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Genga not shy about fight for 10th District

9-term state rep faces challenge from Republican Chris Tierinni

By Bill Doak

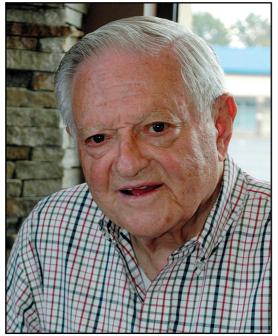
State Representative Henry Genga, at 84, still exhibits the focus, energy and drive he always has possessed from his days chairing the town's EMS commission, as majority leader of the Town Council and when he took on the duty of serving the town's 10th State Assembly District back in 2006.

But this year Henry – who enjoys passing out his trademark O Henry candy bars along with a photocopied \$100 Ben Franklin bill, is facing a legitimate challenger for his seat in Republican Chris Tierinni. It's been an amicable political contest, but Genga is not fooled. He is ready to defend his record vigorously as the incumbent, as a member of the legislature's Education, Public Health and Public Safety committees and as an assistant majority leader in Hartford.

Genga defends his record against accusations by Tierinni as well as criticisms levied by Republicans and political pundits that somehow state Democrats are responsible for big increases in electric utility rates and suffer from a lack of accountability owing to the majority role they have in the legislature.

"One thing the critics got right is that we have much better finances in this state thanks to the fiscal guardrails we passed in 2017," said Genga in an interview at the School Street Square Dunkin'. "We had two of the largest tax cuts in state history. We gave back \$460 million in 2023 and \$660 million in 2024. Financially Connecticut has done really well. The fiscal guardrails put discipline in place – what I call an orderly process of expenditures – to keep us within our means." Having served as town Treasurer, Genga said he was familiar with the importance of showing Wall Street that the municipality was maintaining healthy cash reserves.

"Those were bipartisan budgets. His party (the GOP) voted with us," Genga notes. "When they talk about fiscal mismanagement in Hartford they are being very negative. But we have the best financial situation in state history; we have a \$4 billion reserve fund. That's our savings account



State Representative Henry Genga, a Democrat, has served the 10th State Assembly District since 2006.

in case of economic situations we can't control, such as COVID or an economic downturn. But we're well positioned. We've given back to the people that helped get us to that point."

Genga says he has returned \$35,800,000 to the town in 18 years. "Add \$4.5 million for the Raymond Library. Under former governor Dan Malloy, that was the largest increase for the library ever. I call that property tax relief for East Hartford. As a town we could not afford to do things like that on our own."

Genga has his sharp eyesight back having just had cataract surgery. So he sets his steely gaze on the reporter.

"There's a morality in our budget. \$7.5 million in the state treasury is set aside for firefighters who lose their jobs due to cancer, and the families who suffer when a firefighter loses their job or life. That's a responsibility that goes beyond dollars and cents; it's who we are as human beings."

Genga says he has always brought his experience as a public official, as an employee in the insurance industry, as a former teacher at East Hartford High School and in public safety with the EMS commission to his role in Hartford. Before his 2006 election to the legislature, Genga served on the East Hartford Town Council from 2003 to 2006 and from 1975 to 1985. Before that he was the town treasurer from 1985 to 1997. He was a senior information systems analyst for The Travelers and taught business at EHHS stepping

See STATE REP. HENRY GENGA, pg. 10

State balloting gets underway Monday

A new 14-day period of early voting begins Monday, Oct. 21 for the 2024 general election.

In East Hartford, early voting will take place at Town Hall, 740 Main St.

Early voting provides voters with the opportunity to cast their ballot in-person on a day of their choosing. Early voting also takes place two weekends, a new convenience for voters.

The hope is that this will bring more voter participation in state elections. Connecticut is the 47th state to adopt early voting, something allowed in nearly every state now.

The League of Women Voters of Connecticut also noted all election races for state and federal legislative offices are on their VOTE411.org website.

There, voters may also notice a new feature: Campaign finance info providing voters with insight into the financial backers of federal candidates.

This VOTE411 expansion reflects the League's commitment to transparency. Campaign finance data, provided by OpenSecrets, will be regularly updated, motivating voters to stay informed throughout the election cycle.

"Transparency in campaign donations is crucial for voters to understand the influences shaping a candidate's policies," said Jeanette Senecal, senior director of mission impact for the League of Women Voters of the United States. "When voters can see who is donating to federal

See **EARLY VOTING**, pg 10

CHERRY TREE PLANTING



Led by Toshiko Uchino, volunteers plant 25 cherry trees at Rentschler Field Saturday, part of the U.S.-Japan Society's goal of planting 10,000 cherry trees across the United States. Helping were representatives of Collins Aerospace and the Manchester Land Conservation Trust.

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From April 2023 to April 2024, Connecticut also saw a decrease in overdose deaths.

Drop off potentially dangerous prescription medications at the Public Safety Complex, such as pills, patches or other solid

forms of prescription drugs, and will continue to accept vaping devices and cartridges at its drop off locations provided lithium batteries are removed.

Liquids (including intravenous solutions), syringes and other sharps and illegal drugs will not be accepted.

A public health nurse will be at the site to share information about naloxone, commonly known as Narcan, a life-saving medication used in an opioid overdose. The health department will also be distributing medication disposal kits at no cost while supplies last.

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CONGRESSMAN LARSON GETS FUNDS FOR PARK



Riverfront Recapture's CEO Michael Zalesky, right, shows East Hartford's Congressman John B. Larson plans for a new riverfront park on the Hartford-Windsor line. The proposed park hosted the 2024 "Big Mo" celebration September 28, a public party highlighting the latest projects of the nonprofit Hartford revitalization group.

