll see. What number applies in this old verse?

**FUN TIMES!** Multiply 21 by 6 and the answer is 126, an instance in which all three digits used in the multiplication appear in the product. Just for fun, see if you can find another two-digit amount, which, when multiplied by 3, will function similarly. That is to say, will produce a product containing the three digits involved in the math.

P.S.: Complying amount is over 50.

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**WHERE IT'S AT SPORTS-WISE**

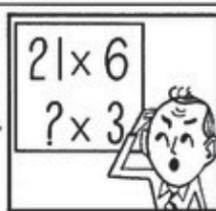
KNOW where it's AT in sporting terms? Let's see. Each of the six stepped-off AT teams at left has a sports connotation. See if you can puzzle terms out in accord with the following definitions:

1. Sports figure.
2. Pitcher-catcher duo.
3. Nonprofessional.
4. Boat race.
5. Wins out over foe.
6. Stadium location (two words).

Time limit: Two minutes.

1. Answer: 2. Battery; 3. Amateur.

ZIP-ITTY DOI ZIP codes were introduced by the U.S. Postal Service in 1963. What do the letters ZIP stand for?



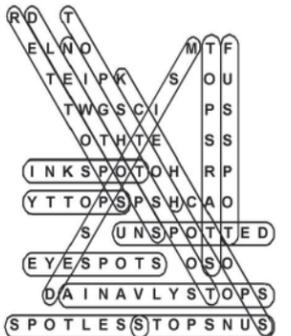
**Answers to last week's puzzles**

**King Crossword — Answers**

Solution time: 24 mins.



**SPOTTED WORDS**



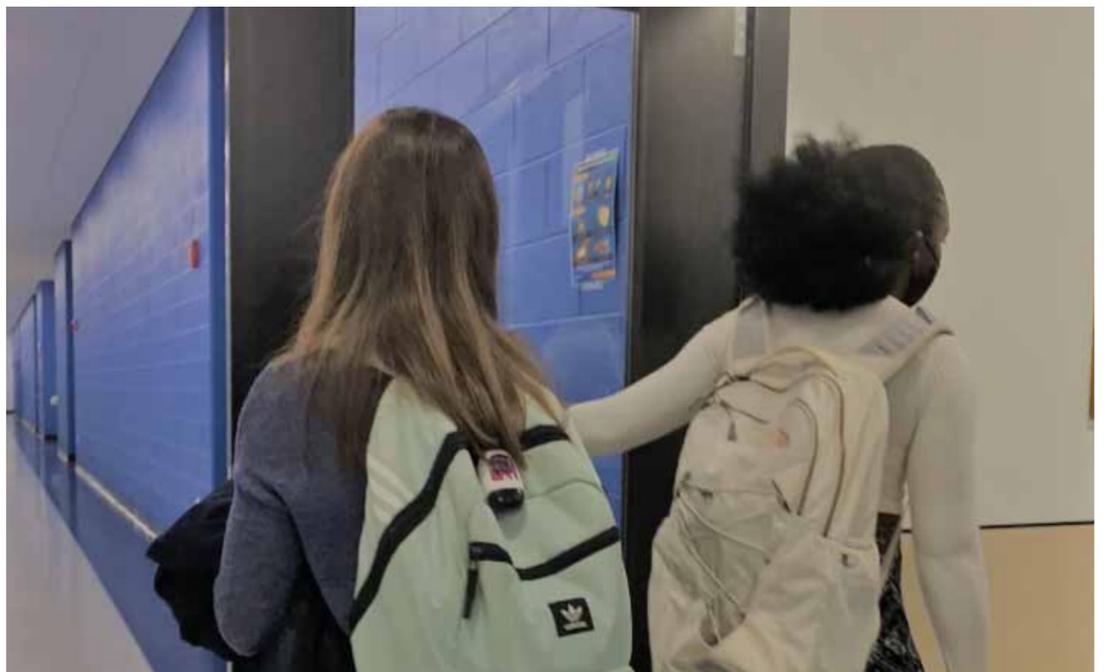
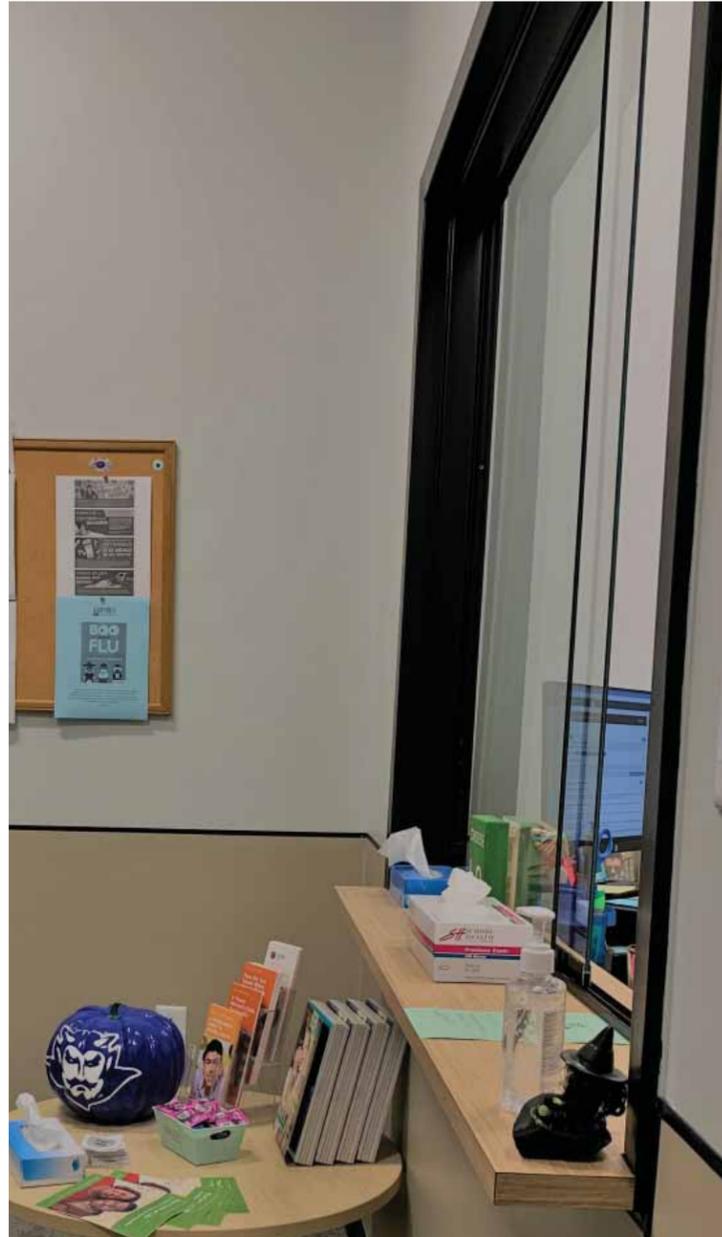
**Weekly SUDOKU — Answer**