Tea is brewing at the Brewer House November 2

You are invited to an Autumn Tea sponsored by the Historical Society of East Hartford at the Selden Brewer House Nov. 2 at 12:30 p.m. The tea will feature several different teas, savory sandwiches and sweets. Donation is \$25.

You must RSVP by Oct. 26 owing to limited seating at the historic Brewer House at the corner of Naubuc and Main St. Call 860-568-8342 and leave your name and phone number.

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There's a right way - and a wrong way - to rake leaves to curb

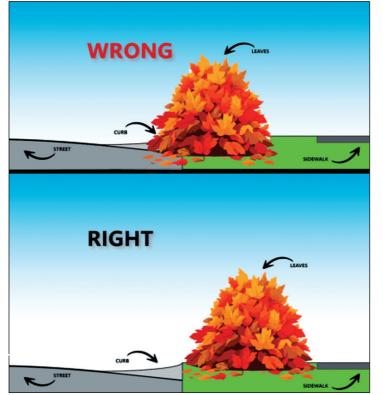
The autumnal sound of the town's leaf vaccuming trucks will begin to be heard on Monday, Nov. 4. Leaves will be sucked up from thwe curbs Monday through Saturday through December 14.

Place your leaves in piles on a tree belt. Leaves will be vacuumed along each street, weather permitting.

The leaf collection program will commence on roads in the northwest corner of town in the area of Pitkin Street and then proceed north and east through the Burnham and Goodwin Street areas. Collection will proceed in a clockwise direction around town.

There will be no leaf collection on Veterans Day, Nov. 11 or Thanksgiving, Nov. 28.

The leaf pickup schedule is posted on the town's Facebook page. A map will show completed areas as well as the areas where leaf collection is anticipated. Leaf pickup depends on



the weather. Leaf collection lawn signs will be posted in neighborhoods alerting to the pending leaf collection. To prevent flooding and clogged storm drains, do not rake leaves into the street where it may block storm drains.

Two other options for leaf disposal are curbside brown bag collection, which lasts for 6 weeks, or bring them to Ecology Drive. Crews will not pick up leaves placed in plastic bags.

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You will receive an email from Fevo (noreply@fevo-enterprise.com) with instructions to access your tickets through your UConn Ticket Account.

FALL 2024 VACCINE CLINICS

Thursday, October 17: Wickham Memorial Library, 2-5 pm

- Flu and COVID vaccines available
- Appointments available, walk-ins welcome

Saturday, October 26: Drive-Thru Vaccine Clinic (30 Remington Road), 10 am - 1 pm

- Flu and COVID vaccines available
- No appointment needed

Friday, November 1: St. Isaac Jogues Church, 12-3 pm

- Flu and COVID vaccines available
- Appointments available, walk-ins welcome

Thursday, November 14: East Hartford Senior Center, 10 am - 1 pm

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SPEAKING OUT! & LETTERS

Great immigration debate short on solutions

To the editor:

In 2013 President Obama's Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Reform Bill passed the US Senate by a 68-32 margin. The bill provided a conservative pathway to citizenship that would take 13 years for most undocumented immigrants. It also included almost \$50 billion for border security enforcement, an E-Verify mandatory employment system, and a "renewable work visa for low-skilled workers, with annual quotas that depend on market demand."

House Republican leadership tried to get the bill passed; due to the opposition of the prevailing conservative wing of the GOP, it was never brought to the floor. The political climate over immigration policy took on an increased polarized cast.

Given his accusation of Mexicans bringing drugs and crime to the U.S., as well as being rapists, the polarization intensified once Trump became president. In fact, throughout his presidency, Trump's immigration policy was purely retrograde, separating parents from their children, locking the children of undocumented parents in cages, reducing the number of refugees allowed to enter the US to a trickle, and claiming to build some mythical wall to keep the outsider out. Trump offered no operating framework for addressing the challenges that have drawn millions of people to the U.S. from around the world in our history.

Mired in an ideological hostility to the plight of those seekg refugee status in the U.S., the Trump administration turned the unwanted immigrant into an object of contempt and fear through a rhetoric of demonization and dehumanization. Stimulated by Trump's claim that caravans of refugees were invading the U.S., the 2019 killer of 23 Latino persons at a Walmart in El Paso, TX, referred to the "Hispanic invasion of Texas" as justification.

In 2021, President Biden proposed an ambitious immigration initiative with the U.S. Citizenship Act that built and expanded upon Obama's 2013 bill, which consisted of an eventual pathway to citizenship for up to 11 million undocumented residents as well as border security provisions. A key feature included addressing root causes of migration in Guatemala, El Salvadore, and Honduras in allowing up to four billion dollars to help "reduce the endemic corruption, violence, poverty that causes people to flee their home countries." The U.S. Citizenship Act could have gone some way in dealing with this complex issue in a reasonably systemic manner, but the legislation died with the closing of the 117th Congress.

No doubt, the proliferation of the number of refugees who crossed the U.S.-Mexican border caught the Biden administration off guard. Instead of working with Democrats to offer solutions, the GOP went on the attack. Republican governors of Texas and Florida exploited the issue, enacting stunts of sending migrants to Democratic-run cities for the express purpose of "owning the libs" and evoking a crisis in the hard-pressed urban areas of the nation. Meanwhile. Trump, presenting himself as the defender of the "real Americans" of the heartland, evoked some of the vilest anti-immigrant impulses that has ever been uttered in this nation.

Trump's nihilism was evinced in his demand that Republicans vote against the recent bipartisan immigration bill that included some of the toughest asylum and border laws ever. These provisions were insisted upon by Republicans as the price for supporting financial aid for Ukraine and Israel. Once Trump stated his disapproval, those who supported the bill voted against it.

Meanwhile, in falsely accusing Haitian immigrants in Springfield, Ohio of the most despicable acts, Trump enacted a level of anti-immigration rhetoric that is not only dehumanizing, but categorically false and racist, to its core, as well as evil in the most fundamental sense, as violating the Law and Spirit of the One who judges rightly.

In her recent speech on immigration, V.P. Harris provided an immigration plan that balances border security and refugee quotas while allowing for legal pathways for citizenship including those who are undocumented "who are deeply rooted in the United States" plus the Dreamers. Rejecting what she views as the "false choice between securing our border or creating system...that is safe, orderly and humane," her recognition that "we can and must do both," is based on viewing immigration as a positive.

Any comprehensive proposal would require an American hemisphere approach in addressing deep rooted social, political, and economic problems in Latin America and a redirection of U.S. foreign policy that provides support for such an orientation. The extent to which Harris would be able to move in such a direction would be an outcome of the actual political power at her disposal in 2025. Regardless, without a comprehensive approach to immigration reform, policy directives in this arena can only flounder.

George Demetrion
East Hartford

11th District needs Salema

To the Editor:

Our district needs a political leader who cares more about people than party politics.

I've lived in East Hartford for nearly 20 years. I look forward to the day when our state officials care enough to hear the real concerns of the real people they represent. If they did, our leaders would discover that many in our community do not believe their concerns matter to our leaders.

It feels like party politics takes precedence over the needs of regular people. Many voters' voices are not heard. Elected leaders say they hear our community's concerns; then they go to the Capitol and don't think about us again. Invested citizens are being overlooked.

Salema Davis will be a better leader. That's why she is getting my vote for State Representative for the 11th State Assembly District on November 5th.

Salema has earned my trust and respect. She doesn't just say what she thinks voters want to hear. She listens to what we the people are really saying, and learns what the real needs are, instead of forcing a politically motivated agenda on us that many don't want and never asked for.

Salema's positions on the issues demonstrate that she is driven by our day-to-day needs, not her own political aspirations.

Elect Salema to represent State Assembly District 11, and she will put our community first. To Salema, District 11 is not just a political region to be won. It's her home too, meaning she is as invested as her voting constituents.

Meet Salema, and you'll notice immediately how she is gifted with the kind of abilities to represent us at the Capitol in a principled yet bi-partisan way that gets things done while also not letting our values be forgotten.

Matt Harper East Hartford

Elect Tierinni & 'fresh ideas'

To the editor:

Hello; even though I am no longer a resident of East Hartford, going on 16 years now, I still feel a sense of being an East Hartfordite for life.

Oh; did I mention I worked for the town for over 12 years??

Regardless of Henry Genga's age, I agree with Mr. Tierinni's analogy that it is time for a change.

Fresh ideas are always in the best interest of the voters. Don't get me wrong; I just turned 69 in September.

Politics is a game for the young. (I refer to President Joe Biden's exit from this year's presidential race).

The only way to have the town move forward is to bring

in new people to government. My late parents believed in this concept. My mother was on the East Hartford Board of Education for 13 years. My father ran for the state legislature but lost to our beloved Mrs. Melody Cur-

It takes a special person to roll up their sleeves and get involved. Therefore, I would ask all voters to vote for Christopher Tierinni in the 10th Assembly District.

Almost forgot: Did I mention that Chris is my 2nd cousin?? Anyway, here's to the future 10th Assembly District representative, Mr. Christopher Tierinni.

Peter J. Tierinni Vernon

A HIGH TIME WITH HISTORY

There may be two Pitkin clocks in state libraries

DID YOU

KNOW?

Looking back on

our East Hartford

by Robert Kanehl

Did you know Raymond Library may not be the only one in Connecticut featuring a Levi Pitkin Clock?

Further studies have to be performed, but a little library in the eastern part of the state might have a Levi Pitkin clock in its lobby.

What is unusual is that the clock is not a grandfather clock, it is an American Music Clock. Constructed between the 1790s

these time pieces can chime out a variety of tunes with the hours.

1830s.

Levi Pitkin was born in East Hartford. Like many in his family he became a skilled craftsman. He settled on the clock field as demonstrated by his grandfather clock housed at the Raymond Library.

Besides clock making, Levi was a silver smith and inventor. Born in 1774, he served his clock apprenticeship with Daniel Burnap of East Windsor. Burnap was the master to another famous clock maker, Eli Terry. Other Pitkin relatives also constructed time pieces. According to records, the East Hartford Pitkins created the first American mechanical watch using an assembly line approach in the manufacturing.

Across Hop Brook, the Pitkin family mingled with the Cheney family, who produced wooden geared clocks during colonial times. Levi focused his work on metal driven devises.

During the early 1800s, Levi left Connecticut along with many residents to settle the new state of Vermont. In Vermont, he continued to construct clocks, many of which fetch high prices at auctions. By 1828 Levi was settled in

Rochester, New York.

While at Burnap's East Windsor shop, Levi worked on various different clocks including Burnap's famous musical versions. These grandfather sized time pieces, were geared to chime out different musical tunes, selected by the operator. These tunes could be changed

as the owner wished, by turning a dial on the face to a different song title.