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## Historian's Corner: *The Roaring Twenties*

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were made toward the detection, elimination or control of scarlet fever, tuberculosis, measles, diabetes, polio and a variety of cancers. In addition, indoor plumbing became commonplace, replacing washstands, chamber pots and outhouses.

Entertainment was enhanced by the appearance and expansion of radio stations and household radio receivers throughout the United States:

At last, the entire country was united by radio programming.

Entertainment included humorous skits, news, serial stories and political speeches.

The evolving musical entertainment of that era was primarily influenced by black America: Jazz, blues, swing, dance band and

ragtime, and often played by black musicians.

On the "silver screen," the transition from silent films to the "talkies" in the mid-1920s dramatically transformed the face of the American film industry and of mass entertainment.

Even as America's love affair with the automobile was still in its infancy, so too commenced the earliest days of air travel.

Handsome, romantic figures included air pioneers like Charles Lindberg, who was the first to fly from New York to Paris non-stop, and Amelia Earhart, who sought to set records and "firsts" for women fliers. These brave pioneers were also very prolific writers: Their books inspired countless others who would eventually follow them into the skies.

Some notable "firsts"

of the 1920s included the opening of the first Sears Roebuck store in Chicago, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, and a crude version of a strange device that would later become known as the television.

It seemed as if the Roaring Twenties would continue to roar on and on, non-stop. But then, in the fall of 1929 came the Wall Street Crash; this would herald the coming of the Great Depression, which was in fact a worldwide event.

In response, government scrambled to devise ways to bring Americans out of their deepening misery—by a process of measures that would consume years and yield but mixed results.

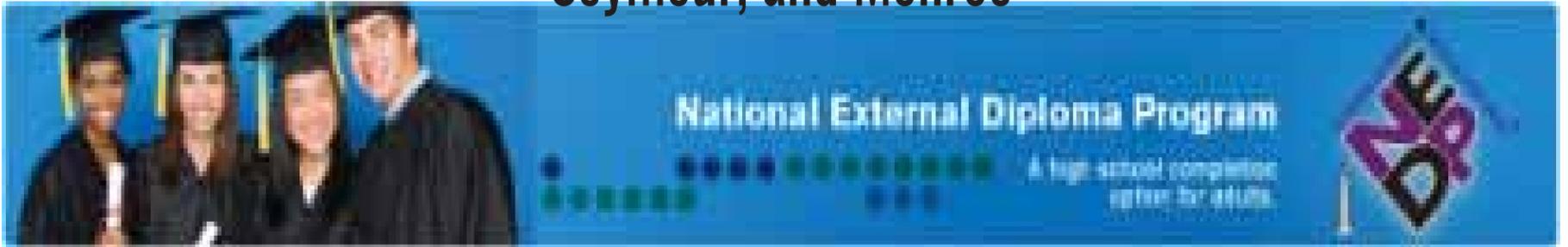
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Wall Street during the October Crash, ending the ballyhoo.

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