According to Gary Sullivan's website on antiques clocks, Burnap was one of the lead-

ing producers of these musical clocks. Production reached its height during the early 1800s, just when Levi would have been there learning his trade. Sullivan notes that Burnap clocks general featured a select number of popular songs, among them was the Marques of Granby tune as well as Yankee Doodle.

About the same time that Burnap was producing his musical clocks, a small number of similar clocks were produced in Vermont. The difference with these clocks were the songs. In particular these Vermont clocks offered Marquis of Granby and also Orpheus. Could these Vermont have come from the hands of Levi Pitkin? He was living there.

The clock we're helping identify in Windham, has a face almost a twin to the one in East Hartford. The numbers, hands, and side decorations are identical, only Levi's name is missing. And of course, there is a song selection list painted just under the numbers denoting both Marquis of Granby and Orpheus, hinting its birthplace is Vermont.

Now only time will prove if this is the possible rediscovery of a Pitkin Clock.

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"All of Us", the senior dance concert of three University of Hartford's Hartt School Dance majors, will be performed Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 19 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Edward C. and Ann T. Roberts Foundation Theater at the Mort and Irma Handel Performing Arts Center, 35 Westbourne Parkway, Hartford.

"All of Us" premiers choreographic work and solo commissions of Hartt seniors Caterina Baker, MK Flaherty, and Sabrina Kreiss. Caterina provides an entertaining portrayal of a jazz club scene while her dancers are decorated in top hats and heels. Flaherty's dancers deal with the human condition. And, blending ballet with theatrics. Kreiss investigates our inner demons and transforms them into power.

Choreographers Gabrielle Lamb, Isaac Martin Lerner and



Michael Waldrop created original solos for each dancer to display their individual strengths and talents. Tickets are \$10 in advance only hartford.edu/tickets or call 860-768-4228 or 800-274-8587.

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Day. But if you want patriotic colors on your plate, get there before they run out at 11 a.m.

The pancake breakfast also includes sausage, coffee, tea, and juice, all for \$6 with discounts for kids.

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Trunk or Treat October 26 at **South Church**

Congregational Church, 1301 Forbes St., will host Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26th, from 2 to 4 PM in the church parking lot. Children of all ages are invited to wear costumes and go trickor-treating from car to car. Craft activities will also be available. Free, rain or shine rain moves the activities indoors. Nov. 3 South Chuurch will present "Recycling 101' from 11 a.m. to noon. Are you confused about what can or cannot be recycled? Do you toss things in the trash that might be reusable? If you answered "yes" to either of these guestions then "Recycling 101" is for you! Join us for a presentation by Cesar Zapata from the East Hartford Public Works Dept. He will tell us the correct way to recycle and discuss food scrap recycling soon to be available for residents of East Hartford.

Society

AT THE LIBRARY

Prehistoric creatures taking over library in DINOvember

Celebrate DINOvember at the East Hartford Public Library from November 4 - 8 with some ferociously fun dinosaur programming:

Dino Art - Monday, Nov. 4, 10 until 10:45 a.m., Children's room - Dino Art - Story and dinosaur-themed art. Ages 2 - 4.

Dino Movie - Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2 until 4 p.m. Meeting Room 1 - Land Before Time movie. Meet Littlefoot, Petrie, Ducky, Cera, and Spike. An orphaned brontosaurus teams up with other young dinos to reunite their families. Free popcorn. All

Dino Sing - Thursday, Nov. 7, 10 to 11 a.m. Children's room -Kids will stretch, sing, dance, and explore music in dinosaurthemed tots and tunes. Ages 12 months - 5 years.

Goodnight Dinos - Nov. 7 At the Wickham Library, Thursday, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Evening pajama storytime! Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket and stuffed animal friend. Dinothemed bedtime stories, songs and rhyme. Stay for a craft to take home. For kids 7 and

Family Storytime - Nov. 8, 10 until 10:45 a.m. in the Raymond Children's Room - Friday morning Family Storytime features reading, singing, dancing and creating to promote and develop early literacy.

Stop in either library branch to take part in the Dinosaur Scavenger hunt.

The Raymond Library is located at 840 Main St. The Wickham Library is located at 656 Burnside Avenue.

EAST HARTFORD GARDEN CLUB

Winter plants topic October 27

The East Hartford Garden Club will meet Oct. 27th at the Hillsstown Grange, 617 Hills St. At this October meeting, Kim Berz from Monrovia will discuss plants of Winter interest - conifers and evergreens. The presentation starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by a brief meeting. All welcome. Not a member yet? Find us at the Hillstown Grange 617 Hills St. the 4th Mondays of the month.

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Fall foliage walk Saturday

Fall foliage walk, Saturday, October 19 at 1 p.m. Meet at 330 Bush Hill Road, Manchester. About 3 miles, hilly terrain. The tag sale barn will also be open, so you can shop as well as enjoy the autumn scenery along the farm roads and forest

The Connecticut Horticultural Society continues its speaker series Oct. 17 with Marta McDowell, who presents the talk, "Frederick Law Olmsted: Shaping the American Landscape."

Starting at 7 p.m. TODAY, Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Elmwood Community Center (1106 New Britain Ave., West Hartford), McDowell's discussion will also be broadcast live via Zoom and followed with a Q&A.

Blood Drive

Color your Fall with Kindness! Goodwin University will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, October 24, 11:30 a.m. to 5p.m., in the Community Room at 211 Riverside Drive (main academic building), East Hartford. To schedule an appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: Goodwin). Donors will receive a \$10 Amazon e-Gift Card by email.



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EAST HARTFORD SPORTS

Best player? Stewie, hands down

Let's talk women's basketball, beginning with my dismay over talk of moving the WNBA Connecticut Sun to Boston, stemming from a sellout regular season game the Sun played at TD Bank Garden. The Sun have developed a rabid fan base at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Montville, committed fans from Massachusetts and Rhode Island as well as Connecticut. They're a backbone franchise of the WNBA and their fans should be rewarded, not punished, for two decades of loyalty.

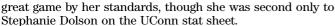
I'm frequently asked, because of my long association with women's basketball, who was the best women's college basketball player I ever saw. As most of my experience in the sport was based around UConn I had



by Scott Gray

close exposure to a plethora of legitimate candidates, Diana Taurasi, Maya Moore, Sue Bird etc., etc. With the numbers compiled by Caitlin Clark last season as she put the finishing touches on a record-breaking college career the question became more prominent. But my answer never changed: Breanna Stewart, not solely for her monumental accomplishments on the court, but also for her maturity on and off.

I was reminded last week of the moment my opinion of Stewie solidified. March 12th, 2013. UConn had just suffered what would be its most discouraging loss of the Stewart era by two points to Notre Dame in the Big East final at the XL Center. Stewie didn't have a



In an informal session with media after the game, Breanna grimly blamed herself. And she promised we'd never see her perform like that again. She was true to her word, claiming NCAA Tournament MVP honors as UConn claimed its 8th national championship. In her college career, UConn never lost a tournament game. Her talent and resolve were the driving force behind the Huskies for 4 national championship seasons.

A 9-year pro, she's claimed two WNBA titles. This season she led the New York Liberty to the league championship series against the Minnesota Lynx. In game one Friday the Liberty frittered away an 18-point lead and fell to the Lynx by two points in overtime. Stewie missed a free throw at the end of regulation that would have won it; then missed all three of her overtime shots. After the game she channeled the Stewie of March, 2013. "Perspective is I want to be talking those shots," she said of her game one failures. "I want to be in those positions and be able to take accountability and ownership in that. One game isn't going to affect what I do. Because I am who I am, this is why I'm in the position I'm in, good, bad or indifferent." The Breanna Stewart who stepped up to go tournament unbeaten in four years at UConn stepped up Sunday in game two of the WNBA finals, leading New York to a 14-point win with 21 points, 8 rebounds, five assists and a WNBA finals record 7 steals.. Don't ask. Stewie's still the best.

From stadium football to Hartford Marathon, sport palooza Saturday

The UConn-Wake Forest football game at noon is not the only big time sports event taking place here in East Hartford on Saturday.

Nearly 8,500 runners will be participating in the running of the 31st Hartford Marathon, a 26.4-mile course that will take the elite runners through town along the riverfront and Prospect and Main streets as they run to South Windsor and back across the Connecticut Rivere. Residents and businesses along the route have been given cowbells to help cheer on the runners.

The 2024 Eversource Hartford Marathon will close some roads and Downtown Hartford will be a post-race outdoor festival around Bushnell Park.

East River Drive, South Prospect and Prospect Street, and Pitkin Street willl be closed at times for the marathon, and drivers should anticipate delays and detours. Fans of the runners might want to park on the Town Green in Downtown East Hartford and walk over to Prospect, or at Town Hall and root for runners at Main and Carroll Road as they go back and forth across the Founders Bridge, the best view of the action will be off Pitkin Street.

Billed as "the premier marathon and half marathon in Connecticut" the run is a fall celebration and serves as a feeder race for the Boston Marathon. Run by volunteers, the race starts in front of the state Capitol building in Hartford. Marathon and half marathon courses venture into West Hartford, full of cheering race spectators, with a short pass through beautiful Elizabeth Park.

Marathoners veer off from half marathon participants and head over the Founders Bridge, traveling along the scenic East Hartford side of the river before hitting the rural and serene town roads of South Windsor, where the course highlights its quintessential New England charm. Journey back to Hartford to finish just past the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Arch in Bushnell Park and celebrate

with food and music in the park and beer garden festivities.

The 13.1 mile course will split from the marathon in Hartford, about 8 miles in, before half marathoners enjoy a run along the river. The downtown Hartford finish delivers that joyous and memorable moment crossing under the Arch, along brilliantly colored mums lining the path.

The Charity 5K will run through downtown Hartford. Expect a fast race for competitive runners that also welcomes casual runners and walkers to accomplish goals finishing under the arch.

Those looking for a fun way to get in on the action together with others can enjoy the Team 26.2 Relay with options for 2-5 team members to run in legs along the marathon course.

The race starts at the front steps of the State Capitol building, traveling west. The route travels past the houses of Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe (Miles 1-2). Upon entering West Hartford runners will pass the University of St. Joseph and enter into Elizabeth Park, home to the first public Rose Garden in the country (Miles 3-6). Progress back towards downtown Hartford and cross the Founders Bridge into East Hartford (Miles 7-9). Enjoy the beautifully maintained paved trails through Great River Park in East Hartford before beginning vour journey through East Hartford residential communities (Miles 10-11). Begin your journey past charming New England homes and farmland along historic Main Street, South Windsor before turning for home (Miles 14-20). Run along East Hartford streets and cross the Founders Bridge back into Hartford to finish under the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch (Miles 21-Finish). The course is certified by USATF. Certification #CT23022JHP. Read more about why GPS readings may measure differ ently here.

EVENT RECORDS:

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Masters Female: 2:33.26 – set by Ramilia Burangulova in 2003 RACE START

The marathon race start area will consist of an elite coral, three seeded corrals, as well as an open self seed corral to assist with participant spacing. Estimated finish time is required during the registration process. Estimated finish times can be updated in your participant account through September 16, 2024. After this date, adjustments will be assessed at Packet Pick Up. Corral assignments will be indicated on the bib number.

The marathon, team relay, and half marathon will start together in the same location on Capitol Avenue adjacent to the front lawn of the Connecticut State Capitol building. Both courses will run together for the first 8.4 miles.

The course limit is 6 hours for the Eversource Hartford Marathon. To finish within these time limits, runners must maintain a pace of approximately 13:44 minutes per mile.

Marathon directional signage will be marked in GREEN, mile points are marked on the road and with signs, clocks & timing mats at the start, finish, and along the route, hydration (Water & UCAN Hydrate in watermelon and berry flavors) Pre & Post Race, and every 1 to 2 miles along course, Open cup service, handed out at arms length by volunteers such as the East Hartford Rotary Club which sets up on Pitkin Street.

Participants are encouraged to carry their own fluids, but there will be UCAN Edge Energy Gel (unflavored and pineapple flavor) stands set up at mile 7.5, 14.5, & 20.5 and a candy Stand: If your energy is flagging, you'll find a burst of tasty treats and motivations waiting for you with an assortment of candy, sugary delights, and flat soda at Mile 22.

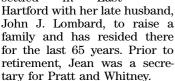
In East Hartford bands will

be playing to motivate the runners along Main Street and else where along the route.

EAST HARTFORD OBITUARIES

Jean Lombard, 99

Lombard, 99, two weeks short of 100. entered into eternal on Friday, October 11, 2024 with her loving daughter by her side. Born on October 26, 1924 to the late Stanley and (Vabolis) Mary Pacekonis, Hartford where she was raised. Jean then settled in East



A devout Catholic, Jean is a long time member of St. Christopher Church. She was also a member of the Women's Club of Holy Trinity Church, Hartford. In her free time, she enjoyed reading, solving crossword puzzles and dancing. She also loved teaching senior exercise classes to various groups in the area. Most of all, Jean enjoyed being a devoted mother, grandmother, and greatgrandmother.

Jean is survived by her



Jean Lombard

daughter, Carole M. Lombard of East Hartford, daughter-inlaw Amy Lombard of Lexington, KY; three cherished grandchildren: Christopher Lombard, Abigail Lombard, and Zachary Lombard: and one adored greatgranddaughter. Hannah Lombard with along many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Jean is predeceased by her son, Michael J. Lombard, and three siblings: Adele Haiko, Sister Mary Irene OSF, and Bronislaw Pacekonis.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, October 18 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Christopher Church, Brewer St. Relatives and friends may call at the church prior to the mass starting at 9:30 a.m. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery. Gifts in Jean's name may be made to AID-A-PET, P.O. Box 503, South Glastonbury, CT 06073 or Oak Hill (School for the Blind), 120 Holcomb Street, Hartford, CT 06112. Visit www.desopoeh.com

Jane Hendricks Maulucci, 29 (68); in NC

Maulucci, 29 (68), of New Bern, NC, died peacefully Saturday, September 21, 2024.

Jane was born May 2, 1956 in East Hartford to Lucille Stapleton Benjamin Hendricks, Jr. To say that Jane loved the beauty and power of words is an understatement. A

master communicator in all forms written and spoken, Jane willingly shared her gifts for good. She began her communications career in the U.S. Air Force as a broadcast journalist, after which she parlayed her talents into freelance work as a voice actor, copywriter, and newspaper reporter. She then created her businesses: The Reactive Voice, Trained by Jane, and Voice Over Company, and authored her first book, "You Can Make a Living at That?'

Jane's fearlessness to try new things, to speak up and speak out, and her genuine desire to help people are evident in the countless connec-

between family, friends, colleagues, even a few strangers street. Jane had a gift for helping others discover their goals and dreams and supporting folks in reaching them as only Jane could-with kindness. resourcefulness, and when necessary, more than a smidge

of insistence.

Jane Maulucci

Jane lived her life with relentless optimism about the potential good in everyone. She was not shy in engaging her disarming smile, sharp wit, wicked sense of humor, and a wee bit of Irish stubbornness to lead the charge for getting into good trouble that supported her advocacy work on behalf of women, veterans, and small business owners.

Jane leaves behind her loving husband of 23 years, Seb Maulucci (who after being made ill by Jane's cooking during their dating days, not only married her, but continued to eat her cooking!) and their three children: David Maulucci

Errants Benjamin Hendricks DeFiore and xys spouse Mars DeFiore Ensley, and Jefferson "Jack" Stapleton Hendricks Hilliard; and their three grandchildren: Corbin and Emmett Maulucci, and Eric Michael Ensley. Jane is survived by siblings Benjamin Hendricks III. Maureen Hendricks Ricci, and Kathleen Hendricks, and was predeceased by siblings Paul Hendricks and Hendricks.

Jane donated her talents and time to a variety of organizations. She was an audiobook narrator for CRISKids for more than 30 years, a champion of the Craven County Small Business Center, a leader of the Coastal Women's Forum, a ghost for the New Bern Historical Society and an actor with New Bern Civic Theatre and Rivertowne Players.

Memorial celebration will be Saturday, October 19 from noon to 3 p.m. at Elaine's Bar & Grill, Wethersfield. RSVP to her spouse or eldest child.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: CRIS Radio (crisradio.org) or Connecticut Food Share (CTfoodshare.org).

Carol (Rivers) McDaniels, 82

Ann **McDaniels** (Rivers) of Louisville, KY, 82, was called home to the Lord on September 23rd, 2024 in Louisville, KY. Born on May 26th, 1942, to Irene and Alfred Rivers, in East Hartford, CT, and a member of Middletown First Baptist Church.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents and sister Sandy

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Ernie McDaniels; 4 children, Dock Sellers Jr., Anita Sellers, Robert Sellers (Rina), and Bonnie McDaniels; six grandchildren, Justin Rison (Kat), Jacallyn Pellman (Buddy), Emily Clasen (Darren), Jared Sellers (Anna), Elizabeth Prince (Grant) and Jackson Coe; and 4 great-grandchildren, River Rison, Zane Pellman, Raelynne Pellman and Hadley Clasen.

Carol was a much-loved member of her family and leaves behind countless joyous memories. She helped raise many children and influenced the lives of countless more in her community. She was a proud wife, a loving mother and grandmother, and a marvelous friend. She will be missed beyond measure by those she leaves behind.

A visitation took place on Friday, September 27th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Stoess Funeral Home in Crestwood, KY

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

THE GAZETTE

Early voting starts Monday at Town Hall

candidates, it empowers them to make informed decisions as they learn more about the candidates seeking to represent them."

dates were invited to respond their bios and answering questions about the issues. The questions are created by League members in Connecticut from both major parties to ensure that they are fair and can be answered by all candidates regardnecticut voters can view who will be on their ballot by going to VOTE411.org and filling in their physical address. If a candidate has not provided any information yet, voters are encouraged to reach out to them and ask that they respond.

A list containing each town's designated early voting location be found online myvote.ct.gov.

Voters can also check the website of the registrars of vot-

The 14 days of early voting and their hours of operation for the 2024 general election are as

Monday, October 21, 2024 -10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 -10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, October 24, 2024 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, October 25, 2024 -10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 26, 2024 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, October 27, 2024 -10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday, October 28, 2024 -10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 -8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 – $10\ a.m.$ to $6\ p.m.$

Thursday, October 31, 2024

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, November 1, 2024 -

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, November 2, 2024

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, November 3, 2024 -10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Election Day is on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and all polling places in Connecticut will be open like normal from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Election officials in every town keep a record of every voter who has voted early, preventing them from voting early at any other location, submitting an absentee ballot, or voting on Election Day.

From Page One

State Rep. Genga in a battle

down in 2007 to devote full time to serving as state representative.

"Over the years I have held lots of positions in local government, so I understand where I am coming from. Bringing those monies home, to me, is what it is all about. In terms of property tax, I tried for several years to eliminate the car tax. It's always been held up, but at least we capped it." Other issues he pushed for

recently included upgrades to the regional medical dispatch system pushing for a grant to replace outdated computers in Holcomb St. in Hartford that serve a 27-town region. As a board member of the North Central Connecticut EMS Council he realized "the region needed to replace its communications system. I knew how vital that was.So I went directly to the governor. I convinced him, and the state bond commission put up 90 percent of the cost. That was property tax relief for 27 communities served by the dispatch center. I knew this was a worthwhile project, and a good use of state funding. So I said 'what do I need to do to get this?'

Other concerns Genga has includes helping veterans. Tax relief proposals are one way, but there also are new state laws protecting Connecticut veterans in our society.

"There are 22 suicides daily among our veterans. We need to

get that down to zero," he said 'They don't feel treated as well by society. They feel ostracized or discriminated against," he said. As of October 1st a new law he championed will make it a misdemeanor to discriminate against any veteran when it comes to a job. He also is excited about a new AI phone service that detects hopelessness, directing the caller to the appropriate services, and a UConn doctor's procedure called "neural modality" which implants a device into someone suffering chronic pain and sends a signal to the brain to allow people without mobility to move again.

Genga said he is trying to get a health center set up just for such operations and to establish a center for treatment. "This is one of the many ways where we can become one of the top states helping to improve the quality of life for all," added Genga.

Henry Genga was born in Springfield, Mass, the son of parents who emigrated from Italy. He father operated his own construction business, and his mother was a secretary.

"To be successful you had to have hard-working parents, and I did," said Henry. "But my wife is the best carpenter. If you come to my house, she built the medicine cabinets, the dressers, many other things, knickknacks and crafts. That was her thing. I just made sure she had the right tools." They have been married for 63 years. "The best decision I ever made," he says.

They have five children, and several grandchildren. Henry is also active in his church.

His wife now requires caregivers to help at home. They allow Henry to do what he does in the community and in Hart-

"I have a great crew behind me. And I have gratitude. I am



ple - that's paramount."

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to certify that the East Hartford Town Council, in session on October 15, 2024, voted that:

Section 18-23a of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances has been added with the following language:

TOWN SERVICES ON CERTAIN PRIVATE ROADS

Notwithstanding the Town Council has not accepted, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. section 13a.48 and section 3.4 of the Town Charter, St. Regis Street, Rosenthal Court and Roberts Court, as public street, the Town shall continue to provide the same level of municipal services to the residents and property owners on such streets as has been provided for many years. Such services may include municipal solid waste and recycling waste collection, snowplowing, and police and fire response. The property owners located on such streets shall have the same rights and obligations of property owners on town accepted roads. Nothing in this ordinance shall prohibit the Town in its discretion from making minor repairs to the road in the interests of public safety.

> Voted 10-15-24 Attest: Jason Marshall, Town Council Clerk

> > Published: 10-17-24 Effective: 11-08-24

Attest: Connor S. Martin, Mayor

From Page One less of party affiliation. Con-Nearly all Connecticut candi-

to the voter guide by uploading

following is substituted in lieu thereof:

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to certify that the East Hartford Town Council, in session on October 15.

2024, voted that: Section 5-4 of the East Hartford Code of Ordinances is repealed and the

(a) In addition to any other notice required by law, any person who submits an application pursuant to subsection (b) of section 5-1 to conduct a fireworks display, airshow, outdoor carnival, rodeo, circus or tent show shall post a sign on the property where such activity will be conducted which shall be clearly visible from the street for a period of at least ten consecutive days before the Town Council meeting at which the application will be considered. The sign shall state that an application is pending before the Town Council. The applicant shall provide to the Town Council at the Town Council meeting a signed affidavit attesting that the applicant has complied with the signposting requirement of this section. The sign, which is available at the office of the Town Planner, shall not be removed until the completion of the Town Council meeting, and must be returned to the office of the Town Planner within seven business days following the Town Council meeting.

(b) After submission of comments by the Chief of Police and the posting of a notice pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, if applicable, the Town Council may vote to approve or disapprove an application submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of section 5-1. In the discretion of the Town Council. approval of the application may be made on certain conditions in order to address public safety, health or welfare concerns presented in the written comments of the Chief of Police or other Directors.

(c) If the application is approved by a majority vote of the Town Council, the Clerk of the Town Council shall forward written approval, including any conditions of such approval, to the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police shall thereafter issue a permit to the applicant for the proposed amusement. Such permit shall clearly state the nature of the amusement, the approved location, date(s), hours of operation and any conditions of approval imposed by the Town Council.

(d) Approval of the application does not relieve the applicant of the obligation to pursue any other permits or licenses that may be required by the State

(e) If the application is not approved by a majority vote of the Town Council, the Clerk of the Town Council shall notify the applicant in writing of the denial of the application.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if the outdoor amusement event is an event on town property or sponsored or co-sponsored by the Town of East Hartford and the application is submitted to the Town Council for an event that will be held prior to the next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting, the Town Council chair may approve such application if approval has been recommended by the Chief of Police and all other administrative requirements have been met.

> Voted 10-15-24 Attest: Jason Marshall, Town Council Clerk

> > Published: 10-17-24 Effective: 11-08-24

Attest: Connor S. Martin, Mayor

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BY CORINNE HORAN

The October 21 meeting of the CT Fly Fisher's Association will be at 6 p.m. at the Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield St., Wethersfield.

OCT 26: DRIVE-THRU VACCINATION CLINIC Saturday for residents 12 years and older. Regular and high dose flu vaccines will be available at the clinic as well as the updated COVID-19 vaccine (while supplies last), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 30 Remington Road near Norris Elementary School at McAuliffe Park. Follow signs. Walk-up vaccines accepted. No appointment needed. Bring insurance and ID cards; no one will be turned away. For questions regarding the vaccines or to speak with a public health nurse, contact the East Hartford Health Department at 860-291-7324.

OCT 26: MANCHESTER HOME TOUR benefits sculpture project - Seven notable Manchester homes will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with advance tickets \$35 at Highland Park Market, Woodland Gardens and Manchester Town Hall, cash or check only. Day of ticket sales will be \$40. FMI call Lynn at 860-649-3487 or go to the Manchester Sculpture Project Facebook page.

OCT 26: BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE - Scouting America Troop #1 of East Hartford, the oldest in the land, will hold a Can and Bottle Drive Saturday in the parking lot of First Congregational Church, 837 Main St., from 8 until 11 a.m.

NOV 2: AUTUMN TEA sponsored by the Historical Society of East Hartford will take place Nov. 2 at 12:30 p.m. at the Selden Brewer House, 165 Main St. All are welcome to attend. The tea will feature several different teas, savory sandwiches and sweets. Donation is \$25. Please RSVP by Oct. 26 owing to limited seating at the Brewer House by calling 860-568-8342; leave name and number.

NOV 2: VOTE PANCAKE! Hillstown Grange will be serving up hot red, white and blue pancakes Nov. 2 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Grange Hall, 617 Hills St. Pancake lovers can still get regular and chocolate chip flapjacks at the Grange's monthly pancake breakfast Nov. 2, the Saturday before Election Day. But if you want patriotic colors on your plate, get there before they run out at 11 a.m. The pancake breakfast also includes sausage, coffee, tea, and juice, all for \$6, kids \$3.

NOV 11 - VETERAN'S DAY WREATH-LAYING CERE-MONY Monday at the base of East Hartford's World War I Memorial 'Ready' the doughboy statue on the Raymond Library lawn. Ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. Rochambeau Elms VFW Post 2083. the Historical Society of East Hartford, Veterans Commission and library host. Solemn program includes tolling the bell in the tower of First Congregational Church 19 times in remembrance of the 19 East Hartford residents who died during The Great War.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT HORSESHOE CLUB has moved to 50 Oakland St. (off Park Avenue). They are looking for people who are interested in playing horseshoes indoors this winter. The indoor horseshoe season begins in September. Please check them out at cchc. If interested in playing or learning about the sport of horseshoes e-mail debbiescully@comcast.net or call 860-778-1057.

VETERANS COFFEE HOUR at the Senior Center, 15 Milbrook Dr., 10 a.m. third Tuesday of the month. Veterans, please feel free to drop in.

